

required for the county to satisfy the provisions of this subsection. If that amount exceeds the amount which the political subdivision had placed on deposit, the additional local requirement will be reported to the political subdivision concerned, and the political subdivision shall appropriate and forward that amount to the State Department of Health within eighteen (18) months after receipt of the report. If the final calculation shows that the amount placed on deposit was in excess of the required amount to satisfy this subsection, the State Department of Health will credit the differences to each subdivision concerned in the estimates it forwards to each political subdivision in December of each year, as provided at the outset of this subsection.

(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 reimbursement rates as paid by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

(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 10% 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 section.

(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