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OAKLAND COUNTY

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Gentlemen:

This report covers the activities and operations of the Reimbursement Division for the year 1969, and we are submitting it to you for examination and review.

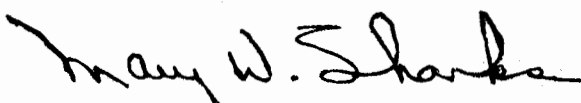
Because of improved treatment methods and new medications, the total concept and acceptance of mental illness is scarcely recognizable when compared with mental illness as it was viewed ten years ago. In-hospital stays are for a much shorter period, and readmittances are frequent. Unfortunately, reimbursement procedures at the State level have not kept pace with changes in treatment. Hopefully, in the near future, zoned areas of treatment will be established by the Department of Mental Health so cost accounting principles can be inaugurated; then the Department of Treasury, with a slight change in the present statute, will be able to bill for actual cost rather than at a per diem cost of care. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars are being lost annually by the State because cost accounting procedures have not been established. Most insurance companies are now recognizing mental illness on the same basis as physical illness, but treatment must be documented before payment will be made, and without a cost accounting system this is not possible. We understand a study committee is being formed to up-date the total concept of mental illness in Michigan, and some of these inadequacies should be corrected through this study.

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 Treasury and Mental Health, and a close liaison is maintained with the Veteran's Administration and the Social Security Administration.

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

Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

ACCOUNTS

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1965</u>
Child Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	\$197,040.48	\$181,409.21	\$121,511.32
Contagious Hospital	629.22	874.00	1,403.95
Reimbursement for Doctor's Exams	1,883.25	3,186.42	790.36
Mental Institutions & Emergency Care	433,160.26	394,001.47	244,545.86
Community Mental Health	1,548.30	1,123.15	----
Highway Ambulance	32.00	143.00	----
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees	<u>1,886.64</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>----</u>
TOTAL	\$636,180.15	\$580,737.25	\$368,251.49

TRUST ACCOUNTS

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1965</u>
Boys' & Girls' Vocational Schools	\$ 17,479.28	\$ 18,981.45	\$ 11,702.93
Probate Support	22,420.63	23,057.21	27,887.04
Dependent Persons	<u>9,765.63</u>	<u>10,347.60</u>	<u>29,575.93</u>
TOTAL	\$ 49,665.54	\$ 52,386.26	\$ 69,165.90

COMBINED TOTAL	<u>\$685,845.69</u>	<u>\$633,123.51</u>	<u>\$437,529.89</u>
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JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

Statement of Receipts

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

<u>ACCOUNTS</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1965</u>
Child Care	\$197,040.48*	\$181,409.21	\$121,511.32
Trust Accounts:			
Boys & Girls Vocational Schools	17,479.28	18,981.45	11,702.93
Probate Support	<u>22,420.63**</u>	<u>23,057.21</u>	<u>27,887.04</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	\$236,940.39	\$223,447.87	\$161,101.29

BOYS VOCATIONAL & GIRLS TRAINING SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Cost to County	\$167,909.69	\$151,366.18
Reimbursement	17,479.28	18,981.45

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1969</u>
Cost to County	\$ 48,610.64
Reimbursement	\$ 1,886.64

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of all charges ordered by the Probate Judge for care supplied by the County through the Juvenile Court. Whenever a child receives this care, a financial statement is taken and an order is entered commensurate with the parents ability to pay.

*This amount includes \$2,248.26 credited to Oakland County on the State Support of Patients and represents benefits from Social Security and Veteran's benefits collected by the Department of Revenue.

**Probate Support accounts represent monies collected and paid out as received to the person caring for the child. This is as decreed by the Probate Court Order.

SUMMARY OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HOSPITALIZATION

OF MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

<u>MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Hospitals for the Mentally Ill (Including emergency mental)	\$403,754.61	\$380,214.41
Hospitals for the Mentally Handicapped	28,901.65	12,962.06
Hospitals for the Insane	504.00	825.00
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TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED:	\$433,160.26	\$394,001.47

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; 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.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

