

HOUSE BILL 1122

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By: **Delegates Hornberger, Buckel, Kipke, and Patterson**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Requirements for Medical Directors**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain outpatient mental health centers to employ a medical
4 director who is a licensed psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner, has certain
5 responsibility for certain services, and is on-site for at least a certain number of
6 hours per week; and generally relating to requirements for medical directors at
7 outpatient mental health centers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 10–905

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **10–905.**

17 **AN OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTER ACCREDITED IN ACCORDANCE**
18 **WITH COMAR 10.63.03.05 SHALL EMPLOY A MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO:**

19 **(1) IS A LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST OR PSYCHIATRIC NURSE**
20 **PRACTITIONER;**

21 **(2) HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLINICAL SERVICES; AND**

22 **(3) IS ON-SITE AT LEAST 20 HOURS PER WEEK.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2019.