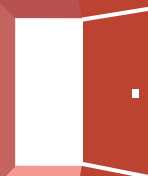


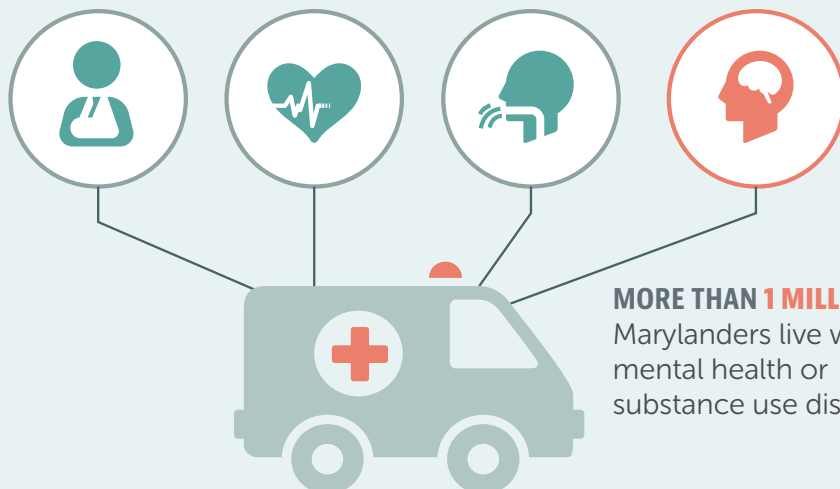
A BETTER WAY TO ADDRESS MARYLAND'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS



KEEP THE DOOR OPENMD
Behavioral Health Coalition

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CARE

People go to the emergency room for **broken arms, heart attacks, and poisonings**. But they also go there if they have nowhere else to go. **This includes many people with behavioral health disorders.**

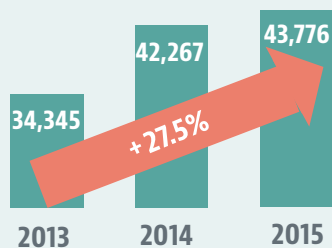


MORE THAN 1 MILLION Marylanders live with a mental health or substance use disorder.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEMAND IS RISING

Medicaid visits to the Emergency Department for **Behavioral Health issues have risen 27.5% since 2013.**

MEDICAID VISITS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (PRIMARY DIAGNOSES)



This increased demand is leading to much higher Medicaid spending.

+41%



\$46.5 million for primary diagnoses

+54%



\$199 million for secondary diagnoses

SOLUTION: INCREASE ACCESS TO COMMUNITY CARE

Community based health clinics can address behavioral health issues **BEFORE** they become crises.

For every **\$1 INVESTED** in behavioral health services Taxpayers **SAVE \$7** in future costs.

