

Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

42.

(a) The State Board of Health shall (1) administer a program of medical care in the State of Maryland for indigent and medically indigent persons, or either of such classes; for this purpose the Board of Health is hereby authorized to contract with physicians, dentists [and hospitals], pharmacists, hospitals, nursing homes, nurses, and other persons who perform services upon the prescription of a physician, for the medical, dental, surgical and hospital treatment of eligible persons; within the provisions of the budget the said Board is hereby authorized to provide bedside nursing care for eligible persons. (2) The Board of Health shall conduct and operate such hospitals as may be established by law and placed under the jurisdiction of the said Board of Health for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases.

43.

[Within the provisions of the budget for the program of medical care, monies for the care of the indigent or medically indigent persons in Baltimore City shall be transferred to the mayor and city council of Baltimore and the administration of the program in Baltimore City shall be administered, under the commissioner of health of the city, by a medical care section in the Baltimore City health department in accordance with plans that shall be prepared by the Baltimore City health department and submitted to and approved by the State Board of Health; and for these purposes the commissioner of health of Baltimore City is hereby authorized to contract with physicians, dentists, hospitals, or other accredited agencies for the medical, surgical, hospital or other medical or nursing care of eligible persons; and also to appoint such personnel as may be necessary within the provisions of the budget and in accordance with the provisions of the Baltimore City charter. If there is no plan for Baltimore City approved by the State Department of Health, the State-wide plan and the State-wide rules and regulations promulgated under Section 42 shall prevail in Baltimore City.]

*For the purposes of Section 42 of this Article as applicable to Baltimore City, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City is authorized to appoint such persons as are necessary to carry out the purposes within the provisions of the budget and in accordance with the provisions of the Baltimore City Charter.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That new Section 25B be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 25A thereof, and to read as follows:*

*25B.*

*Any employee of the Baltimore City Health Department who is engaged in the processing of payments for medical care services*