

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES UNIT**

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The Volunteer Services Unit develops and directs the Department's thirty-two volunteer services programs statewide. These programs offer citizens and community groups the opportunity to aid and enhance the lives of residents of Department hospital centers and of patients in the community. The Chief serves as liaison to the Department's Council of Auxiliaries, a private, nonprofit service organization.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING  
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The Financial Planning Administration monitors and controls all Department financial affairs, including liaison with the Department of Budget and Management and the General Assembly. The Administration oversees budget preparation and review, expenditure management, funding enhancement, rate setting, cost analysis, and fiscal policy. Administration functions are carried out by two divisions: Budget Management; and Program Costs and Analysis.

**FISCAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

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Functions of the Fiscal Services Administration were organized by 1923 under the Bureau of Personnel and Accounts, which was responsible for fiscal administration of the Department of Health. The Administration analyzes and provides fiscal, accounting and contracting services for the statewide operation of major Department programs and health care facilities. The Administration develops systems, policies, and procedures for the Department's fiscal management in coordination with regulatory or control agencies, the General Assembly, and the federal government. Under the Administration are five divisions: Auditing; Contracts and Telecommunications; General Accounting; Internal Audits; and Reimbursements.

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

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The General Services Administration originated as the Office of General Administration by 1973. The Office was renamed the General Administrative Services Administration by 1983 and, by 1985, received its current name.

The Administration provides support services for supplies and procurement, space allocation, fleet management, mail, photocopying, building services, and capital construction. Coordination and technical assistance are provided statewide to maintenance and engineering projects; asbestos identification and abatement; and abatement of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are toxic chemicals found in insulating oils for electric transformers and switch gear.

The Administration directs five divisions: Central Services; Engineering and Maintenance; Health Statistics; Special Projects; and Vital Records.

**DIVISION OF HEALTH STATISTICS**

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Functions of the Division of Health Statistics began in 1951 as part of the Division of Vital Records and Statistics, Department of Health. By 1959, the work of vital statistics was placed under the Division of Research and Planning. By 1961, it was found under the Office of Planning and Research and, by 1963, as part of the Division of Statistical Research and Records. In 1967, it was formed separately as the Division of Biostatistics under the Bureau of Analysis and Records. In 1969, the Division was changed to the Center for Health Statistics and, by 1973, placed under the Office of General Administration. It was reorganized as a division in 1988.

Annually, the Division publishes vital statistics and population estimates for the State. To highlight significant trends and findings, the Division analyzes and reports annually on the health status of Maryland residents. It provides statistical analysis and advice to programs on studies and systems development. The Division publishes annual and special reports on these topics.

**DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS**

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The Division of Vital Records was organized in 1910 as the Bureau of Vital Statistics (Chapter 560, Acts of 1910). In 1951, it was reformed as the Division of Vital Records and Statistics and, in 1967, as the Division of Vital Records under the Bureau of Analysis and Records. In 1969, the