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- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administration” means the Behavioral Health Administration.
- (c) “Administrator” means the program director or the clinical director of an alcohol or drug abuse treatment facility or a health care facility.
- (d) “Alcohol abuse” means a disease that is characterized by a pattern of pathological use of alcohol with repeated attempts to control its use, and with significant negative consequences in at least one of the following areas of life: medical, legal, financial, or psycho-social.
- (e) “Alcohol dependence” means a disease characterized by:
 - (1) Alcohol abuse; and
 - (2) Physical symptoms of withdrawal or tolerance.
- (f) “Alcohol misuse” means:
 - (1) Unlawful use of alcohol;
 - (2) Alcohol abuse; or
 - (3) Alcohol dependence.
- (g) “Detoxification facility” means a facility that provides direct or indirect services to an acutely intoxicated individual to fulfill the physical, social, and emotional needs of the individual by:
 - (1) Monitoring the amount of alcohol and other toxic agents in the body of the individual;
 - (2) Managing withdrawal symptoms; and
 - (3) Motivating the individual to participate in the appropriate addictions treatment programs for alcohol or drug abuse.
- (h) “Director” means the Director of the Administration.
- (i) “Drug” means:
 - (1) A controlled dangerous substance that is regulated under the Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

(2) A prescription medication; or

(3) A chemical substance when used for unintended and harmful purposes.

(j) “Drug abuse” means a disease which is characterized by a pattern of pathological use of a drug with repeated attempts to control the use, and with significant negative consequences in at least one of the following areas of life: medical, legal, financial, or psycho-social.

(k) “Drug dependence” means a disease characterized by:

(1) Drug abuse; and

(2) Physical symptoms of withdrawal or tolerance.

(l) “Drug misuse” means:

(1) Unlawful use of a drug;

(2) Drug abuse; or

(3) Drug dependence.

(m) “Substance use disorder” means alcohol abuse, alcohol dependence, alcohol misuse, drug abuse, drug dependence, drug misuse, or any combination of these.

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