

implementing the Program and on educational programs for families, professionals, and the public, as well as reviewing informational materials distributed by the Department.

The Council consists of ten members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-601 through 13-605).

OFFICE OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

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Formed in 1989, the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention reduces the risk factors for chronic diseases and injuries and the complications of diabetes; assures tests for early detection and, if appropriate, diagnosis and treatment of disease; and provides information to the public on rehabilitative services, treatment options for breast cancer, and plastic surgery (breast). The Office is organized into four divisions: Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Information, Nutrition and Cardiovascular Disease, Cancer Control, and Diabetes Care.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR REHABILITATION & TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

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The Clearinghouse for Rehabilitation and Technology Information was established within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in 1990 by the Technology Assistance Program of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities. The Clearinghouse helps individuals find sources for devices to assist disabled people. Such devices include but are not limited to splints, telecommunication devices, bathroom safety equipment, computer adaptation, and environmental modifications.

REHABILITATION INFORMATION SERVICE

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Created in 1984, the Rehabilitation Information Service provides information on rehabilitation services to persons who have suffered amputation, stroke, spinal cord injury, or head trauma (Chapter 416, Acts of 1984). The Service also responds to the needs of other disabled individuals. Inquiries are accepted from anywhere in Maryland (Code Health—General Article, sec. 20-108).

OFFICE OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS

Susan R. Panny, M.D., *Director*
225-6730

The first programs of the Office of Hereditary Disorders were initiated in 1964. The Division of Hereditary Disorders, formed in 1973, was reorganized as the Office of Hereditary Disorders in 1990.

The Office works to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by genetic disorders and birth defects. The State program coordinated by the Office provides alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) screening to pregnant women; screens nearly every newborn baby in Maryland for birth defects; treats genetic metabolic diseases and hemoglobin disorders, including sickle cell disease; and provides clinical services for other genetic disorders. The Office also maintains a reporting and information system on genetic disorders and birth defects to collect data and give information to parents of children with disorders and defects. Educational programs on genetics and genetic services are offered by the Office to health professionals, educators, and the general public.

OFFICE OF MATERNAL HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING

Russell W. Moy, M.D., *Director*
225-6721

The Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning originated as the Division of Family Planning and was renamed the Division of Maternal Health and Family Planning. The Division received its present name in 1990.

OFFICE OF WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN

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Created by the Department in 1985, the Office of Women, Infants, and Children administers the Maryland Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) under federal law (P.L. 95-627). The WIC Program provides health and nutrition services, including supplemental foods, to eligible individuals. The Program serves pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women; infants to one year of age; and children to their fifth birthday. To be eligible, an individual must be in one of the covered categories, meet income eligibility requirements, and be at nutritional risk.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Program is administered by the WIC Office through grants to twelve local agencies that serve the entire State. Each local agency determines recipient eligibility, prescribes individualized food packages, provides nutrition education, prepares required