

~~2. MEETING THE SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS.~~

~~(C) THE AUTHORITY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE AND A PUBLIC CORPORATION BY THAT NAME, STYLE, AND TITLE.~~

~~(D) (1) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION.~~

~~(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE STATE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW:~~

~~(i) THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE;~~

~~(ii) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;~~

~~(iii) DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(iv) THE CLEARINGHOUSE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN §§ 5-310, 5-504, AND 5-505 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(4) THE EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE NOT STATE PERSONNEL AS DEFINED IN § 12-101 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(E) TO FULFILL ITS MISSION AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS BETWEEN DIMENSIONS AND THE COUNTY, THE AUTHORITY MAY:~~

~~(1) ACQUIRE RIGHTS TO OR OPERATE ANY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;~~

~~(2) SEEK, THROUGH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR OTHERWISE, A NEW OWNER OR OPERATOR FOR ANY HEALTH CARE FACILITY OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;~~