

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 risk developing hearing impairment. The Council also advises the Department on educational programs for families, professionals, and the public, as well as on informational materials 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 Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulation oversees the principal health regulatory functions of the Department and provides leadership and guidance for the Department's financing, regulatory and licensing programs. This entails oversight of regulatory functions of the State Health Services Cost Review Commission and the State Health Resources Planning Commission; compliance with regulations and standards of the Medical Care Compliance Administration, and Licensing and Certification Administration; payments for services through the Medical Care Operations Administration; and financing and policy of the Health Systems Administration.

With the assistance of the Policy and Health Statistics Administration, the Deputy Secretary develops recommendations for the Secretary of

Health and Mental Hygiene to modify and shape the role of the Department. The Deputy Secretary helps define health problems, evaluates Department programs, and develops data on federal and other external trends so as to advise the Secretary on program emphasis and Department direction. Under the Deputy Secretary are five administrations: Policy Analysis and Health Statistics; Medical Care Compliance; Medical Care Operations; Health Systems Financing; and Licensing and Certification. The Office of Boards and Commissions Programs and the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance also are overseen by the Deputy Secretary.

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

The Medical Assistance Program, known as Medicaid, provides access to health care for categorically and medically needy residents throughout Maryland. Health care includes hospital inpatient and outpatient services, laboratory and X-ray services, nursing facility services, physician services, and home health care. Additional health care is 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).

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