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NATURE AND PURPOSE

The American Public Health Association is a non-governmental organization. Established in 1872 to protect and promote public and personal health, it is the only national professional society providing a common forum for the field of public health and a single voice for the physicians, nurses, educators, civic leaders, engineers, dentists, sanitarians, laboratory scientists, nutritionists, statisticians, industrial hygienists and other specialists making up the community health team.

ORGANIZATION

The Association has 20,000 Members and Fellows. These and the 25,000 members of its 52 Affiliates make it the largest public health organization in the world. The APHA makes its contributions through its fifteen Sections. These Sections, each of which elects its own officers, are: Dental Health, Engineering and Sanitation, Epidemiology, Food and Nutrition, Health Officers, Laboratory, Maternal and Child Health, Medical Care, Mental Health, Occupational Health, Public Health Education, Public Health Nursing, Radiological Health, School Health, Statistics and Unaffiliated. The Association contributes also through its nearly 200 active Committees and more than 80 official delegates to working groups of other associations.

PROGRAM - THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION:

- establishes personnel standards through statements of desirable training and experience requirements for health workers;
- establishes the procedural standards for testing water, milk and food and for evaluating housing;
- stimulates research and exploration of health-conserving technics;
- develops community health evaluation and appraisal processes;
- accredits schools of public health;
- develops examinations for evaluating professional health personnel through its Professional Examination Service;
- sponsors programs of continuing education;
- promotes public understanding of public health;
- publishes the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH and other periodicals;
- publishes over 40 methods, manuals and books covering the entire spectrum of public health from environmental hazards through manpower and financing, for example, to personal and preventive health services;
- conducts the largest and most influential annual health meeting in the world.

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICES

Persons professionally engaged or with a serious interest in public health are eligible for membership. Annual dues are \$15 (\$17 outside the United States) and include the American Journal of Public Health and periodic Association and Section Newsletters. A sample copy of the Journal and lists of publications are available upon request. The APHA Placement Service maintains an active register of public health openings. A Group Life Insurance Plan is available to APHA members and their families.

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