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Mr. A--

Chief Belvin called to say he didn't think the Indians were unhappy over the changes in services at Antlers. He was at Talihina visiting with Dr. Reilav Bailey there when he called. He said the Public Health Service in these programs now and was working closely with him and the Indians invoceting results there exerviting is going fine.

I suggested that Dr. Bailey or Dr. Robertson go to Antlers and talk with the people about the situation and see what could be worked out.

Dr. Bailey promised to call John Hicks and go over to see him today.

Dr. Robertson called me from Oklahoma City to say they were going to work this out...and they hoped it would be to our complete satisfaction.

He said Calvin Beames, his executive officer, advised they should put the nurse back on duty full time at Antlers. He said if that's what it takes, he'll do it. Calvin is in Utah or would go in himself to check on situation.

If you get a chance, Chief Belvin would like for you to call him.

I told him we weren't upset at all about the situation and were satisfied it could be workedmen out. He said he had had only one complaint from a woman who is married to an Indian. When Chief Belvin explained everything to her, she was satisfied, he said.

I believe everything is under control on this. Dr. Robertson wants to do the right thing and I believe it will work out.

Incidentally, Mrs. Belvin had a heart attack 3 weeks ago and is in

Durant hospital. We sent her a "get well" wire yesterday. She's getting along o.k.

11-1-67

CARL ALBERT, M. C. (Official)

10-30-67

Dr. Jack C. Robertson Indian Health Area Director Indian Health Area Office 506 Petroleum Club Building 120 Robert S. Kerr Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Appreciated your wire of October 24 re: reduction of medical services at Antlers. However, we continue to get complaints. We are advised where registered nurse was on duty five days a week, she has been replaced by nurse only one day a week. Services said to be completely unsatisfactory. Please contact Mr. John Hicks, Phone 298-2479, Antlers, or Mr. Stuard Halley, Halley Drug, Antlers, for more details. Hope something can be done immediately.

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

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AIRMAIL

October 25, 1967



Mr. Stuart Halley Halley Drug Company 108 North High Antlers, Oklahoma

Dear Stuart:

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You will note Dr. Robertson's promise to "Immediately re-examine and continue to evaluate the program and adjust services where needed to meet the needs of the people."

We appreciated your letting us know about the situation and giving us an opportunity to try to help.

My warm personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C. Third District, Oklahoma

CA/Wia

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TO HONORABLE CARL ALBERT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASH D C 20515

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CREATED AN IMPRESSION OF REDUCTION OF TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
CHANGES WERE WORKED OUT WITH CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONCURRENCE
OF CHIEF HARRY J. W. BELVIN. WE WILL IMMEDIATELY RE-EXAMINE AND
CONTINUE TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM AND ADJUST SERVICES WHERE NEEDED
TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS

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Dr. Jack Robertson Indian Health Area Director Department of Health, Education & Welfare 506 Petroleum Club Bldg. 120 Robert S. Kerr Avenue Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Am receiving bitter complaints about reduction of medical services to Pushmataha county, Antlers, Okla. People there can't understand why services being reduced there and yet new services inaugurated elsewhere. They were pleased with services before reduction. Will appreciate your review of situation and reinstatement of services if at all possible. Regards.

> CARL ALBERT, M. C. Third District, Oklahoma

CA/Wia

John Hicks, Antlers, and Stuart B. Halley, Halley Drug Co., Antlers, both called 10-20-67 to complain about a reduction in services being offered by Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, in Antlers and Pushmataha county.

It seems that the In Publickx Health Service had contracted with a local physician Dr. A. W. Haddox, to provide medical services for Indians in that area. Now that is being withdrawn and a medical doctor will be sent in only one day a week and a licensed practical nurse one day a week, the doctor on Kriwayx Wednesday and the nurse on Friday.

Heretofore, there a clerk had been on duty in the office every day.

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At the same time, PHS is reducing services in Pushmataha county, it is inaugurating services in Broken Bow and Idabel. Clinics will be held in Broken Bow from 10 to 12 Mondays and Thursdays and in Idabel from 1 to 3 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Indians of area will suffer from this reduction, both callers pointed out.

CLW explained about economy move which is now on. Both of these men felt

we should economize elsewhere and not in services to propex our poor Indians.

Mr. Halley said he had talked with Joe Anderson and was trying to call Jimmy Belvin.

He was irate. He admitted he had a little selfish interest in that his drug business would be effected but he said his main concern mix was for the Indians.

DIVISION OF INDIAN HEALTH

ANALYSIS OF CONTRACT MEDICAL CARE COST INCREASES

Comparison of Fiscal Years 1967 and 1968

A summary analysis of DIH contract medical care cost increases by Area in hospitalization and physicians services is attached. Also attached is a table by each line item (hospitalization, travel, professional field supervision, physicians' services, dental services and other) comparing 1968 fund availability to 1968 revised requirements based on 1967 experience. This summary analysis indicates that the Division has experienced 10.9% increase in the cost of hospital care and an 18% increase in physicians fees to date in F.Y. 1968 as compared to F.Y. 1967.

