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Available For Questions: TBD

Maryland Department of Health (MDH) MDH-Capital Budget
Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

House Appropriations Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Delegate Malcolm Ruff
March 2, 2026

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Capital Budget Subcommittee
Senator Craig Zucker
March 3, 2026

The Department thanks the Governor, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and the Budget Committees for their support. We thank the Department of Legislative Services for its insightful budget analysis.

MDH should clarify what month and year these renovations will be completed and if there is funding in the State budget for the expansion. MDH should also specify which other facilities will be utilized to temporarily house Perkins patients, given that each facility operates at capacity (p. 6).

MDH has developed a plan and identified \$1M of FY 2026 Operating Funds to expand beds at Springfield Hospital Center (“SHC”) through renovation of Unit C in the Hitchman Building. MDH has established a goal of completing the renovation by the end of calendar year 2026.

MDH has also developed a plan and identified \$2M of FY 2026 Operating Funds to renovate the Springfield Hospital Center Muncie Building. This project will renovate the interior of the Muncie building for licensure as an Assisted Living Program (“ALP”), and support the movement of patients in the ALP from the Springfield Hospital Center McKeldin building. When the ALP is relocated, MDH will repurpose the space within the McKeldin Building to create an additional inpatient psychiatric care unit, which will then allow some patients who are currently in Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center (“Perkins”) to be moved to Springfield Hospital Center which will allow for the Perkins North Wing renovation project. This project is scheduled for completion by May of 2027 to align with the schedule of the North Wing renovation project.

The combined projects will result in the potential increase of more than forty inpatient psychiatric beds. Both projects are currently in progress and are scheduled for completion in advance of the projected timeline for patient relocation from Perkins.