

The mental retardation facility housed at the Center provides diagnosis and evaluation services, particularly to educate families of retardees and assist them in formulating and implementing life-time service plans.

The facility is licensed for 113 patients.

Staff: 1975, 292; 1976, 300;
1977, 295.

DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION

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The Drug Abuse Administration, created by Chapter 29, Acts of 1971, succeeded the Drug Abuse Authority established by Chapter 404, Acts of 1969. The Director of the Administration is appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Drug Abuse Administration surveys and analyzes the State's needs and formulates a plan of services and facilities for the prevention and control of drug abuse and the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers. It develops programs in the field of drug abuse, carries on pilot clinic programs for the treatment of drug addiction and the control of drug addicts, provides education and training in drug addiction and control, and disseminates information relating to private and public services and facilities in the State available for the assistance of drug abusers. The Administration has the power to establish facilities for the treatment of drug abuse. It is expected to provide for a Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center for the study, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of drug abusers. It also administers a grant-in-aid funding program for multi-modality private drug control programs (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 43B).

Staff: 1975, 75; 1976, 70; 1977, 58.

ALCOHOLISM CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

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The Alcoholism Control Administration, created by Chapter 746, Acts of 1976, succeeded the Division of Alcoholism Control of the Mental Health Administration.

The Alcoholism Control Administration's primary functions are to serve as a clearing-house for information relating to alcoholism; develop, encourage and foster statewide, regional, and local plans and programs in the field of alcoholism; provide technical assistance and consultation to all political subdivisions of the State with respect to programs for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism and the rehabilitation of alcoholics; enlist the assistance of public and voluntary health, education, welfare and rehabilitation agencies in a concerted effort to prevent and to treat alcoholism; encourage alcoholism rehabilitation programs in businesses and industries in the State (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 2).

Staff: 1975, 30; 1976, 29; 1977, 29.

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The Assistant Secretary for Medical Care Programs plans, directs, and evaluates the state/federal Medical Assistance Program and performs such other duties as may be assigned by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

Using available resources and implemented by the Policy, Compliance, and Operations Administrations, the Medical Assistance Program provides access to health care services for categorically and medically needy residents throughout Maryland. The health care services include hospital inpatient and outpatient services, laboratory and X-ray services, nursing facility services, physician services, and home health care services. Additional health care services are available as indicated in the Medical Assistance State Plan.

The health care expenses of the Program are federally matched on a 50/50 basis for