

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 engages in a planning process that identifies needs, policies, and strategies aimed at the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of drug abuse in the State of Maryland. The Administration funds projects based on need and encourages initiatives toward unique programming for the prevention of drug abuse or the treatment of chemical substance abuse in an effective and efficient manner. This grant-in-aid program emphasizes multi-modality public or private non-profit projects. Current strategies include the maximization of coordination with local health departments and the Health Service Agencies leading to a more thorough identification of local needs. The current policy of the Administration is to maintain facilities in local communities that best serve the unique requirements for chemical substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation in these areas.

It is the responsibility of the Administration to monitor all drug abuse treatment programs in the State and to certify these programs annually as to the quantity and quality of treatment delivered. No drug abuse treatment or prevention program can operate within the State of Maryland, either public or private, without certification by the Drug Abuse Administration.

The Administration cooperates with the Office of Education and Training under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Addictions for the purpose of insuring competent program personnel and adequate information dissemination. The Administration annually publishes a comprehensive plan for drug abuse treatment and prevention (Code 1957, Art. 43B, secs. 1A-22).

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 clearinghouse 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; and encourage alcoholism rehabilitation programs in businesses and industries in the State (Code 1957, Art. 2).

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MEDICAL CARE PROGRAMS

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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 approximately 85 percent of the recipients. For the remaining 15 percent, Program services are funded totally by State and local funds.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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This Administration reviews and develops program policies and regulations.