

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 42A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," to follow immediately after Section 42 thereof and to read as follows:*

**42A.**

*(a) For the 1967 fiscal year, each county and Baltimore City shall place on deposit with the State Department of Health, funds to permit the State Department of Health to pay 100% of current costs for the hospital care of indigent and medically indigent persons. The minimum local appropriations for this purpose are:*

<i>(1) Baltimore City</i>	<i>\$822,714</i>
<i>(2) Allegany</i>	<i>7,016</i>
<i>(3) Anne Arundel</i>	<i>67,027</i>
<i>(4) Baltimore County</i>	<i>82,330</i>
<i>(5) Calvert</i>	<i>12,743</i>
<i>(6) Caroline</i>	<i>8,363</i>
<i>(7) Carroll</i>	<i>1,796</i>
<i>(8) Cecil</i>	<i>1,623</i>
<i>(9) Charles</i>	<i>9,619</i>
<i>(10) Dorchester</i>	<i>19,251</i>
<i>(11) Frederick</i>	<i>16,339</i>
<i>(12) Garrett</i>	<i>2,770</i>
<i>(13) Harford</i>	<i>20,410</i>
<i>(14) Howard</i>	<i>2,801</i>
<i>(15) Kent</i>	<i>5,850</i>
<i>(16) Montgomery</i>	<i>33,810</i>
<i>(17) Prince George's</i>	<i>66,419</i>
<i>(18) Queen Anne's</i>	<i>8,101</i>
<i>(19) St. Mary's</i>	<i>3,759</i>
<i>(20) Somerset</i>	<i>16,850</i>
<i>(21) Talbot</i>	<i>7,135</i>
<i>(22) Washington</i>	<i>22,126</i>
<i>(23) Wicomico</i>	<i>25,489</i>
<i>(24) Worcester</i>	<i>13,179</i>

*(b) These funds shall be used by the State Department of Health solely for the purpose of supplementing the State general funds appropriated for hospital care, so that payments for hospital service rendered to indigent and medically indigent patients will be made at full current cost as determined by the step-down accounting method in conjunction with the ratio of charge to cost procedures as recommended by the Maryland Legislative Council's Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Matters.*

*(c) Such Federal funds as may be received by the State, as reimbursement for payments for hospital care, shall be accounted for in such a way that the respective political subdivisions and the State receive the pro rata benefit of such Federal funds, to the extent that such Federal funds are not needed to defray 20% of the cost of hospital care.*