

Object .08 Contractual Services 100,000

Special Fund Appropriation 100,000

7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
 LOCAL AND FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MF02.01 Family Health Services

In addition to the appropriation shown on page 58 of the printed bill (first reading file bill), to provide funds for addressing an operating shortfall by increasing the Maryland Poison Control Center's annual grant. The General Assembly recognizes that the Maryland Poison Control Center is a vital public health service that manages over 40,000 poisoning cases annually. For 25 years, the center has provided emergency care via telephone, saving the lives of countless Maryland citizens and preventing the need for other more costly health care services. Every dollar spent on poison control services saves over \$7 million in overall health care costs. These additional dollars help, but the lack of adequate funding places the center at the risk of closing. The General Assembly requests the administration to provide a permanent financing solution at the 1998 session.

Object .12 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions 150,000

General Fund Appropriation 150,000

MF02.01 Family Health Services

In addition to the appropriation shown on page 58 of the printed bill (first reading file bill), to provide additional funds for comprehensive family planning services for approximately 1,500 adult patients and 450 teen patients.

Object .08 Contractual Services 250,000