

The Office reduces the risk factors for chronic diseases and injuries and the complications of diabetes; assures tests for early detection and, if appropriate, diagnosis and treatment of disease; and provides information to the public on rehabilitative services, treatment options for breast cancer, and plastic surgery (breast). The Office is organized into four divisions: Injury and Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Information; Cardiovascular Health and Nutrition; Cancer Control; and Diabetes Control.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR REHABILITATION & TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

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The Clearinghouse for Rehabilitation and Technology Information was established within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 1990 by the Technology Assistance Program of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities. The Clearinghouse helps individuals find sources for devices to assist disabled people. Such devices include but are not limited to splints, telecommunication devices, bathroom safety equipment, computer adaptation, and environmental modifications.

REHABILITATION INFORMATION SERVICE

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Created in 1984, the Rehabilitation Information Service provides information on rehabilitation services to persons who have suffered amputation, stroke, spinal cord injury, or head trauma (Chapter 416, Acts of 1984). The Service also responds to the needs of other disabled individuals. Inquiries are accepted from anywhere in Maryland (Code Health—General Article, sec. 20-108).

OFFICE OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS

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The first programs of the Office of Hereditary Disorders were initiated in 1964. The Division of Hereditary Disorders, formed in 1973, was reorganized as the Office of Hereditary Disorders in 1990.

The Office works to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by genetic disorders and birth defects. The State program coordinated by the Office provides alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) screening to pregnant women; screens nearly every newborn baby in Maryland for birth defects; treats genetic metabolic diseases and hemoglobin disorders, including sickle cell disease; and provides clinical services for other genetic disorders. The Office also maintains a reporting and information system on genetic disorders and birth defects to collect data and give information to

parents of children with disorders and defects. Educational programs on genetics and genetic services are offered by the Office to health professionals, educators, and the general public.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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The Office of Management Services was formed in 1991 within the Local and Family Health Administration.

OFFICE OF MATERNAL HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING

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The Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning originated in 1922 as the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and Services to Crippled Children. The Bureau had become the Division of Maternal and Child Health under the Bureau of Preventive Medicine by 1951, under the Bureau of Preventive Medical Services by 1967, and under the Preventive Medicine Administration in 1969. The Division was renamed the Office of Maternal Health, Family Planning, and Hereditary Disorders by 1985. As the Office of Maternal and Child Health it was placed under the Family Health Administration in 1987. The Office was made part of the Local and Family Health Administration in 1989 and renamed the Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning in 1990.

The Office works to improve the health of women of childbearing age and their babies. With federal and State funds, the Office administers prenatal care and family planning services offered by local health departments and other providers. The Office also administers special grants to improve the reproductive health of adolescents and introduce new contraceptive techniques into the public health system.

OFFICE OF WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN

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Created by the Department in 1985, the Office of Women, Infants, and Children administers the Maryland Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) under federal law (P.L. 95-627). The Program provides health and nutrition services, including supplemental foods, to eligible individuals. The Program serves pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; infants to one year of age; and children to their fifth