

**Fact Sheet**  
**Emergency Department Psychiatric Patient Information Matrix**  
**and**  
**Inpatient Psychiatric Bed Registry**

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The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mental Hygiene Administration, and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) established the Psychiatric Bed Registry (PBR) and the ED Psychiatric Patient Information Matrix (EDPPIM) to assist with inpatient placement of emergency department patients who need care for mental health issues.

**Bed Registry** - The PBR lists numbers and types of available psychiatric inpatient beds in each psychiatric institution with direct contact numbers for that facility. This will assist Emergency Departments to identify facilities with available inpatient services.

**Patient Registry** - The EDPPIM describes current patients needing inpatient psychiatric admission, as well as their apparent in-patient resource needs and should enable inpatient psychiatric hospitals to see the current demand for inpatient beds on an ongoing basis.

**Voluntary Participation** - In order for the systems to be useful, all available inpatient psychiatric resources throughout the State, as well as Emergency Department with patients awaiting placement, must be included in the system. Participation is voluntary. Currently, only 20% of the psychiatric facilities and 15% of the emergency departments participate in the registries.

**HIPAA Compliant** - The registries were specifically designed to ensure compliance with HIPAA regulations by omitting specific patient identification, limiting access to the application through password protection, and encrypting the information as required of protected health information.

**Not for Enforcement** - - The intent of DHMH is for these tools to be used to facilitate admissions of individuals from emergency departments to inpatient psychiatric care. It is not intended to be a tool to enforce hospital compliance with any regulations.

**Access Limited to Healthcare Providers** - Healthcare insurance providers will not have access to the applications, nor will they be permitted to utilize the information to deny, reduce or withhold reimbursement for care provided to patients.

**Training Available** - DHMH, MIEMSS, and the Maryland Hospital Association will be providing additional training sessions around the State over the next few months. A list of the training sessions is attached and will be updated as more sessions are available.

**Review of Effectiveness** - The Maryland General Assembly's House Health and Government Operations Committee has requested that the Mental Hygiene Administration and MIEMSS provide a progress report on the implementation and operation of these registries.