These increased costs in hospitalization and physician fees have actually been experienced. Additional cost increases in 1968, however, are a certainty since a number of major hospital vendors have not completed their F.Y. 1967 audits and, therefore, their new contracts for F.Y. 1968 have not been negotiated. Contracts now in the process of negotiation are anticipated to generate an additional fund requirement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.

In addition, hospital contracts are subject to renegotiation at 6 month intervals and a number of Areas report that they have been notified by the contract hospitals to expect increased rates. Based on past experience, we would anticipate at least another 10% increase in hospital costs during the present fiscal year.

The impact of titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act are reflected in the F.Y. 1967 figures. The only new program implemented in F.Y. 1968 that will have significant impact on the DIH program is in Montana. It is estimated that this program will reduce DIH contract medical care demends by approximately \$75,000. New programs are planned for South Dakota and Wyoming but are not yet implemented. Their impact cannot be determined at this time.

To finance the additional amount of funds needed in 1968 for contract medical care from other activities would mean that a large percentage of new Hospital and Field positions provided in the 1968 appropriation could not be funded. Absorptions in the 1968 program are already taking place. A preliminary analysis of 1967 costs indicates that the increased cost for drugs, medicines, laundry, other supplies and other services has resulted in the support of less man years in 1967 than anticipated. This deficit in unfundable man years due to unbudgeted increased costs will have to be carried into the 1968 operation. An additional decrease in the 1968 program will be required if the Division is forced to absorb 1968 W/B increases and higher nurse salaries recently approved by the Civil Service Commission.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, and the attached schedules additional contract medical care funds in the total amount of \$1,650,560 are required in 1968 in order to maintain the program at the 1967 level.

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Division of Indian Health Contract Medical Care - Examples of Significant Cost Increases - By Area 1968 Over 1967

Area	FY 1967	FY 1968 Rate	% Increase in Costs
Aberdeen			
1. Hospitals Bennett-Clarkson Memorial Fee for Service	\$47.35	\$53,00	11.9
Creighton Memorial-St. Joseph's Per Diem	47.71	63.32	32
2. Physicians and Clinics	Rel.Val.Sched. Conv. Factor	Rel.Val.Sched. Conv. Factor	
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	PY 1967 Contract Charge	Fy 1968 Fee Basis	% Increase
Central Alaskan Missions	\$1,200/quar	cer CRVS \$5.25 per	unit 408
	FY 1967 Contract Charge	FY 1968 Contract Charge	% Increase
D. Dale, M. D.	\$800 Per Month	\$900 Per Month	n 12
Billings	FY 1967 Per Diem	FY 1968 Per Diem	% Increase
1. Hospitals			
Columbus, Great Falls, Mont. Community, Poplar, Montana St. Joseph's, Polson, Montana	26.92	Fee Sched. \$30.00 31.17	10 11 14
2. Physicians and Clinics	PY 1967 Unit Rate	FY 1968 Unit Rate	% Increase
Mission Clinic F.M. Campbell, M. D. W. E. Benkelman, M. D.	4.00 4.00 4.00		20 20 20
Oklahoma City	FY 1967 Per Diem	FY 1968 Per Diem	% Increase
1. Hospitals			
St. John's, Tulsa	∜38.73	\$45.53	17
2. Physicians and Clinics	FY 1967 Unit Rate	FY 1968 Unit Rate	% Increase
Anadarko, Clinic J. Abelarde, M. D.	\$7,200 per annum 5,700 per annum	\$14,400 per annum 6,600 per annum	
3. Misc. Services	FY 1967 Cost	FY 1968 Cost	% Increase
Florida State Contract (Hosp. and physician services	\$110,000	\$137,500	34
Phoenix	FY 1967 Per Diem	FY 1968 Per Diem	% Increase
1. Hospitals			
Good Samaritan	\$56.63	\$67.94	19
St. Joseph's Washoe Med. Ctr.	57.47 48.04	68.18	18 19
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Phoenix - Continued 2. Physicians and Clinics	FY 1967 Fee or RVS Factor	FY 1968 Fee or RVS Factor	% Incresse
Becker and Dales, M. D.'s	\$5.00	\$5.00	20
E. Charles Bill, M. D.	4.60	5.00	24
Portland 1. Hospitals	FY 1967 Per Diem	FY 1968 Per Diem	% Increase
St. Anthony Mercy	\$39.34	\$47.78	21.
Pendleton Comm. Hospital	36.31	42.34	16
Central Mem. Hospital	35.92	40.03	11.

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