

*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 the 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.*

~~(d)~~ (C) It shall be the duty of the Department of Mental Hygiene 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 institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene 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.

~~(e)~~ (D) The board of county commissioners or county council of said county shall levy a tax in said county for said amount and pay the amount due the State to the Department of Mental Hygiene; and, should any county fail to levy a tax in said county for said amount then due said State, and shall fail at the time of levying other county taxes thereafter to levy the tax aforesaid to an amount sufficient to pay the indebtedness subsequently incurred, it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to bring in the name of the State an action against any county in the circuit court of said county so failing aforesaid to enforce the levying of said tax for the recovery of the amount due the State, as aforesaid. Upon the failure of any county to levy such tax as aforesaid to an amount sufficient to pay the amount due the State, it shall be the duty of the Department of Mental Hygiene to charge such delinquent county with a penalty of interest at one per centum per month upon the amount of indebtedness for each month until payment thereof and penalty thereon be paid. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer, upon the collection of the taxes herein required to be levied, to pay to the Department of Mental Hygiene the amount due and owing from his county quarterly on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year.

~~(f)~~ (E) All money collected by the Department of Mental Hygiene 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.

~~(g)~~ (F) Whenever the superintendent of any State institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene has held and treated a patient as from one county, and the county commissioners or county council of such county make claim that such patient is not a proper charge against the said county, and such county commissioners or county council shall notify the Department of Mental Hygiene that it is claimed by them that such patient is not a proper charge against their county, and shall claim that the said patient is a proper charge against some other county, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners or county council of each of said counties to file such proofs as they may have with the Department of Mental Hygiene within thirty days from the time of such notification and