

their Boards of Managers. The Act of 1949 abolished not only the Board of Mental Hygiene but also the separate governing boards of the State mental hospitals and gave to the new department full and plenary powers over, and supervision of, all matters relating to the custody, care, and treatment of persons of unsound mind. The Department supervises and licenses all institutions, public, private, or corporate in which mental patients are detained (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 59).

The Department is directed by a Commissioner, certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Commissioner is responsible for discharging the functions assigned by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, and for the administration of the Department.

The Commissioner appoints, with the approval of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, Superintendents of Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, The Eastern Shore State Hospital, Crownsville State Hospital, Rosewood State Hospital, Henryton State Hospital, The Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, as well as any other hospitals or facilities which may come within his administration. Each Superintendent except the Superintendents of Rosewood and Henryton State Hospitals must be a trained psychiatrist. The Superintendent of Rosewood must be a physician, preferably qualified in psychiatry or pediatrics and with experience in the field of mental retardation (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 59, sec. 19).

Under the provisions of the Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act of 1966 (Chapter 125, Acts of 1966), the State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, with the approval of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, is empowered to make State grants-in-aid to further community mental health services. The Act also provides that he is to supervise and be the administrative head of the program. The Act contains provisions for the establishment of local mental health advisory committees (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 43, sec. 1J).

The Department's Division of Reimbursement establishes Maintenance Rates of patients and fixes liability and collection procedures (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 59, sec. 5).

Appropriations	1967	1968
General Funds .....	\$1,684,365	\$2,353,156
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**MENTAL HOSPITALS**

**CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL**

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Crownsville State Hospital, established by Chapter 250, Acts of 1910, as the Hospital for the Negro Insane of Maryland, was opened to patients in 1911. It adopted its present name by Chapter 187, Acts of 1912. Chapter 685 of the Acts of 1949 omitted reference to race. The hospital provides for the care of mentally ill patients from Baltimore City zones 1, 2, 5, 6, 13, 22, 24, 25, and 31, and Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. Crownsville is located approximately eight miles west of Annapolis on Route 178, four miles from Route 3.