

The Division of Oral Hygiene is charged with the organization and supervision of county and school dental clinics. Educational work on the importance and maintenance of health is carried on through lectures, clinics, moving pictures and pamphlets distributed by the Division.

The Division of Hospital Construction and Administration administers the hospital construction program according to the State plan prepared under the Hill-Burton Act. Under this program Federal funds for construction are made available on a matching basis and are allotted according to a priority schedule which is part of the State plan. Preliminary studies of projected construction are made in cooperation with the sponsoring groups. Inspections are made during construction. This office also shares, with the Bureau of Medical Services, responsibility for administration of chronic disease hospitals.

The Division of Personnel and Accounts purchases supplies, materials and equipment for all the bureaus and divisions. It exercises general supervision over all employees and accounts of the Department. The Division also supervises the finances of the County Health Departments and works with county and town officials in preparing joint budgets for local health work.

The Division of Public Health Nursing supervises the development of the nursing program; directs public health nursing technique, the recruitment of nursing personnel; and correlates the Department's nursing program with other public health nursing services operating in Maryland.

The Division of Legal Administration is charged with the investigation of all infractions of public health laws, and prosecutes violators. This Division also administers the Bedding and Upholstery Law.

The purpose of the Mental Hygiene Division is to inaugurate and direct a non-institutional mental health program for Maryland. It provides psychiatric service in areas of the State where no such service is available through the operation of mental health clinics, staffed by psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric social workers working in conjunction with county health officers and public health nurses.

The division of Tuberculosis Services is the successor to the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria Commission. The State Board of Health now has control and supervision of all State Tuberculosis sanatoria (Code 1947 supp. Art. 43, sec. 94A). During the year 1946, the State Department of Health, through its county health officers conducted 497 tuberculosis clinics in the counties at which 14,399 patients were examined and 55 new cases discovered. A total of 1070 patients were admitted to the four State sanatoria during 1946.

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Public Health in Maryland, 1946

Appropriations:	1948	1949
State Department	\$1,046,584.00	\$1,065,702.00
Bureau of Medical Services	911,870.00	1,035,583.00
Special Funds:		
Licenses	24,435.00	24,550.00
County Funds	86,200.00	86,200.00
Federal Aid	1,152,919.30	1,152,919.30
Total	\$3,222,008.30	\$3,364,954.30

Staff: 305.