

Request Due For Hospital In Claremore

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WASHINGTON—The U.S. Indian Health Service will ask for about \$2.5 million in next year's budget to build a new Indian hospital in Claremore.

A service spokesman said Friday that planning a new structure to replace the existing one is still under way and a final estimate of the cost will not be available until the federal budget is prepared for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1968. That budget will be submitted by the President to Congress next January.

Congress appropriated \$93,000 last year to plan the hospital.

Rep. Ed Edmondson, Muskogee, indicated earlier in the week that he would seek funds to begin construction immediately. Expressing disappointment that the building money was not in the budget before Congress, Edmondson implied he would try to see that it is included in the funds Congress provides for the fiscal year beginning this July 1.

The IHS spokesman pointed out that since the planning is still under way, the construction money was not requested in the pending budget.

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