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§8-403.

(a) (1) In this section, “substance use disorder program” means a set of services that are community based and consist of:

(i) Any combination of treatment, care, or rehabilitation for individuals with a substance use disorder; or

(ii) Education for individuals known to be at risk of developing a substance use disorder.

(2) “Substance use disorder program” includes a set of services described in paragraph (1) of this subsection when provided by a program or facility owned or operated by the State or any of its political subdivisions.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a substance use disorder program shall be licensed by the Secretary before program services may be provided in this State.

(c) The Secretary may not require that the following persons obtain a license under this section in order to provide substance use disorder services in the State:

(1) A health professional, in either solo or group practice, who is licensed under the Health Occupations Article and who is providing substance use disorder services according to the requirements of the appropriate professional board;

(2) Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, recovery housing programs, or other similar organizations, if the organization holds meetings or provides support services to help individuals who show the effects of a substance use disorder and does not provide any type of substance use disorder treatment;

(3) An employees’ assistance program of a business entity; or

(4) Services provided in regulated space in a hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of this article, in an outpatient setting to treat a substance use disorder if the hospital is accredited by an approved accreditation organization under its behavioral health standards.

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