

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**1968**

## **REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION**

**OAKLAND COUNTY**

**BOARD OF AUDITORS**

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Gentlemen:

The following reports covering the operation of the Reimbursement Division for the year 1968 are submitted to you for examination and study.

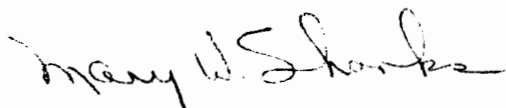
It is interesting to note that the number of admittances for the years 1967 and 1968 to state mental hospitals were comparable - (1967 - 968, 1968 - 948) and this was true, also, as it concerned the combined totals for those discharged - (1967 - 982, 1968 - 991); included in this total were those who become State-At-Large charges during the year. However, due to improved treatment methods and the concerted effort of all those concerned, the actual patient days in the hospital for patients chargeable to Oakland County decreased from 79,461 in 1967 to 68,004 in 1968. This explains the very small increase in expenditures for patients in state mental hospitals (1967 \$712,371 - 1968 \$739,523), even though the per diem patient cost for the mentally ill increased from \$9.50 to \$12.55 effective 7-1-68; an increase of \$3.05 per day.

As has been noted in past reports, state and federal programs are changing constantly and your Reimbursement Director makes every effort to keep abreast with these changes and remain knowledgeable as to their applications.

The day to day operation of this department is related and involved with many divisions of the county as well as the State Departments of Revenue and Mental Health and a close liaison is maintained with the Veterans administration and the Social Security Administration, divisions of the Federal Government.

If you have any questions concerning any part of this report, we would welcome a call from you.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary W. Shanks  
Director

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REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION  
 January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968  
 Report of Activity

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS</u>		
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1965</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	5055	4642	4443
Contagious Hospital	65	46	112
Mental Hospitals & Emergency Care	2444	1983	2985
Reimbursement for Doctor's Exams	130	46	40
Community Mental Health	9	—	—
Highway Ambulance	<u>8</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL	7711	6717	7580
 <u>TRUST ACCOUNTS</u>	 <u>1968</u>	 <u>1967</u>	 <u>1965</u>
Boys' & Girls' Vocational Schools	1108	1104	648
Probate Support	471	502	694
Dependent Persons	<u>443</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>1055</u>
TOTAL	2022	2248	2397
COMBINED TOTAL	<u>9733</u>	<u>8965</u>	<u>9977</u>
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Number of Auditors Cash Receipt Transactions	1133	1247	1384
TOTAL	<u>10,866</u>	<u>10,212</u>	<u>11,361</u>

REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION

Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1965</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$181,409.21	\$158,365.27	\$121,511.32
Contagious Hospital	874.00	694.80	1,403.95
Reimbursement for Doctors' Exams	3,186.42	1,406.70	790.36
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	394,001.47*	331,789.78	244,545.86
Community Mental Health	1,123.15	----	----
Highway Ambulance	143.00	----	----
TOTAL	<u>\$580,737.25*</u>	<u>\$492,256.55</u>	<u>\$368,251.49</u>
<u>TRUST ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1965</u>
Boys' & Girls' Vocational Schools	\$ 18,981.45	\$ 16,449.52	\$ 11,702.93
Probate Support	23,057.21	19,298.97	27,887.04
Dependent Persons	10,347.60	14,674.35	29,575.93
TOTAL	<u>\$ 52,386.26</u>	<u>\$ 50,422.84</u>	<u>\$ 69,165.90</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	<u><u>\$633,123.51*</u></u>	<u><u>\$542,679.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$437,529.89</u></u>

\*Act 229, Public Acts of 1956, as amended, provides for reimbursement to the County by the State Department of Mental Health up to \$14 per day but not to exceed 21 days for temporary hospitalization of mentally ill patients for which the County is financially obligated to pay. Included in the above totals is \$75,784.00 received in 1968 for prior year's hospitalization; 1966 - \$16,648, 1967 - \$40,040, 1968 - \$19,096. (Oakland County has filed for reimbursement for some \$6725.50 covering additional hospitalization that occurred in 1968 but will not be received until 1969 and will be reflected in our 1969 report.)



