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Senate Bill 362

(Senator Guzzone, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Planning Grant Funds and  
Demonstration Application

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This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at the Center for Mental Health Services for (1) federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs) for fiscal 2025 and (2) inclusion in the state CCBHC demonstration program for fiscal 2026. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** MDH can apply for federal grant funds and inclusion in the demonstration program using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected, as discussed below.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The federal CCBHC model is designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. CCBHCs are required to serve anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence, or age. CCBHCs must meet standards for the range of services they provide and are required to get people into care quickly.

CCBHCs must provide nine core services either directly or through designated collaborating organizations: (1) crisis services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; (2) treatment planning; (3) screening, assessment, diagnosis, and risk assessment; (4) outpatient mental health and substance use services; (5) targeted case management; (6) outpatient primary care screening and monitoring; (7) community-based mental health care for veterans; (8) peer, family support, and counselor services; and (9) psychiatric rehabilitation services. CCBHCs also provide care coordination to help people navigate behavioral health care, physical health care, social services, and other systems.

More than 450 CCBHCs operate nationally either through the federal CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration, through federal CCBHC Expansion (CCBHC-E) Grants, or through independent state programs. Six states operate under a Medicaid SPA or § 1115 waiver. Maryland currently has five CCBHCs funded by federal CCBHC-E grants that serve residents of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties.

**State Fiscal Effect:** MDH advises that it plans to apply for a SAMHSA planning grant for the implementation of CCBHCs in fiscal 2025. Thus, MDH can apply for federal grant funds related to CCBHCs using existing budgeted resources. SAMHSA planning grants are funded at a 65% federal matching rate. To the extent grant funds are received, MDH federal fund revenues increase in fiscal 2025 (but any such revenues were anticipated absent the bill). MDH also advises that it can apply for inclusion in SAMHSA's state CCBHC demonstration program for fiscal 2026 using existing budgeted resources. This analysis does not reflect any cost associated with participation in the demonstration program.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 637 and HB 935 of 2022.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 1249 (Delegates Hornberger and D. Jones) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

**Information Source(s):** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Maryland Association of County Health Officers; Maryland Department of Health; Department of Legislative Services

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