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AGED AND CHRONICALLY ILL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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This Administration is responsible for a group of programs whose purpose is first, to prevent the onset or avert the occurrence of disease, second, to detect disease at a sufficiently early stage to permit intervention in order to arrest or decelerate the rate of progression of the disease, and third, to contain (prevent or reduce) complications, sequelae, disability, and premature mortality for the adult and aging populations in the State.

The Adult Health Program Development Division is responsible for the Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease Control program, which assists local health departments with financial and technical assistance and the training of personnel to establish high blood pressure programs, and the Adult Nutrition Program, which coordinates nutrition education and direct services in both the private and public sectors designed to control nutrition-related risk factors in chronic disease.

The Cancer Control Program plans, promotes, and conducts cancer control activities, participates in gathering information as a basis for planning and investigating the causes of cancer, and provides public and professional education and information related to the control of cancer.

The Division of Respiratory Diseases has responsibility for tuberculosis and certain other chronic respiratory diseases through the maintenance and development of effective surveillance and containment measures.

The Division of Services to the Aging assists impaired older persons to maintain themselves or to be maintained at the highest possible level of independence in the community and to promote the provision of appropriate institutional long-term care for those persons who must receive it. The Division includes Community Based Services to the Aging (Day Care for the Elderly, Geriatric Evaluation Services, and Home Health Services) and Institutional Services to the Aging, which operates the Tawes-Bland Bryant Nursing Home

and gives program guidance to other long-term care facilities.

The Hospital Treatment Services Program provides direction to four chronic disease hospitals. Deer's Head Center, Western Maryland Center, and Montebello Center provide care for persons who require constant medical and nursing care by reason of chronic illness or infirmity or who are suffering from chronic disability amenable to rehabilitation. Thomas Wilson Center includes a chronic hospital unit serving predominantly patients with chronic respiratory disease and a nursing home unit.

The Maryland End-Stage Kidney Disease Program ensures access to needed services for all patients suffering from irreversible kidney disease through a reimbursement program.

DEER'S HEAD CENTER

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Deer's Head Center, authorized by Chapter 994, Acts of 1945, was established in 1950. It is the regional facility for chronically ill and aging adults in need of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, or general medical care for chronic diseases or terminal illness. The Center also operates a kidney dialysis facility for area residents. The licensed capacity for the Center is 235 patient beds.

MONTEBELLO CENTER

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Montebello Center, authorized by Chapter 412, Acts of 1951, opened in 1953 as the principal unit of the chronic disease hospital system. The Center provides hospitalization for chronically ill and aging adults in need of physical medicine and rehabilitation services.

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