

1961 Program With Certain Hospitals Providing A Minimum Of
Services To Negro Patients

As we plan programs in the field of health services for 1961, it is apparent that certain hospitals appear to be providing a minimum of services to nonwhite patients. Such practices are not in compliance with the city hospital ordinance; may even violate Illinois Statutes.

Hospital organizations whose administrators, boards and other personnel are making a real effort to comply with the Municipal Ordinance are not encouraged in their efforts if certain other institutions are successfully and flagrantly violating the ordinance as a result of no complaints being filed on their practices.

In view of the above, it is proposed that staff of the Department of Housing and Community Services will make an inventory of racial practices of hospitals that are providing a minimum of services to nonwhite patients and appear to be in violation of the Municipal Hospital Ordinance. The inventory will be based on the departmental check list.

After the Inventory of Hospital Practices has been documented, staff of the department will develop a list of "Findings" in respect to the hospital's compliance or noncompliance with public policy requiring:

- a. nondiscrimination in employment of persons regardless of race
- b. admission for care or treatment, equality of care or treatment in a hospital, or the use of any of the hospital's facilities and services relating to care or treatment without regard to race of the applicant.

Upon approval of the "Findings" and appropriate recommendations to the hospital by the Executive Director, the following steps will be initiated by the department:

1. Arrangement of a hearing in Corporation Counsel's office involving the following:
 - Hospital Board President, Administrator and Chief of Medical Staff and any other appropriate hospital official.
 - Representative of Corporation Counsel and Commissioner of Health
 - One or two Commissioners of the Commission on Human Relations and staff
2. Presentation of "Findings and Recommendations" followed by discussion
3. Obtaining assurances that written recommendations to be sent to the Board President after the hearing will be presented to the hospital board for adoption and implementation
4. Periodic checks with hospital officials of the implementation of the recommendation

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