

(c) Such federal funds as may be received by the State, as reimbursement for payments for hospital care, shall be accounted for in such a way that the respective political subdivisions and the State receive the pro rata benefit of such federal funds, to the extent that such federal funds are not needed to defray 20% of the cost of hospital care.

(d) In order to participate in this program, each county and Baltimore City is authorized and required to levy such taxes as are necessary to provide for the payments required by this subsection.

(e) The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene is authorized to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation of this section.

(f) The payment by any county or Baltimore City to the State Department of Health of the sum specified in this section, plus any supplementation of this sum by any State or federal funds, shall be treated and considered up to the particular aggregate amount as compliance with any public local law for that county or Baltimore City which requires or permits the county or city to pay moneys to a hospital or hospitals. The amount of any such payment under this section, together with its supplementation, shall be deducted from any payment or payments otherwise payable under the public local laws for the county or Baltimore City. If the payment of sum specified in this section plus the supplementation therefor is less than the total obligation of the county or Baltimore City under its public local laws, the amount of difference shall be paid over by the county or city to the hospital or hospitals, in substantially the same ratio as that required in the public local laws. If the payment of the sum specified in this section plus the supplementation therefor exceeds the total obligation of the county or city under its public local laws, the obligation of the county or city under its public local laws is satisfied and extinguished.]

(a) Each county and Baltimore City during the fiscal year 1971 and each year thereafter shall place on deposit with the State Department of Health, funds equal to 20% of the costs for the hospital care of indigent and medically indigent persons in the respective political subdivisions, to permit the State Department of Health to pay 100% of current costs for the hospital care of those persons, provided that for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1974, and for each fiscal year thereafter the maximum amount of payment by any county or Baltimore City shall not exceed ONE-HALF OF the amount of payment actually paid for the fiscal year beginning on July 1,