

No member may serve more than two consecutive four year terms. One member of the Commission is a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate. One member is a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Five members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor at his sole discretion, provided that these members are not health professionals nor involved in the administration or ownership of any health care institution or health insurance organization, nor the spouse of a health professional, administrator, or owner. Four of the members are licensed medical physicians knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders, who are appointed from a list of three names submitted at least three months prior to the date for making appointments by the Monumental Medical Society of Baltimore, the Medical and Surgical Faculty of Maryland, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions. If the list is not submitted, the Governor shall appoint, at his sole discretion, a member who is a licensed medical physician knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints five representatives of the Department of Mental Hygiene to serve as *ex officio*, non-voting members of the Commission. One of these representatives must represent the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency.

After the first year the Commission shall choose from among its number a Chairman and a Vice Chairman by majority vote, who shall hold their respective offices for two years. Such officers may succeed themselves.

The Commission aids in the gathering and the dissemination of information on the treatment of hereditary disorders in the State. It also establishes and promulgates rules, regulations, and standards for the detection and management of hereditary disorders. It re-evaluates on a continuous basis the need for and efficiency of State pro-

grams on hereditary disorders. The Commission also institutes and supervises educational programs and counseling on the subject of hereditary disorders and its treatment and prevention for the public and providers of health services. The Commission may utilize existing programs and groups for its informational purposes, whether or not such programs and groups are governmental.

The Commission is to evaluate the entire hereditary disease program annually and report such evaluations along with recommendation to the Governor (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 814-821; 1972 Repl. Vol., 1975 Supp., Art. 62, sec. 6A).

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE COMMISSION

Chairman: R. Russell Patterson, M.D., 1980
Albert M. Antlitz, 1977; Elijah Saunders, M.D., 1977; Carmalyn Simiraglia, 1977; Patrick Frazier, 1978; C. C. Haley, Jr., 1978; John N. Hornbaker, Jr., M.D., 1978; Torrey C. Brown, M.D., 1979; Edward Hopf, M.D., 1979; Lou Stoler, 1979; Joseph A. Mead, Jr., M.D., 1980; Charles J. Morgan, 1980; Donald Rains, 1980; John W. Southard, M.D., 1980.

The Commission on High Blood Pressure was created by Chapter 792, Acts of 1976. The Commission consists of fourteen members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. Six members are appointed at his discretion while the remaining eight members represent the American Heart Association, Maryland Affiliate, Inc., the Citizens Advisory Council of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, the Medical and Surgical Faculty of Maryland, the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland Nurses Association, and the Monumental City Medical Society.

The Commission is to establish guidelines for the effective management and treatment of high blood pressure (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 43, secs. 871-874).