EXPENDITURES

	Per diem cost pd. to Dept. of Rev. <u>1969</u>	Per diem cost pd. to Dept. of Rev. <u>1968</u>
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL		
Hawthorn Center	\$ 45,971.20	\$ 62,433.05
Kalamazoo	- - - -	969.00
Lafayette Clinic	56,481.70	48,240.00
Northville	8,918.11	4,326.90
Pontiac State	511,156.61	486,134.23
Traverse City	132.75	- - - -
Ypsilanti	<u>103.25</u>	<u>2,175.50</u>
TOTAL	\$622,763.62	\$604,278.68
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
Caro	\$ 3,635.90	\$ 12,857.55
Coldwater	2,065.60	- - - -
Howell	749.10	3,238.40
Lapeer	193,781.17	104,842.34
Mt. Pleasant	2,615.15	3,194.07
Plymouth	<u>2,116.85</u>	<u>11,111.65</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$204,963.77</u>	<u>\$135,244.01</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	\$827,727.39	\$739,522.94
CRIMINALLY INSANE		
Forensic Psychiatric Unit	\$ 3,437.30	\$ - - - -
Ionia	<u>8,310.70</u>	<u>17,953.90</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,748.00	\$ 17,953.90
EMERGENCY CARE - MENTALLY ILL	\$170,287.88	\$ 57,534.65
EMERGENCY CARE - HANDICAPPED	12,695.80	7,906.10
TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS	<u>11,240.10</u>	<u>9,809.30</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$194,223.78</u>	<u>\$ 93,203.95</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,033,699.17	\$832,726.89

STATE INSTITUTIONS

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

REIMBURSEMENTS

	Amt. Collected by County 1969	Credits fr. Dept. of Rev. 1969	Total Amt. Collected 1969	Total Amt. Collected 1968
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL				
Hawthorn Center	\$ 39,907.48	\$ 3,837.60	\$ 43,745.08	\$ 29,230.71
Kalamazoo	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	760.00
Lafayette Clinic	30,094.73	8,131.95	38,226.68	33,078.72
Newberry	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	33.80
Northville	4,491.83	826.83	5,318.66	4,556.05
Pontiac State and Emergency Care	262,569.33	53,364.68	315,934.01	306,742.71
Traverse City	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	2,058.50
Ypsilanti	530.18	- - - -	530.18	3,753.92
TOTAL	\$337,593.55	\$ 66,161.06	\$403,754.61	\$380,214.41
INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED				
Caro	\$ 105.45	\$ 108.00	\$ 213.45	\$ 3,518.39
Coldwater	- - - -	1,016.29	1,016.29	- - - -
Howell	- - - -	104.81	104.81	259.90
Lapeer	752.85	25,202.06	25,954.91	6,835.23
Mt. Pleasant	- - - -	654.00	654.00	- - - -
Plymouth	270.00	688.19	958.19	2,348.54
TOTAL	\$ 1,128.30	\$ 27,773.35	\$ 28,901.65	\$ 12,962.06
CRIMINALLY INSANE				
Ionia and Forensic Psychiatric Unit	\$ 500.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 825.00
<u>COMBINED TOTAL</u>	\$339,221.85	\$ 93,938.41	\$433,160.26	\$394,001.47

PATIENT DAYS IN
STATE INSTITUTIONS

HOSPITALS FOR THE
MENTALLY ILL

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Hawthorn Center	3,620	5,725
Kalamazoo	0	0
Lafayette Clinic	4,279	4,436
Newberry	0	0
Northville	438	438
Pontiac State	40,366	44,493
Traverse City	9	0
Ypsilanti	47	229
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	48,759	55,321

HOSPITALS FOR THE
MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Caro	294	1,315
Howell	66	305
Lapeer	15,608	9,739
Plymouth	188	1,043
Mt. Pleasant	<u>458</u>	<u>281</u>
	16,614	12,683
COMBINED TOTAL IN DAYS	65,373	68,004

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

SUMMARY OF ADMITTANCES AND DISCHARGES

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

	<u>1969</u>			<u>1968</u>	
	<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>		<u>Admitted</u>	<u>Discharged</u>
		<u>State-at-Large</u>			<u>(Includes State-at-Large)</u>
Pontiac State Hospital, Northville State Hospital, Traverse City and Ypsilanti State Hospital	633	586	41	791	831
Hawthorn Center and Lafayette Clinic	69	72	8	91	94

HOSPITALS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Lapeer, Plymouth, Howell, Fort Custer, Mt. Pleasant and Coldwater	40	10	36	52	39
Caro State Hospital	1	2	1	2	9

HOSPITAL FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE

Ionia	10	10	2	12	18
Forensic Psychiatric Unit	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	<u>757</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>948</u>	<u>991</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 1969, the number of individual cases hospitalized at St. Clair Hospital under our emergency mental program totaled 843 in contrast to 748 cases in 1968.