SUMMARY OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION  
OF MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968

<u>MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Hospitals for the Mentally Ill (Including emergency mental)	\$380,214.41*	\$302,900.99
Hospitals for the Mentally Handicapped	12,962.06	26,117.81
Hospitals for the Insane (Ionia)	<u>825.00</u>	<u>2,770.98</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$394,001.47*	\$331,789.78

It is the responsibility of the Reimbursement Division to collect monies due the County of Oakland, as ordered by the Probate Judge and for patients admitted to hospitals on voluntary orders, on all active and past due mental hospital accounts. All responsible relatives are interviewed by the Reimbursement Division and a detailed financial statement is compiled and submitted to the Probate Judge to assist him in making his determination as to ability to pay. Through this interview, the need for verification of settlement and residence is often indicated and the matter investigated. Many hundreds of dollars each year is saved by this County as a result of these investigations as the charge is properly billed to the patient's County of residence or assumed by the state at large rather than by our County, the committing County.

\*Please refer to explanation of Act 229 on Page 2

STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968

REIMBURSEMENTS

	Amt. Collected by County 1968	Credits fr. Dept. of Rev. 1968	Total Amt. Collected 1968	Total Amt. Collected 1967
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL</b>				
Hawthorn Center	\$ 25,277.01	\$ 3,953.70	\$ 29,230.71	\$ 38,108.25
Kalamazoo	47.50	712.50	760.00	----
Lafayette Clinic	25,070.52	8,800.20	33,078.72	28,528.40
Newberry	33.80	-----	33.80	354.90
Northville	2,261.55	2,294.50	4,556.05	8,441.35
Pontiac State and Emergency Care	248,543.84*	58,198.87	306,742.71*	226,036.79
Traverse City	476.00	1,582.50	2,058.50	253.50
Ypsilanti	<u>2,266.51</u>	<u>1,487.41</u>	<u>3,753.92</u>	<u>1,177.80</u>
TOTAL	\$303,976.73*	\$76,237.68	\$380,214.41*	\$302,900.99
<b>INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED</b>				
Caro	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,468.39	\$ 3,518.39	\$ 8,044.96
Lapeer	956.78	5,878.45	6,835.23	15,980.43
Mt. Pleasant	-----	-----	-----	-----
Plymouth	710.00	1,638.54	2,348.54	1,922.42
Howell	<u>-----</u>	<u>259.90</u>	<u>259.90</u>	<u>170.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,716.78	\$ 9,245.28	\$ 12,962.06	\$ 26,117.81
Ionia- Criminally Insane	<u>\$ 825.00</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>825.00</u>	<u>2,770.98</u>
<u>COMBINED TOTAL</u>	\$308,518.51*	\$ 85,482.96	\$394,001.47*	\$331,789.78

\*Please refer to Page 2 for explanation.



PATIENT DAYS IN  
STATE INSTITUTIONS

HOSPITALS FOR THE  
MENTALLY ILL

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Hawthorn Center	5,725	6,590
Kalamazoo	0	615
Lafayette Clinic	4,436	5,509
Newberry	0	0
Northville	438	1,069
Pontiac State	44,493	49,088
Traverse City	0	127
Ypsilanti	229	258
	<u>55,321</u>	<u>63,256</u>

HOSPITALS FOR THE  
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Caro	1,315	4,035
Howell	305	154
Lapeer	9,739	10,421
Plymouth	1,043	1,595
Mt. Pleasant	281	0
	<u>12,683</u>	<u>16,205</u>

COMBINED TOTAL IN DAYS	<u>68,004</u>	<u>79,461</u>
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## STATE INSTITUTIONS

### Summary of Admittances and Discharges

<u>HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL</u>	1968			1967	
	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>	<u>State-at-Large</u>	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>
					(Includes State- At-Large)
Pontiac State Hospital, Northville State Hospital, Kalamazoo State Hospital, Kalamazoo South West, Traverse City and Ypsilanti State Hospital	791	794	37	804	799
Hawthorn Center and Lafayette Clinic	91	87	7	102	108
<u>HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED</u>					
Lapeer, Plymouth, Howell and Fort Custer	52	9	30	43	44
Caro State Hospital	2	0	9	10	20
<u>HOSPITAL FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE</u>					
Ionia	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	<u>948</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>968</u>	<u>982</u>

The above report was compiled from the "Support of Patients" - - the form used by the Department of Revenue, State of Michigan, to bill counties for the first 365 days of hospitalization in state institutions. Oakland County is charged for the first 365 days an Oakland County resident is hospitalized and care after this initial period is as a State-At-Large patient. Therefore, a percentage of those patients listed as discharged might still be hospitalized as State-At-Large charges.

