

Tuberculosis Sanatoria

The State maintains 4 hospitals for the treatment of tuberculosis, with bed facilities, as follows:

For White Patients

Sabillasville	510
Mt. Wilson	178
Eastern Shore	80

Total	768
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For Colored Patients

Henryton	266
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Total for White and Colored	1,034
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The standard for adequate hospital care in the treatment of tuberculosis is based upon the provision for 1 bed for each death occurring from the disease. The number of deaths from tuberculosis in Maryland in 1938 was 717 in the white population, and 618 in the colored. Therefore, Maryland's provision for hospital care for white tuberculosis patients is adequate. A serious lack is indicated, however, in the care for colored tuberculosis patients. It is imperative that another need be met at this time, by making provision for treatment of tuberculosis by lung surgery, which is helpful in many cases.

Finally, it is necessary that provision for an adequate water supply system be made at the Eastern Shore Tuberculosis Hospital at Salisbury.

After completion of the building program recommended in the proposed General Construction Loan, the comparative population of these hospitals will then be:

White Patients	Present capacity,	Beds available but no maintenance	Additional beds	Total
Sabillasville	510	.....	.....	510
Mt. Wilson	178	.....	40	218
Eastern Shore	80	20	.....	100
Total	768	.....	.....	828
Colored Patients	266	180	100	546
Total White and Colored	1,034	.....	.....	1,374

Maintenance:

The entire increased appropriation to these Institutions, amounting to \$110,600.00 in 1940 over 1939, and \$126,250.00 in 1941, are occasioned by increased personnel and operating expenses caused by caring for additional patients, and maintaining new buildings.

There are at the present time 180 beds available at Henryton, for which no maintenance appropriation has been provided. I am recommending additional construction at this Institution to add 100 beds, and in the hospital for lung surgery to be provided for at Mt. Wilson about 20 more beds will be available. Therefore, provision will be made during the next two years for 566 beds for colored tuberculosis patients.