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URGENT CARE CENTERS AND CLINICS

Urgent care centers and clinics have become an increasingly popular means to provide timely and accessible medical care. Unless these facilities are performing invasive or surgical procedures or have inpatient capacity, they are not licensed by the Office of Health Care Quality. The physicians and nurse practitioners at these facilities are required to be licensed by the Maryland Board of Physicians and Maryland Board of Nursing.

The Office of Health Care Quality provides the following guidance for health care practitioners who plan to open an urgent care center or a clinic:

1. Check with the jurisdiction in which the facility will be located to determine if the location meets all zoning requirements.
2. Determine if the facility is required to have any type of local business permit.
3. Renovations must be completed by licensed contractors working with all required building permits.
4. If your facility will perform radiology procedures, obtain any necessary permits from the Maryland Department of Environment at (410) 537-3000.
5. If your facility is performing any laboratory testing, you will be required to obtain both a CLIA permit and state permit. Applications for these permits can be obtained at:

http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohcq/Labs/site_pages/Licensure.aspx

Download and complete both the CLIA and State Compliance Permit. If you have any questions about laboratory permits you may refer to our website:

<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ochq/Labs>

or contact Paul Celli, Coordinator, Clinical Laboratory Programs, at (410) 402-8022.