Please see pages 13 thru 14 for a more detailed report of individual hospitals.

## ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL PROGRAM

During the year 1968, the number of individual cases hospitalized at St. Clair Hospital under our emergency mental program totaled 748 in contrast to 655 cases in 1967.

### LENGTH OF STAY

<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
1-7	288	237
8-14	283	307
15-30	118	84
31-42	27	12
43-90	20	13
91-180	6	1
181-365	6	1
 <u>Not included in above report</u>		
Still hospitalized - January 1, 1969	39	

### DISPOSITION OF CASES

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Transferred to State Institutions	442	437
Transferred to Veteran's Hospital	14	10
Cases Dismissed	228	171
Charged to Another County or State	2	6
Transferred to other hospitals	60	31
Expired during stay at St. Clair Hospital	2	0

EMERGENCY MENTAL HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSE TO OAKLAND COUNTY

January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968

	<u>Paid by County 1968</u>	<u>Paid by County 1 9 6 7</u>
EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL		
St. Clair Hospital	\$56,324.70	\$55,317.50
Glen Eden Hospital	129.00	1,213.50
Kingswood Hospital	----	5,907.00
Towne Hospital	----	229.50
Wayne County General	1,080.95	783.85
EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
Haven Farms	6,616.00	5,351.50
Myers Nursing Home	1,290.10	862.85
Rock Haven	----	985.00
Varran Nursing Home	----	498.00
TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS		
Ambulance Charges	<u>9,809.30</u>	<u>9,232.50</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY OAKLAND COUNTY	\$75,250.05	\$80,381.20

Since August 15, 1960, the County of residence has received day credit for this emergency hospitalization as a part of the first year of care in a state institution. These days accrue after days covered by Act 229 have been exhausted.

VOLUNTARY ADMITTANCES TO PONTIAC STATE HOSPITAL

January 1, 1968, thru December 31, 1968

During the year 1968, the Reimbursement Division secured financial information and submitted recommendations to the Pontiac State Hospital as it concerned ability to pay for the following number of patients. These patients were admitted directly into the hospital and were independent and separate of those admitted under court orders.

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
39	25	32
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
51	28	19
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
26	47	24
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
42	8	31
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>372</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

CONTAGIOUS HOSPITAL

A financial investigation as to ability to pay is made before charges are accepted for any contagious hospitalization.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Cost to County	\$4,124.65	\$4,858.29
Reimbursement	874.00	694.80

DEPENDENT PARENT & POOR PERSONS

Monies received on these accounts are by Probate Court Order in matters initiated by the Bureau of Social Services and the Prosecutor's Office and are paid out to obligees designated in the Court Order as received. Title XIX, a section of the Medicare law, has eliminated the greater part of the responsibility for other members of the family to pay for care of a dependent person, for whom they would have been responsible, and this total will continue to be a decreasing figure.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Reimbursement Received	\$10,347.60	\$14,674.35

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOCTORS' EXAMINATIONS

These charges are for doctors' examinations made prior to commitment to a state institution as required by statute.

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
Cost to County	\$ 6,353.90	\$ 9,561.00
Reimbursement	3,186.42	1,406.70

AMBULANCE CHARGES

Cost to County	\$ 1,368.50	24 Trips
Reimbursement	143.00	

## STATE HOSPITALS

1967

Hospital	1967			1968			
	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital 12-31-67	Admittances	Discharges	State at Large	Persons in Hospital 12-31-68
Caro	10	20	10	2	0	9	3
Ft. Custer	0	2	0	1	0	0	1
Hawthorn	29	35	20	25	23	6	16
Howell	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Ionia	9	11	10	12	12	6	4
Lafayette	73	73	17	66	64	1	18
Lapeer	32	33	27	47	8	25	42
Northville	17	21	1	4	4	1	0
Plymouth	6	6	4	3	0	5	2
Ypsilanti	5	3	2	1	3	0	0