(b) The standards and qualifications adopted by the Secretary may not require that the director of any such laboratory be a physician licensed under [this article] THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE. Any person who was, for a period of seven consecutive years prior to June 1, 1966, the director of a laboratory which had met the standards and qualifications in effect for laboratories prior to June 1, 1966, shall be considered to meet all academic and experience requirements for a laboratory director which are established on and after June 1, 1966; and any laboratory which, for a similar period of seven years, had met the standards and qualifications in effect prior to June 1, 1966, shall be issued a permit under this section, and, thereafter shall comply with the rules and regulations established under this section. The director of a tissue bank must be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Maryland.

36.

(b) The State Board of Health, its agents or employees, shall have the right to enter any industrial plant, place of business or public premises at reasonable hours in order to carry out the investigations authorized by this section, and in addition said Board, its agents or employees, shall have such right of entry whenever necessary to carry out any of the duties imposed upon them by this article OR THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE. Any person interfering with, or denying entry to the said Board, its agents or employees, while engaged in such performance of duties, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

42.

(a) (2) (i) For this purpose, the Secretary may contract with insurance companies, nonprofit health service plans, or with individuals, associations, partnerships, incorporated or unincorporated groups of physicians, chiropractors, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists (as defined in § [368(e) of this article)] 10-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE), pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, opticians, and other health practitioners duly licensed or certified in this State who perform services upon the prescription or referral of a physician, for the provision of care for eligible persons. The contracts shall be for a one-year period and may be renewed. Within the provisions of the budget the Secretary is authorized to provide for bedside nursing care for eligible persons.

42P.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, after consulting with the STATE Board of Pharmacy, may authorize a licensed physician to be reimbursed for the dispensing of drugs on the same basis as a [registered] LICENSED pharmacist if: