

# House Bill 5832

## Crisis Stabilization Unit Licensing through the Mental Health Code

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# What problem are we trying to solve?

When an individual is facing a mental health crisis, there are few options:

- 1) A busy emergency department that is unable to provide immediate attention.
- 2) Jail
- 3) No help, leading to self medicating (substance use disorder), self harm, harm to others.



## Our solution

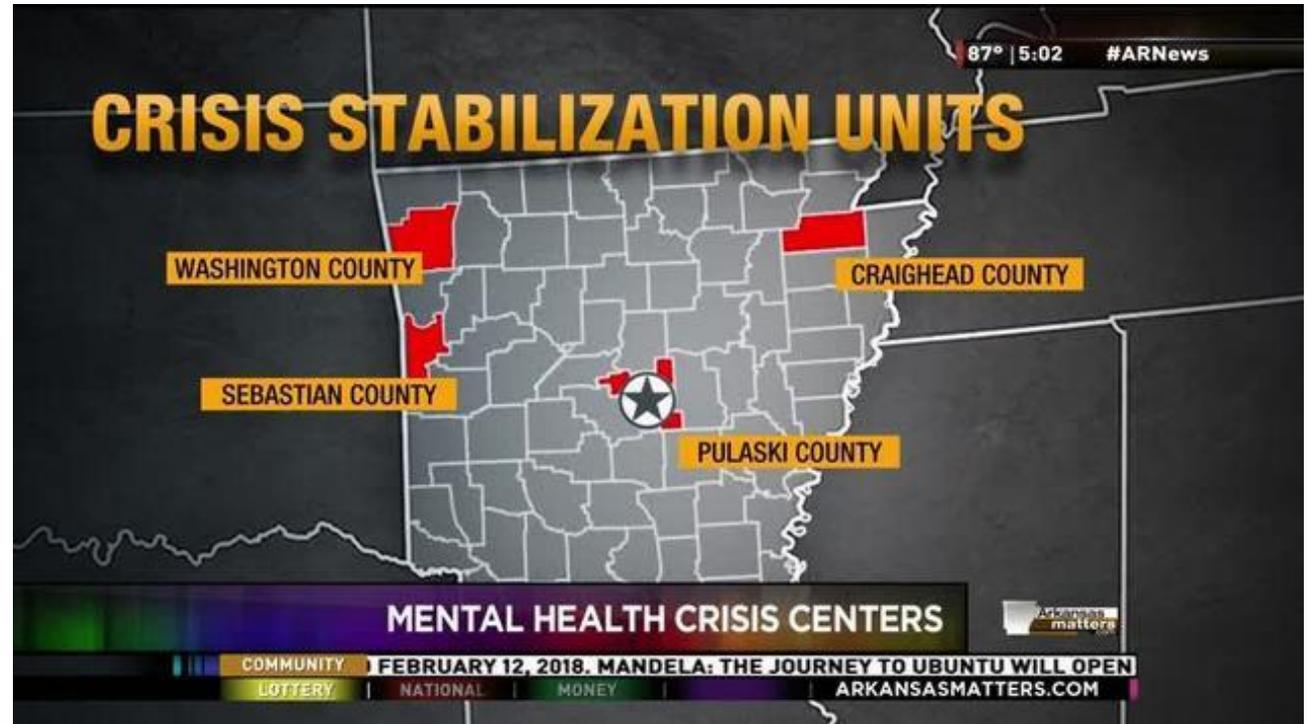
Crisis Stabilization Units  
Established through HB  
5832

Licensing structure for  
“free standing” facilities  
throughout our state



# What is special about this licensing?

- 1) Provides professional help in response to a crisis situation. Services can be performed may include: prescreening or providing clinical services designed to prevent or ameliorate a behavioral health crisis or reduce acute symptoms on an immediate, intensive, and time-limited basis.
- 2) Fills a very important need for PIHPs and CMHs in their requirement to provide 24-hour availability for assessment and screening services for individuals being considered for admission into hospitals as well as crisis services on a voluntary basis.



# Structure provided for patients

Crisis services may be provided for a period of up to 72 hours unless one of the following applies:

- 1) The individual no longer requires treatment.
- 2) A transfer to an inpatient bed is completed.
- 3) The individual voluntarily agrees to continue receiving services longer than 72 hours and the health professional in charge believes it appropriate that the individual continues to receive services.
- 4) An order for involuntary treatment of the individual has been issued (leading to a longer stay).



## It's good to know:

Services may also be offered to an individual who is not a person requiring treatment, but who is seeking crisis services on a voluntary basis.

Reimbursement may be covered by private insurance (individuals must check with their insurance company to see if coverage is available) or “self-pay”.



# Oversight

DHHS shall provide for certification to provide crisis services in a community-based setting. An individual receiving services in a crisis stabilization unit is a recipient of mental health services under chapter 7 and is afforded all rights afforded to a recipient of mental health services.

Crisis services include clinical services as a short-term alternative to inpatient psychiatric hospitalization provided by a mental health professional under the supervision of a psychiatrist in the least restrictive environment as determined by the mental health professional.

Licensing does not include substance use disorder services.

- The department shall establish minimum standards and requirements for certifying a crisis stabilization unit.
  - A standard requiring the capacity to carry out emergency receiving and evaluating functions.
  - Standards requiring implementation of voluntary and involuntary admission.
  - A prohibition from holding itself out as a hospital or from billing for hospital or inpatient services.
  - Standards regarding maximum length of stay.
  - Standards of billing.
  - Physician and nursing standards, including staff to client ratios.
  - Safety and emergency protocols.
  - Pharmacy services and the administration of medications.
  - Standards for reporting to the department.
  - Standards for a complaint process.

A crisis stabilization unit must also obtain and maintain accreditation from 1 of the following within 3 years: JCAHO, CARF, or an organization with similar standards that is approved by the director.

A crisis stabilization unit certified under this chapter is exempt from the requirement of obtaining a certificate of need.

Thank you for your time!

As shown in these photos, crisis stabilization units are opening all over the country.

This licensing structure will help the citizens of Michigan to benefit from this very important service!

