

## IMD Waiver Application Letters of Support

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**Comments on DHMH Proposal to Seek an IMD Exclusion Waiver**

For a decade, Maryland and nine other states had the enormous benefit of an Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Exclusion Waiver, when providing comprehensive treatment for adults suffering because of a severe mental health crisis. In 2006, CMS began phasing out the use of IMDs.

The impacted states, including Maryland, had acquired by that time a significant body of documentation that treatment provided for appropriate patients in IMDs was more cost-effective and more comprehensive than treatment offered in overcrowded general hospital emergency departments, therefore yielding better clinical outcomes, while saving tax dollars.

Now that Maryland is one of eleven states participating in an Affordable Care Act Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration, Maryland is well placed to seek the new IMD Exclusion Waiver, which the Secretary of Health and Human Services has been directed to offer to states applying on behalf of patients needing comprehensive addiction treatment. Given that a large proportion of the chronically mentally ill also suffer with addictions, and given Maryland's move to integrated behavioral health modalities for these patients, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) should definitely attempt to follow best practices by applying for the IMD Exclusion Waiver, a move that is most cost-effective for both the federal government and for the State.

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