

(2) ENABLES THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO PROVIDING AND OBTAINING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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(A) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF ITS BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE, SHALL PROVIDE SERVICE COORDINATION FOR VETERANS IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE TO CONNECT THEM TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;

(2) (i) WHERE SERVICES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE OR ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SHALL PROVIDE SERVICE COORDINATION FOR VETERANS IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS OF THE STATE TO CONNECT THEM TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION OR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION, UNTIL SUCH FEDERAL SERVICES CAN BE ACCESSED AND OBTAINED; AND

(ii) THE PROVISION OF SERVICES THROUGH THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION OR THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE BASED ON ELIGIBILITY AND MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THESE ADMINISTRATIONS; AND

(3) SHALL PROVIDE VETERANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND RESOURCES THROUGH A WEB-BASED RESOURCE PROGRAM.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF ITS BUDGET AND IN ADDITION TO THE SERVICE COORDINATION PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE OR FUND CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS WHO:

(1) MEET THE ELIGIBILITY AND MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION; AND