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Section 7.5-101 - Definitions

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b)

(1) "Addictive disorder" means a chronic disorder of the brain's reward-activation system in which the individual pathologically pursues reward or relief by substance use or other behaviors, with diminished control, and the individual persists in the behavior despite adverse consequences.

(2) "Addictive disorder" includes gambling, which is the only nonsubstance-related addictive disorder recognized by Maryland law.

(c) "Administration" means the Behavioral Health Administration.

(d) "Behavioral health" includes substance-related disorders, addictive disorders, and mental disorders.

(e) "Behavioral health care" includes prevention, screening, early intervention, treatment, recovery, support, wraparound, and

disorders program, a mental health program, or an addictive disorders program, or a program that consists of more than one of these programs.

(g) "Core service agency" means the designated county or multicounty authority that is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring publicly funded mental health services.

(h) "Director" means the Director of the Administration.

(i) "Family support services" means a set of nonclinical activities provided by family members of individuals with mental health or substance-related disorders and addictive disorders to support individuals with mental health or substance-related disorders and addictive disorders or their families.

(j) "Local addictions authority" means the designated county or multicounty authority that is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring publicly funded substance-related disorders and addictive disorder services.

(k) "Local behavioral health authority" means the designated county or multicounty authority that is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring publicly funded mental health, substance-related disorder, and addictive disorder services.

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(1) "Mental disorder" means a behavioral or emotional illness that results from a psychiatric disorder.

(2) "Mental disorder" includes a mental illness that so substantially impairs the mental or emotional functioning of an individual as to make care or treatment necessary or advisable for the welfare of the individual or for the safety of the person or property of another.

(3) "Mental disorder" does not include an intellectual disability.