

ment of the State's health laws, the chemical, microbiological and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, drugs, bedding and upholstery. It also makes recommendations as to compliance with the minimum standards and qualifications for all blood banks, all clinical laboratories and laboratories making examinations of water and dairy products involved in shipments out of Maryland and periodically inspects all these laboratories to assure compliance with the rules and regulations.

In addition to the Central Laboratory in Baltimore, there are ten branch laboratories throughout the State.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$3,198,896	\$3,244,993
Staff: 275.		

**LOCAL HEALTH AND PROFESSIONAL
SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION**

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Local health departments provide services to the residents of the State through their staffs of public health nurses, sanitarians, and other health workers. The Administration provides consultation and assistance to local health officers in the development of programs to meet the needs of the population served.

Activities reporting to the Administration are Nursing Services, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nutrition, and Speech and Hearing.

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$13,934,136	\$15,228,700
Special Funds	7,991,395	8,566,485
Totals	<u>\$21,925,531</u>	<u>\$23,695,185</u>
Staff: 1973, 6; Staff: 1974, 3.		

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ADMINISTRATION

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The Preventive Medicine Administration consists of six programs. The Maternal and Child Health program is concerned with prenatal and postnatal care, preschool and school health programs, family planning, screening of newborn infants for heritable disorders (such as PKU), and poison control. Crippled Children's Services provides diagnosis, consultation, and care programming for a variety of handicapping conditions. Communicable Disease Control initiates measures to prevent or to control epidemics, as well as implementing epidemiological studies of diseases. Veterinary Medicine is concerned with the control of animal diseases transmissible to man, as well as inspection and licensing of kennels and pet shops and animal control. Dental Health promotes community and institutional dental health services, including the fluoridation of public water supplies.