

is for Statewide special services to nursing home patients. This distribution of funds between the program for Baltimore City and the program for Counties and the program for Statewide special services to nursing home patients may be adjusted upon recommendation of the Board of Health and the approval of the Governor.

**10.01.03.04 Hospital In-Patient Program**

General Fund Appropriation for the purchase of hospital in-patient care in the thirty-eight (38) General Hospitals and seven (7) Special Hospitals listed in the program and performance statement for individuals whose financial status is determined by the local Department of Public Welfare under policies established jointly by the State Department of Public Welfare and the State Department of Health; and for the purchase of nursing home care for patients previously certified by the Department of Public Welfare for care under the In-Patient program who are discharged from one of the listed hospitals prior to Department of Public Welfare's determination of eligibility for a grant for nursing home care.

Payments for care rendered in General Hospitals shall be the lesser of billings to other patients for like services or 80% of the hospital's approved per diem cost; except that hospitals having a per diem cost above \$13.00, of which 80% would be less than \$13.00, shall be paid at \$13.00; and hospitals having a per diem cost of less than \$13.00 shall be reimbursed at cost.

Payments for care rendered in Special Hospitals shall be the lesser of billings to other patients for like services or 80% of the hospital's approved per diem cost; except that hospitals having a per diem cost above \$5.50 of which 80% would be less than \$5.50, shall be reimbursed at \$5.50 and hospitals having a per diem cost of less than \$5.50 shall be reimbursed at cost; and except that in the case of Eudowood, a Tuberculosis Hospital, payments shall be the lesser of the average cost in State-owned tuberculosis hospitals or 80% of the approved cost per patient day.

Payments for post hospital care in nursing homes shall be at the rates established by the Department of Public Welfare grant for clients with comparable needs.