

*together with the payment to the county for this current year, equals the total amount of payment set for the board, care and treatment of the particular patient for that current year. When the foregoing allocations are made, and to the extent that additional funds remain, the collection unit next shall credit the account of the county for the total of its payment for that patient for the next preceding year, and then shall allocate to the credit of General Funds of the State an amount which, together with the payment to the county for that next preceding year, equals the total amount set for the board, care and treatment of that patient for that next preceding year. Thereafter, and so long as additional funds remain, the department shall similarly credit first the account of the county and then the account of the State for the amount set for the board, care and treatment of the patient for the second preceding year, and then for the third preceding year, and continuing in this manner until the monies received in the current year for or on behalf of that patient are entirely exhausted.*

(e-2) It shall be the duty of the collection unit to furnish to the county commissioners or 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.

#### Article 59

5.

(A-1) THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SET THE RATE OF PAYMENTS RETROACTIVELY TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF ADMISSION TO THE HOSPITAL OR AS OF THE DATE OF BEGINNING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE PATIENT AND OF OTHER PERSONS LEGALLY CHARGEABLE FOR HIS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, WHICHEVER IS THE LATER DATE; BUT THE EFFECTIVE DATE MAY NOT BE SET MORE THAN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ORDER UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE PATIENT, GUARDIAN OR COMMITTEE OR OTHER PERSONS LEGALLY CHARGEABLE WITH HIS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, TO FILE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS OR STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

44.

(a) For each patient in any State institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene from Baltimore City or from any one of the counties of the State, the said city or county, as the