

The Commission consists of fourteen members appointed by the Governor. Five members represent the State Health Systems Agencies, six members represent the health care providers, two members represent the general public, and one member serves as the designee of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The executive director, who is appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary, is responsible for the administration of the State agency and for the performance of its functions.

Also established under the same statute are local health planning agencies serving gubernatorially-designated health service areas of Maryland. These agencies are required to assure broad citizen representation on their boards and in their activities, to develop local health plans, to provide input into the development of statewide criteria and standards for Certificate of Need and health planning, and to provide input into evidentiary hearings on the evaluation of Certificate of Need applications. There are at present five such agencies. They are: 1) Health Systems Agency of Western Maryland, serving Garrett, Allegany, Washington, and Frederick counties; 2) Montgomery County Health Systems Agency; 3) Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency, serving Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties; 4) Central Maryland Health Systems Agency, serving Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties; and 5) Health Planning Council of the Eastern Shore, serving Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties.

OFFICE OF REGULATORY SERVICES

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The Office of Regulatory Services performs five functions. It licenses, certifies, or accredits health facilities and community health programs; examines and licenses health professionals; assures equal access to health care services; serves as advocate for developmentally disabled persons in Maryland; and registers establishments authorized to manufacture, dispense, or administer controlled dangerous substances. Each of these responsibilities has as its primary goal the upgrading of health care services in Maryland.

DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

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The Licensing and Certification Division is responsible for licensure of all hospitals and health-related institutions in Maryland. The Division is also responsible for certification recommendations for all facilities participating in the Medicaid and Medicare Programs. It inspects facilities and provides consultation and education for all health facility staffs. The Division initiates administrative action against those facilities not in compliance with State rules and regulations.

EQUAL ACCESS COMPLIANCE OFFICE

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As part of the regulatory services function, this Office exercises Department-wide responsibilities to ensure that no client of any federally assisted program is discriminated against because of race, color, or national origin.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

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Authorized by Public Law 95-602, the Developmental Disabilities Council is appointed by the Governor. The Office of Regulatory Services furnishes administrative support and guidance to the Council. The Council is an advocate and representative of almost 153,000 developmentally disabled persons in Maryland. The Council provides information and referral sources within Maryland, contributes to State and federal legislation pertinent to the handicapped, and draws attention to issues affecting the disabled.

DIVISION OF DRUG CONTROL

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The Division of Drug Control is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 276--302). The Division's programs, dealing primarily with physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, manufacturers, distributors, non-pharmacy establishments, and pharmacies, ensure the availability of drugs for legitimate medical and scientific purposes and prevent abuse which could result in a serious health problem not only to individuals but to the welfare of the people of the State of Maryland.