

for like services or 80% of each hospital's certified average per diem cost of the 1967 fiscal year.

Hospitals are required to submit bills not later than the 30th of the month following the month of discharge except that at the end of the fiscal year, bills must be submitted by the 5th work day of the succeeding fiscal year, for all patients discharged on or before June 30 of that year. Bills for patients remaining in the Hospital on June 30 who, as of that date, have been patients continuously for a period in excess of thirty days and for whom the hospital holds an authorization for extended service must be submitted, using June 30 as the discharge date.

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

The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of this program. In the event that the Federal Government makes funds available to the State for hospitalization of the indigent and medically indigent, any part of this appropriation may be used for matching purposes by mutual consent of the institution and the State Department of Health .....

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All or part of these appropriations may be transferred to the State Department of Public Welfare by approved budget amendment in order for the State to be eligible to receive Federal matching funds for medical care in the event that the Board of Public Works deems such action to be desirable; further, all or any part of these appropriations may be used for such matching purposes; and in the event such transfer of these appropriations from the State Department of Health to the State Department of Public Welfare is made, the Board of Public Works shall approve a plan for continuing the programs of medical care under the provisions of Article 43, Sections 42 and 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 edition.

Be it further enacted that funds provided in this program for the payment of general and special hospitals current costs for the purchase of inpatient care is contingent upon Maryland's acceptance and participation in Public Law 89-97 by the Federal Government.