LENGTH OF STAY

<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
1 - 7	274	288
8 - 14	224	283
15 - 30	290	118
31 - 42	33	27
43 - 90	16	20
91 - 180	6	6
181 - 365	1	6
<u>Not included in above report</u>		
Still hospitalized - January 1, 1970	40	

DISPOSITION OF CASES

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Transferred to State Institutions	471	442
Transferred to Veteran's Hospital	19	14
Cases Dismissed	274	228
Charged to another County or State	1	2
Transferred to other hospitals	78	60
Expired during stay at St. Clair Hospital	1	2

EMERGENCY MENTAL HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSE TO OAKLAND COUNTY

January 1, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

	<u>Paid by County 1969</u>	<u>Paid by County 1968</u>
EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY ILL		
Glen Eden Hospital	\$ 394.00	\$ 129.00
St. Clair Hospital	166,331.03	56,324.70
Wayne County General	<u>3,562.85</u>	1,080.95
TOTAL	\$170,287.88	
EMERGENCY CARE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED		
Americana Convalescent Home	\$ 2,871.00	- - - -
Haven Farms	1,079.00	6,616.00
Lullabye Home	117.00	- - - -
Myers Nursing Home	123.50	1,290.10
Rock Haven	970.80	- - - -
Wee J's	734.50	- - - -
Woodside Medical	<u>6,800.00</u>	- - - -
TOTAL	\$ 12,696.30	
TRANSPORTATION FOR PATIENTS		
Ambulance Charges	<u>\$ 11,240.10</u>	<u>\$ 9,809.30</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY OAKLAND COUNTY	\$194,223.78	\$75,250.05

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, 1969, thru December 31, 1969

During the year 1969, 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>
30	40	39
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>
25	2	31
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
21	18	18
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
20	20	21
	<u>TOTAL</u>	
	285	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

CONTAGIOUS HOSPITAL

A financial investigation as to ability to pay is made, and the case is referred to the Department of Health for approval, before charges are accepted for any contagious hospitalization.

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Cost to County	\$8,567.35	\$4,124.65
Reimbursement	629.22	874.00

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.

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Reimbursement Received	\$9,765.63	\$10,347.60

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOCTORS' EXAMINATIONS

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

	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Cost to County	\$5,245.00	\$6,353.90
Reimbursement	1,883.25	3,186.42

AMBULANCE CHARGES

Cost to County	\$2,440.00
Reimbursement	\$ 32.00

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Accounts for patients hospitalized under Act 54 are referred to the Reimbursement Division for investigation and collection, based on findings of ability to pay of the patient and/or his responsible relatives.

Reimbursement	\$1,548.30
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PONTIAC STATE HOSPITAL

Number of Patients in Hospital
as of 12-31-67
214

1968	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital
January	68	65	218
February	73	69	222
March	82	64	240
April	76	84	232
May	82	79	235
June	68	77	226
July	72	87	211
August	58	59	210
September	49	69	190
October	65	38	217
November	48	69	196
December	44	63	177
TOTAL	786	823	

Number of Patients in Hospital
as of 12-31-68
177

1969	Admittances	Discharges	State At Large	Persons in Hospital
January	59	49	5	182
February	56	47	3	188
March	42	53	4	173
April	59	48	2	182
May	62	55	5	184
June	49	54	4	175
July	45	54	2	164
August	37	47	2	152
September	55	53	0	154
October	40	38	4	152
November	52	41	6	157
December	71	43	3	182
TOTAL	627	582	40	

Number of Patients Hospitalized
as of 12-31-69
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STATE HOSPITALS

1968

1969

Hospital	1968			1969			
	Admittances	Discharges	Persons in Hospital 12-31-68	Admittances	Discharges	State At Large	Persons in Hospital 12-31-69
Caro	2	9	3	1	2	1	1
Coldwater	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Forensic Psychiatric	0	0	0	4	2	0	2
Fort Custer	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
Hawthorn	25	29	16	7	12	8	3
Howell	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Ionia	12	18	4	10	10	2	2
Lafayette	66	65	18	62	60	0	20
Lapeer	47	33	41	37	8	33	37
Mt. Pleasant	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Northville	4	5	0	4	2	1	1
Plymouth	3	5	2	0	1	1	0
Traverse City	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Ypsilanti	1	3	0	1	1	0	0