



Maryland Certification for Recovery Residences (MCORR)
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Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) Process

House Bill 1411 titled "Health- Recovery Residences Certification" was enacted under Article II 179(c) of the Maryland Constitution on May 28, 2016 and became effective on October 1, 2016. The legislation requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish a credentialing entity to certify recovery residences by October 1, 2017.

A "**recovery residence**" means a service that provides alcohol-free and illicit drug-free housing to individuals with substance-related disorders or addictive disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance-related disorders or addictive disorders, and that does not include clinical treatment. Any recovery residence that advertises, represents, or implies to the public that it is a certified recovery residence must receive a certificate of compliance by the credentialing entity. Additionally, Recovery Residences that receive state funding must have a certificate of compliance.

The Behavioral Health Administration will be the credentialing entity issuing the certificate of compliance and has established the Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) to develop and administer the certification and recertification process for recovery residences. Recovery Residences seeking a certificate of compliance will be required to complete an application that will be available on BHA's website in May 2017. In addition to the application, Recovery Residences will need to submit other required documents (see documentation checklist) for review to MCORR and participate in mandatory trainings. Applications can be submitted by email at **mcorr.info@maryland.gov** or by fax at **410.402.8601**, attention: **Patricia Konyeaso, Director of MCORR**.

Applications will be reviewed for compliance of MCORR certification requirements. At any time during the application review process, deficiencies found within the application will be cited and sent back to the applicant for corrective action. Recovery Residences will be required to resubmit documentation for corrective action within a specified time frame.

An onsite field inspection will be required as a part of certification by MCORR and submission of a policy and procedures manual that complies with National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR) 2015 standards. MCORR staff will contact the applicant to schedule an initial site inspection to review of the property and compliance with the NARR standards. MCORR may schedule a pre-inspection visit prior to processing your application. After the onsite inspection and review of policy and procedures, if there are deficiencies, applicants will receive a compliance review report within 30 days after site visit via their primary email address. Deficiencies (i.e. instances of non-compliance with the NARR 2015 standards) found during inspection and review will be identified and the applicant will be required to correct those deficiencies. MCORR staff may conduct a follow-up site inspection, following notification that the corrections have been made. Failure to correct deficiencies in a timely fashion may result in finding of ineligibility for a certificate of compliance. Alternatively, a certificate of compliance will be issued by MCORR via mail when the applicant has successfully met all MCORR requirements. **The certification is valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance.** All recovery residences are inspected annually and are subject to audit inspections throughout the year on a random basis.