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CANNON Co-sponsors Medicare Legislation

Nevada Sen. Howard Cannon has co-sponsored legislation enabling Medicare and Medicaid recipients to charge the cost of professional nursing services to these programs.

Cannon said the bill he co-sponsored with Sen. Daniel K. Inouye is designed to increase the availability of health care, especially where there is a doctor shortage.

Cannon said in these days of less personal medical care, due to the increasing demands on physicians, the greater use of nurses would not only increase service and reduce cost, but would also allow more personal contact with patients.

Restrictions which have been placed on the nursing profession forbidding direct payment to nurses have resulted in increasing cost and less efficiency in the delivery of health services, the senator said.

He added professional nurses are fully trained to perform many services without supervision including routine prenatal and postnatal care, treatment of many childhood illnesses, preventive health care and home care services.

Nevada's senior senator said the trend had been to take nurses away from the patients and place them in clerical or administrative roles.

Cannon said by paying nurses for services performed within the scope of their licenses, the cost of health services should decrease and the shortage of doctors lessen.



A New York Conductor-composer has already made a substantial contribution to the nation's Bi-centennial celebration, even though the festivities don't officially get under way until July Fourth of this year. Leonard de Paur, currently Director of Community Relations at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, has been helping to prepare "The Bi-centennial Musical Celebration" for each of the Nation's 30,000 schools and colleges that have music groups.

The schools will receive copies of the "Celebration" this spring as a Bi-centennial gift from the JC Penny Company. The gift consists of complete arrangements for band, orchestra, and chorus, with 70 minutes of historic American music and 30 minutes of newly-commissioned festive, contemporary works.

Dr. de Paur has worked with the advisory board to help select music for the "Celebration" that will be of appropriate historical value and quality, and he has helped to insure that the musical selections will be suitable for use by secondary schools and college music groups.

The program has received an award from the American Revolution Bi-centennial Administration, making it an official part of America's Bi-centennial. It has also been lauded as the first major Bi-centennial program created and contributed by a private business corporation.

112 JOBS FILLED

With the placement state outside of Clark this week of 112 formerly unemployed Nevadans into public service jobs, the Employment Security Department (ESD) completed its share of a federally-funded \$4 million emergency program which began early in January.

State employment director Larry McCracken said a total of 142 public service jobs were filled, 58 of them in Reno and Washoe County and 84 in the balance of the

state outside of Clark County.

McCracken said the U.S. Department of Labor released funds Monday (Feb. 10) and that ESD was able to place workers into the newly-created jobs immediately.

Reno and Washoe County received \$602,781, while \$833,284 was allocated to the balance of the state. Las Vegas and Clark County administer their own program and have received allocations of about \$2.5 million.

McCracken said preference was given to the long-term unemployed and those who had exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits or were ineligible to draw benefits.

Public service positions filled included carpenters, painters, correctional officers, hospital workers, teacher aides, computer operator trainees, environmental health investigator, account clerks and animal control officer.

Immunization Clinics

The District Health Department has scheduled free immunization clinics and free well baby examinations for Clark County families.

Well baby examinations are available by appointment only for children up to four years of age at the Paradise Park Clinic at 4770 Harrison (off Tropicana) from 1:30 to 3:30 PM on Monday, Mar. 3.

The public health nurse will check the child for normal growth and development, and make referrals if any abnormalities are observed.

To make an appointment call the Health Department at 385-1291 extension 325.

Free immunization for diphtheria, polio and both types of measles are available to children between two months and 21 years of age at the following locations:

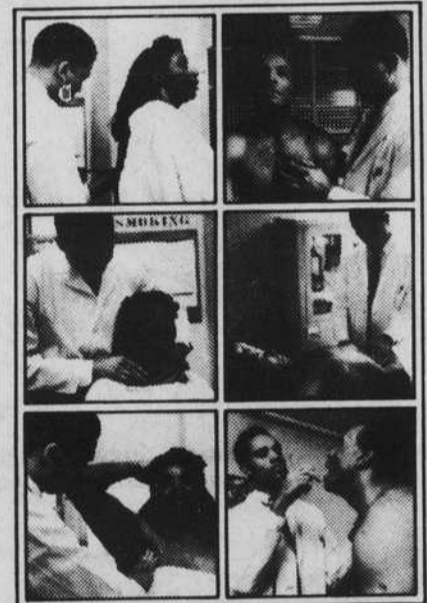
Teen Center in Boulder City from 1:30 to 4 PM on Wednesday (Mar. 5).

Panama Clinic in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 42 Pacific Ave., in Henderson from 8 AM to noon on Wednesday (Mar. 5).

Boys Club at 2530 E. Carey in North Las Vegas from 9 AM to noon on Friday (Mar. 7).

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