

county council of each county, or the Department of Public Welfare in Baltimore City, having patients in the State chronic disease hospitals, a quarterly statement giving the number of patients and the name of each patient coming from and charged to such county, and the cost of maintenance due from each county for such patient or patients. It shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to pay to the collection unit the amount due and owing from his county quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year. All money collected by the collection unit from Baltimore City or the counties under this section shall be accounted for and paid into the State Treasury according to the procedures in effect for such accounting; in the event of any dispute as to residence the collection unit shall have the power to determine which one of two or more counties or Baltimore City may be responsible for such payment.

(f) *Rules and Regulations.* The collection unit is authorized and empowered to adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations covering the details of enforcing the power and procedures provided for in this section. **IT IS INTENDED THAT SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS BE APPLIED UNIFORMLY TO PATIENTS IN MENTAL HOSPITALS AND TO PATIENTS IN CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS SO FAR AS IT IS PRACTICAL; HOWEVER, SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THEY APPLY TO THE ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS IN CHRONIC DISEASE HOSPITALS ARE SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.**

602. Cost of board, care and treatment.

For each patient admitted to either of the chronic hospitals from any county of the State or Baltimore City, the county commissioners of said county and the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall pay into the State treasury the sum of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per day, as long as said patient remains in such hospital. The remaining cost of board, care and treatment, and the cost of operation shall be paid out of appropriations in the budget. [Said charge of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per day shall be collectible by the State Comptroller, and the Comptroller shall have the power to determine, in the event of any dispute as to residence, which one of two or more counties or Baltimore City may be responsible for such charge.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That on the effective date of this Act all pending rights, investigations and claims with respect to chronic hospital care, theretofore vested in or being performed by a county welfare board, a board of county commissioners or county council, or the department of welfare of Baltimore City, are transferred to and vested in the collection unit specified hereinabove in this Act, together with all records, reports and data pertinent thereto. Funds in the custody of any such agency, as of that date, shall be accounted for and paid over as required by said Section 601 of Article 43 of the Code prior to that date.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after July 1, 1961, the collection unit is authorized and directed to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as, in its judgment and dis-