

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY**Advisory Council**

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The Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency was created by Chapter 221, Acts of 1968 as the Maryland agency to administer the Comprehensive Health Planning and Public Health Services Amendments of 1966 (Public Law 89-749).

The Agency is responsible for the development of a coordinated statewide system of comprehensive health planning, to pursue the goal of the highest level of physical and mental health in the most healthful environment for the citizens of Maryland. The Agency is particularly responsible for the coordination of planning for utilization of money, manpower and facilities in both the private and public sectors of the health industry of the State. The Agency sets forth policies and procedures which are designed to provide for comprehensive State planning for health services (public and private) including the facilities and persons required for the provision for such services, to meet the health needs of the State. The Agency also encourages cooperative efforts among governmental or non-governmental health, education, welfare, and rehabilitation agencies, organizations and groups concerned with or affecting health services, facilities or manpower.

Chapter 222 of the Acts of 1968 vests regulatory power over licensure of hospitals and non-profit related institutions, which is carried out through the Certification of Need Program (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, sec. 559 (a-1)).

The same Act created an Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning. The thirty-seven member Council consists of representatives of State and local agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with health, to advise the Agency in carrying out its functions. The majority of its members must be consumers rather than providers of health care. The Council selects its own officers. Members serve three-year terms (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 59C).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$364,267	\$414,322
Staff: 9.		

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