

the Assistant Secretary develops recommendations for implementation by the Secretary in modifying and shaping the role of the Department. The Assistant Secretary is expected to assist in defining health problems, evaluating new and existing Department programs, and developing and applying knowledge of federal and other external trends so as to advise the Secretary of program emphasis and Department direction. The major organizational components of the Assistant Secretariat for Health Regulation and Policy Analysis are the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency, and the Office of Regulatory Services.

### HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* David P. Scheffenacker, 1981

Dr. Carl J. Schramm, 1981; John Parren, 1982; Roland Smoot, M.D., 1982; Carville M. Akehurst, 1983; Garry Grove, 1983, Virginia Layfield, 1984.

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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 to determine the adequacy of each institution's financial resources to meet its financial requirements and for the Commission to concern itself with solutions when these 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, that 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. The

Commission's authority to approve rates for nursing homes and other related institutions was removed in 1978.

### MARYLAND HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

#### THE AGENCY

William B. Landis, *Executive Director*

Vacancy, *Associate Director*

#### STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

*Chairperson:* Torrey C. Brown, M.D., 1983

Elizabeth S. Adams, 1981; Sharon Lee Camp, 1981; M. Helen Crabtree, 1981; Paula Colodny Hollinger, 1981; Ruth Loevinger, 1981; Helen P. Marsellas, 1981; Alice H. Murray, 1981; Harriet Shein Owrutsky, 1981; John Schaffer, 1981; Rev. Roy S. Turner, 1981; George D. Webb II, 1981; Sanford M. Bienan, 1982; Lester Buster, 1982; Peter L. Flaherty, Jr., 1982; Ronald R. Harris, 1982; Sara Harris, 1982; Robert M. Lentz, 1982; Bertram L. Parr, 1982; Cheryl Potter, 1982; L. JoAnn Potter, 1982; Kenneth A. Richmond, 1982; Sr. Louis Mary Battie, R.S.M., 1983; Pamela Brewington, 1983; Clarence H. Burns, 1983; Dr. James T. Estes, M.D., 1983; William G. Groben, 1983; Roger Lipitz, 1983; Kennard W. Merrey, 1983; Paul B. Meritt, 1983; Dwight Taylor, 1983; Vernon Wanty, 1983; one vacancy.

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The Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency, formerly the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, is designated under Chapter 678, Acts of 1980, as the sole agency for the administration and supervision of the State's health planning functions. It is the State Health Planning and Development Agency for the purposes of the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-641), and has been so designated by the federal government for the same purposes. Under Chapter 678 the agency conducts the Certification of Need Program, which includes determining whether proposed new hospitals and related institutions are necessary. A license to operate may not be issued to any facility (or affected portion) for which a Certificate of Need has not been issued. The