

whether the financial resources of each institution are sufficient to meet its financial requirements and to concern itself with solutions when resources are inadequate.

After July 1, 1974, the Commission will have the added responsibility of reviewing the established rates and that these rates are set in reasonable relationship to the institution's aggregate costs and that the rates are set equitably among all purchasers of services without undue discrimination (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 568A-568X).

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$141,332	\$227,285
Staff: 1973, 7; Staff: 1974, 9.		

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The Statewide Medical Assistance Program provides for medical services in the home, office, hospital and nursing home. These services include hospital inpatient services and hospital outpatient services, diagnostic, licensed laboratory services, dental and optometric services, ambulance, special treatment, drugs and certain medical supplies to indigent and medically indigent. The Administration also involves purchase of care under the Medicare program.

The medical expenses of this program are Federally matched on a fifty-fifty basis for approximately ninety per cent of the recipients. For the remaining ten per cent the medical expenses are funded one hundred per cent from State and local funds. The medical expenses for this group, however, are approximately twenty-five per cent of the total expenditures for the program.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$142,604,773	\$156,946,767
Special Funds	8,493,937	10,976,612
Totals	\$151,078,710	\$167,923,979
Staff: 1973, 145; Staff: 1974, 199.		

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