

from organizations that provide community program services, two from the financial community, two from advocacy-related organizations, and one from the general public (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-204).

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE PROGRAM FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED INFANTS

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The Advisory Council for the Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants was created in 1985 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1985). The Council advises the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on implementing a program of early identification and follow-up of hearing-impaired infants and infants who have a risk factor of developing hearing impairment. The Council also advises the Department on educational programs for families, professionals, and the public, as well as on any materials on hearing-impaired infants distributed by the Department.

The Council consists of ten members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Authorization for the Council continues until July 1, 1989 (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-601 through 13-605).

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The Deputy Secretary for Policy, Financing, and Regulation brings together the principal health regulatory functions of the Department and provides leadership and guidance for the Department's financing, regulatory and licensing programs.

The Deputy Secretary coordinates the activities of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission and the State Health Resources Planning Commission and assures that both receive adequate administrative support.

With the assistance of a program evaluation staff, the Deputy Secretary develops recommendations for implementation by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to modify and shape the role of the Department. The Deputy Secretary helps define health problems, evaluates new and existing Department programs, and develops and applies knowledge of federal and other external trends so as to advise the Secretary on program emphasis and Department direction. Under the Deputy Secretary are six administrations: Policy Analysis, Medical Care Compliance, Medical Care Operations, Health Systems Financing, Licensing and Certification, and Regulatory Services.

The Deputy Secretary plans, directs, and evaluates the State/federal Medical Assistance Program and is aided by the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee.

The Medical Assistance Program, also known as Medicaid, provides access to health care services for categorically and medically needy residents throughout Maryland. 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 Program is implemented by the Medical Care Compliance Administration, the Medical Care Operations Administration, and the Health Systems Financing Administration.

Health care expenses of the Program are federally matched on a 50/50 basis for approximately 90 percent of the recipients. For the remaining 10 percent, Program services are funded totally by State and local funds (Code Health—General Article, secs. 15-101 through 15-128).

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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