

STATE ADVISORY BOARD ON HOSPITAL
LICENSING

James P. Klink, *Chairperson*, 1992

Appointed by Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene: John H. Funkey, 1989; Margaret Neely, 1990; Susan W. Owens, 1991; Hardev Singh Palta, 1991; Charles F. Pearce III, 1991; Willarda Virginia Edwards, M.D., 1992; Rayna M. Keyser, R.N., 1992; Mary Etta Mills, Sc.D., 1992; Patrick F. Mutch, M.P.H., 1993; Zorayda Lee-Llacer, M.D., 1994; Richard Cioffi, M.D., 1995; Karen B. Lewis, 1995.

Carol Benner, *Administrator*

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764-2750

The State Advisory Board on Hospital Licensing was established in 1945. The Board advises the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on standards for hospitals, the issuance or denial of hospital licenses, and the approval of applications for hospital conversions, alterations, or additions.

The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for five-year terms. Three members are recommended by the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland; one by the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association; four by the Maryland Hospital Association; and one (an owner or administrator of a licensed nursing home) by the Health Facilities Association of Maryland. Two members are recommended by the Maryland Nurses Association. Those recommended by the Maryland Hospital Association must include two hospital administrators, a trustee of a Maryland hospital, and a physician engaged in the private practice of medicine who is a member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. At least two members must reside in Baltimore City and at least two in the counties. Two members represent the public (Code Health—General Article, secs. 19-303 through 19-306).

LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM

Gene Heisler, *Deputy Director*

764-2770

The Long-Term Care Program regulates nursing homes, domiciliary care homes, day care for the elderly, and community-based treatment programs for the mentally ill and substance abusers. The Division Program also investigates unlicensed domiciliary care homes.

HOSPITALS & AMBULATORY CARE
PROGRAM

William H. Dorrill, *Deputy Director*

764-4980

The Hospitals and Ambulatory Care Program regulates hospitals, major medical equipment, risk management, and physician credentialing, as well as health maintenance organizations, home health agencies, State hospitals, health care facilities in correctional institutions, and community-based treatment programs for the developmentally disabled. The Program also surveys federal programs for compliance with Medicare regulations. These programs cover end-stage renal dialysis, independent and outpatient physical therapists, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, ambulatory surgical centers, rural health clinics, and portable X-ray units.

The Complaint and Quality Assurance Unit investigates all complaints about any health-related facility. The Unit also monitors the quality of nursing, sanitation, and dietary services.

STATE HEALTH SERVICES COST
REVIEW COMMISSION

Charles O. Fisher, Sr., *Chairperson*, 1993

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): Richard G. Frank, Ph.D., 1991; James R. Wood, 1991; Susan R. Guarnieri, M.D., 1992; C. James Lowthers, 1993; Barry A. Kuhne, 1994; William B. Russell, M.D., 1994.

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764-2649

The State Health Services Cost Review Commission was established in 1971 to monitor all fiscal affairs of Maryland's hospitals and related institutions (Chapter 627, Acts of 1971). The Commission publicly may disclose a hospital's financial position, its verified total costs incurred in rendering health services, and the level of reasonableness of its rates as determined by Commission review and certification. The Commission also evaluates the adequacy of each institution's financial resources to meet its financial requirements. When these resources are inadequate, the Commission seeks solutions.

The Commission assures purchasers of hospital health care that total costs are reasonably related to the total services offered by the hospital, that aggregate rates are set in reasonable relationship to the hospital's aggregate costs, and that rates are set equitably among all purchasers of services without undue discrimination.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor, who also designates the chairperson. Authorization for the Commission continues until July 1, 1993 (Code Health—General Article, secs. 19-201 through 19-222).