

**AGED AND CHRONICALLY ILL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

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The Aged and Chronically Ill Services Administration is responsible for programs whose purpose is first, to prevent the onset or avert the occurrence of disease, second, to detect disease at a sufficiently early stage to permit intervention in order to arrest or decelerate the rate of progression of the disease, and third, to contain (prevent or reduce) complications, sequelae, disability, and premature mortality.

The Adult Health Program Development Division is responsible for the Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease Control program, which assists local health departments and other providers with financial and technical assistance and the training of personnel to establish high blood pressure programs. The Division also administers the Adult Nutrition Program. In both the private and public sectors, this Program coordinates nutrition education and direct services designed to control nutrition-related risk factors in chronic disease.

The Cancer Control Program plans, promotes, and conducts cancer control activities, particularly in the areas of cervical and breast cancer. It gathers information to aid in planning and investigating the causes of cancer. It provides public and professional education and information related to the control of cancer.

The Division of Services to the Aging assists impaired older persons to maintain themselves or to be maintained at the highest possible level of independence in the community. It promotes the provision of appropriate institutional long-term care for those persons who must receive it. The Division includes Community Based Services to the Aging (Day Care for the Elderly, Geriatric Evaluation Services, and Home Health Services) and Institutional Services to the Aging, which give program consultation to long-term care facilities in the public and private sectors.

The Administration also directs three chronic disease hospital centers: Deer's Head Center, Western Maryland Center, and Montebello Center, plus a separate nursing home, the Tawes-Bland Bryant Nursing Home. Deer's Head Center provides two levels of in-patient care—chronic disease hospital (including a small hospice service) and comprehensive care facility—out-patient end-stage kidney dialysis, and out-patient rehabilitation therapy. Western Maryland Center pro-

vides chronic diseases hospital and comprehensive care facility in-patient care, out-patient end-stage kidney dialysis, adult day treatment services, and out-patient rehabilitation services. Montebello Center provides out-patient and in-patient rehabilitation medicine services. Tawes-Bland Bryant provides nursing home care to geriatric patients who have been in-patients of State hospitals and cannot be placed in non-State facilities.

Through a reimbursement program, the Maryland End-Stage Kidney Disease Program ensures access to needed services for all patients suffering from irreversible kidney disease.

**DEER'S HEAD CENTER**

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Authorized by Chapter 994, Acts of 1945, Deer's Head Center was established in 1950. It is the regional facility for chronically ill and elderly adults in need of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, or general medical care for chronic disease or terminal illness. The Center also operates a kidney dialysis facility for area residents. The licensed capacity for the Center is 235 patient beds (Code Health-General Article, sec. 19-502).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR DEER'S HEAD CENTER**

Oscar J. Chapman, 1983; Randolph L. Brooks, 1984; Cora V. B. Goslee, 1984; Richard F. Hazel, 1984; Dallas G. Truitt, 1984; Ernest H. Leap, 1985; Evelyn W. McGee, 1986.

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Montebello Center, authorized by Chapter 412, Acts of 1951, opened in 1953. It is the principal unit of the chronic disease hospital system. The Center provides hospitalization for chronically ill and aging adults who need physical medicine and rehabilitation services (Code Health-General Article, sec. 19-502).