

preventive health supervision (especially in expectant mothers, infants, preschool children and school children), and by the active control of communicable diseases; through the administration of a hospital program for the tuberculous and the chronically ill, a medical care and a hospital inpatient and outpatient program for the indigent and the medically indigent, and a medical and hospital care program for crippled children; and through assistance to local health departments and cooperation with State and Federal agencies, with the medical, dental and other health professions, with private health associations, and with citizens groups in carrying out a wide variety of public health programs (Code 1957, Arts. 27, 30, 43, 77 and 101).

To carry out these duties, the Department is organized into an executive office and six bureaus.

#### **Executive Office**

The Executive Office includes the offices of the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner together with the following specialized staff services: Division of Statistical Research and Records, including the keeping of vital records and statistics, Social Services, Legal Services, Civil Defense Medical Services, Public Health Nursing, Public Health Education, and Local Health Services.

Local Health Services make public health service available to residents of Maryland through the twenty-four local health departments. These local health officers with their staffs of nurses, sanitarians, and others are the backbone of public health services in Maryland. These local units operate the public health programs in each county and Baltimore City, including public health nursing, pre- and post-hospitalization services, sanitation, mental health, dental health, maternal and child health, tuberculosis, venereal, and other communicable disease control, services for crippled children, and medical care for the indigent and medically indigent including the aged. The State Department of Health is responsible for providing consultatory services for local health work.

#### **Bureau of Management**

The Bureau of Management has the responsibility of providing the day-to-day personnel, payroll, accounting, budgeting, transportation, and other administrative services.

#### **Bureau of Preventive Medicine**

The Bureau of Preventive Medicine provides for technical and professional assistance to other subdivisions of the State Health Department, especially local health departments, and other agencies, groups, and institutions in the State engaged in the broad field of promotion of health and prevention of illness and disability.

#### **Bureau of Laboratories**

The Bureau of Laboratories has broad responsibilities to make a wide variety of laboratory tests to assist physicians and health officials in the diagnosis, prevention, and control of human diseases; to make examinations in connection with the enforcement of pure food and drug laws; and to establish minimum standards and qualifications for those making laboratory tests in connection with diagnosis and control of human diseases. It has further responsibility under Article 101 to make necessary laboratory tests in connection with the occupational health programs of the Department.