

The Health Services Cost Review Commission was established by Chapter 627, Acts of 1971 to monitor all matters, defined or implied, relating to the fiscal affairs of Maryland's hospitals and related institutions. Such monitoring consists of the audit and review of data and analysis of appropriate and valid relationships of both aggregate and unit costs and revenues. This enables the Commission to cause the public disclosure of each hospital's financial position; verified total costs incurred in rendering health services; and the level of reasonableness of rates as determined by the Commission's review and certification. It also provides information as to the adequacy of each institution's financial resources to meet its financial requirements and for the Commission to concern itself with solutions when said resources are inadequate. Beginning July 1, 1974, all purchasers of hospital health care services are assured that total costs are reasonably related to the total services offered by the hospital; aggregate rates are set in reasonable relationship to the hospital's aggregate costs; and that rates are set equitably among all purchasers of services without undue discrimination. Beginning July 1, 1975, all purchasers of health care services supplied by nursing homes and such other related institutions, are provided assurances similar to those applicable to hospital health care services (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 568H-568Y).

Staff: 1975, 11; 1976, 21; 1977, 22.

#### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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The Office of Community Relations has the responsibility for the Department's minority community relations activities and to insure that equal opportunity in employment is provided in accordance with directives of the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Federal government.

Staff: 1975, 5; 1976, 5; 1977, 5.

#### OFFICE OF TITLE VI COMPLIANCE

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This office exercises Department-wide responsibilities in assuring that no client of any Federally Assisted Program will be discriminated against because of race, color, or national origin.

Staff: 1975, 4; 1976, 4; 1977, 4.

#### OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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The Governmental Relations Office conducts legislative liaison between the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland General Assembly and U. S. Congress, and evaluates pending legislation which affects Departmental activities. The Office also maintains pertinent legal data on health legislation.

Staff: 1975, 3; 1976, 4; 1977, 4.

#### DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

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By Executive Order of February 26, 1973 the state-wide Emergency Medical Service was created. The same order established the Emergency Medical Service Division as an organizational component of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Division provides management and coordination for the state-wide system; operates an emergency medical communications network; works to upgrade all modes of emergency transportation of patients; and provides training and education for medical and ancillary emergency personnel.

Staff: 1975, 54; 1976, 64; 1977, 64.