

*viding for a determination of what shall constitute abandonment in any of these exceptions to the liability for support. This determination as to what constitutes abandonment is subject to judicial review under the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act in Article 41 of this Code. The provisions of Section 97 of Article 27 of this Code have no effect on any determination of liability under this Section.*

*(d-1) In making investigations concerning collections under this section and subtitle, the collection unit shall require reports or statements to be made to it by such relatives or other persons, upon summons as prepared from time to time by the collection unit. Upon the refusal, wilful neglect or failure of any such relative or other person to file the required report or statement, the collection unit is authorized to apply to the circuit court of the county in which the relative or person is a resident, or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if the relative or person is a resident of the City, for an Order of Court requiring the relative or person to file the report or statement as specified by the collection unit. A refusal, wilful neglect or failure of the relative or person to observe the Order of the Court is punishable as contempt of court.*

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*(e) Upon the death of any person admitted to any chronic hospital, the collection unit shall be entitled to make claim against the estate of any such person for his or her care while in such hospital, or for the balance due therefor if part has been paid. A claim under this subsection shall not include any charge for such care for a period longer than three years immediately preceding the death of such patient; except that if any relative liable for such patient's care in any such hospital has misrepresented assets or submitted fraudulent information, and by so doing has avoided such claim or part of such a claim for the patient's care, there shall be a period of limitations of six years on the claim against the estate. Such claim shall be a preferred claim against the estate of any such person, and all claims arising hereunder against the relatives and any other persons legally chargeable with the care of such person, shall also constitute preferred claims. All such claims may be waived, however, by the collection unit in its discretion, if in its judgment the enforcement of the same will result in hardship to others, dependent upon those against whom such claims exist. All payments received as a result of the enforcement of such claims shall be accounted for and paid as hereinbefore provided. The collection unit shall credit the account of each county, for any patient, with any amounts actually collected and received by the unit from or for that patient whether received from himself, his relatives, others legally chargeable with his maintenance and support or others; [the credit allowed to the county in any one year, for any one patient, is not to exceed the amount paid by the county for that patient's maintenance and support] and the credit allowed to the county for each patient shall be computed according to the formula in subsection (e-1).*

*(e-1) From the money received in any year from or on behalf of a patient the collection unit first shall credit the account of the county for the total of its payment for that patient for that current year; and next (to the extent that sufficient funds remain) there shall be allocated to the credit of the General Funds of the State an amount which,*