

The Administration comprises the Department of Mental Hygiene, established by Chapter 685, Acts of 1949 to supersede the Board of Mental Hygiene. This Board, created by Chapter 29, Acts of 1922 as part of a reorganization of the Executive Branch, had carried on and expanded the functions of the State Lunacy Commission, established by Chapter 487, Acts of 1886, to inspect public and private institutions for the insane and to advise 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, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1971 Supp., Art. 59).

The Administration is headed by a Commissioner, certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Commissioner is responsible for discharging the functions assigned by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and for the direction of the Administration.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints, on the advice of the Commissioner, the Superintendents of Spring Grove State Hospital, Springfield State Hospital, Eastern Shore State Hospital, Crownsville State Hospital, The Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, as well as any other hospitals or facilities which may come within his administration. Each Superintendent must have such qualifications as may from time to time be specified by the Secretary (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., Art. 59, sec. 19).

Under the provisions of the Maryland Community Mental Health Services Act of 1966 (Chapter 125, Acts of 1966), the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, with the approval of the Secretary 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, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43, sec. 1J).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$7,331,054	\$8,749,834
Staff, 1971: 87; Staff, 1972: 96.		

THE CLIFTON T. PERKINS STATE HOSPITAL

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The Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital was established by Chapter 814, Acts of 1959, as Maximum Security Hospital. It adopted its present name in 1960. Designed to provide active treatment programs within a setting of maximum security, the hospital is located midway between Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

The hospital receives patients who are referred by the courts of Maryland for pre-trial psychiatric evaluation and provides a residential service for individual offenders who have been found to be "not guilty by reason of insanity," as well as hospitalization for inmates of penal institutions who become mentally ill and require such hospitalization. In addition, the hospital accepts transfer patients whose illness requires maximum security treatment for a period of time. The hospital is designed for a maximum capacity of 246.