

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 42H
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 42A(b) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42A.

(b) These funds shall be used by the State Department of Health AND MENTAL HYGIENE solely for the purpose of supplementing the State general funds appropriated for hospital care so that payments for hospital service rendered to indigent and medically indigent patients will be made at [full current cost as determined by the step-down accounting method in conjunction with the ratio of charge to cost procedures as recommended by the Maryland Legislative Council's committee on taxation and fiscal matters] REIMBURSEMENT RATES AS PAID BY THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 42H be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

42H.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL REIMBURSE ACUTE GENERAL AND CHRONIC CARE HOSPITALS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CARE PROVIDED TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RATES THAT THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVES UNDER §§ 568H THROUGH 568Y OF THIS ARTICLE, IF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE APPROVES THIS REIMBURSEMENT METHCDOLOGY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.