

WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

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Western Maryland Center was established as Western Maryland State Hospital in 1952 (Chapter 53, Acts of 1952). It opened in 1957.

The Center provides chronic hospital and comprehensive care facility inpatient care, outpatient end-stage kidney dialysis, adult day treatment services, and outpatient rehabilitation services. Currently, it has 117 licensed hospital beds and 58 licensed comprehensive care beds for rehabilitation services and the care of the chronically ill. An outpatient unit provides hemodialysis for patients with chronic kidney disease (Code Health—General Article, sec. 19-502).

Citizens Advisory Board for Western Maryland Center

Chairperson: Roberta Niklewski, R.N., 1988

Marguerite E. Doleman, 1987; Peter G. Callas, 1988; Jack M. Goldman, 1988; Kery C. Hummel, 1988; Rev. C. Richard Masters, 1989; Donald F. Munson, 1990.

The Board's seven members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor.

OFFICE OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

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The Office of Maternal and Child Health was established by the Department under the Family Health Administration in 1987. The Office is responsible for the divisions of Maternal Health, Family Planning, Hereditary Disorders, and Child Health Services.

WIC OFFICE

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Created by the Department in 1985, the WIC Office is responsible for the administration of the Maryland Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) under federal law (P.L. 95-627). The primary purpose of the WIC Program is to provide 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 found 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 individually determined food packages, provides nutrition education, prepares required records and reports, and issues food instruments (negotiable checks used in exchange for approved foods). The WIC Office is responsible for all Program operations in Maryland in accordance with federal program regulations, guidelines, and instructions.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

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In 1986, the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration was renamed the Developmental Disabilities Administration (Chapter 637, Acts of 1986). The Administration plans, develops, and directs a statewide comprehensive system of services for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons and their families. Developmental disabilities services include programs for disorders such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy, and severe communicative disorders. The Administration coordinates its activities with other government, voluntary, and private health, education, and welfare agencies.

The Administration consists of six Divisions: Administration and Management; Program Development and Regulation; Licensing, Evaluation, Training, Research and Development; Access and Eligibility; Mental Retardation; and Developmental Disabilities Services.