

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

**Admissions to State Psychiatric Hospitals –  
Payment for Services or Treatment**

FOR the purpose of providing that a sheriff, a county, or Baltimore City is not responsible for payment for services or treatment rendered as a result of an admission of a prisoner to a State psychiatric hospital; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to repay all moneys collected from county governments as a result of certain circumstances; and providing for the applicability of this Act to all bills sent by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for certain purposes on or after a certain date.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 87 – Sheriffs

Section 46

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article — Health — General**

~~10-628.~~

~~(a) (1) If an emergency evaluatee cannot pay or does not have insurance that covers the charges for emergency services, an initial consultant examination by a physician and transportation to an emergency facility and, for an involuntary admission of the emergency evaluatee, to the admitting facility, the Department shall pay the appropriate party the actual cost or a reasonable rate for this service, whichever is lower, except that hospitals shall be paid at rates approved by the Health Services Cost Review Commission.~~

~~(2) The reasonable rate for the services provided under an emergency petition shall be calculated by using a methodology established by regulation and reasonably related to the actual cost.~~

~~(b) With respect to emergency admissions, the Department shall be subrogated against any insurance coverage available to the patient for charges relating to emergency service, initial consultant examination by a physician, and transportation to an emergency facility under Part IV of this subtitle.~~

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BILL ANY COUNTY TO RECOVER THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT TO A PERSON UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~16-101.~~

~~(e) (1) “Chargeable person” means:~~

~~[(1)](1) Any responsible relative;~~