

**FAMILY DOCTORS NOW MAKE HOUSE CALLS**

An almost forgotten American institution -- the house call -- has been revived by Family Doctors of Nevada, Ltd.

This week, the Family Doctors medical facility will place into service a new radio-dispatched van to make calls at area homes.

The mobile unit is seen as a boon to senior citizens, invalids and handicapped persons, as well as to others who cannot leave their homes.

Hours for the house call unit will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily except Sunday. The basic price per call will be \$25.

"This is in keeping with our two basic objectives," said Dr. Stephen Zang, president of the medical facility, "which are first, to make medical

service available to everyone within the Las Vegas area, and second, to keep medical costs down."

Other price "break-throughs" already initiated by Family Doctors include a 20 per cent discount for senior citizens, complete diagnostic examinations for only \$125 and a new pre-paid program which gives patients a full year's medical service for only \$150.

As new as the van itself is the utilization by Family Doctors of physician's assistants to make the house calls.

This greatly expands the administration of medical help to more people, Dr. Zang said, and at reduced cost to the patient.

The American Medical Association defines a phy-



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sician's assistant as ".....a skilled person qualified by academic and practical training to provide patient services under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician who is responsible for the performance of that assistant."

Each physician's assistant is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants through a certifying examination administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners and reviewed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners.

"He is qualified to make examinations and give medical assistance in the

home," Dr. Zang said, "and, of course, will be in immediate communication with our medical staff by radio or telephone for consultation and for the issuance of prescriptions."

Appointments for the house call unit can be made by telephoning Family Doctors at 732-9950.

Meanwhile, the Family Doctors facility at 3201 S. Maryland Parkway will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. No appointments are required.

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