

November 10, 1970

DOMESTIC COUNCIL
DHEW Presentation

I. Selected Gross Parameters relating to the Nation's Health

- a) Increasing life span in this century
- b) Comparison with other countries
 - 1. life span
 - 2. infant and maternal mortality

II. Health Expenditures

- 1. compared with other countries
- 2. costs for physicians, hospitalization, drugs

III. Varying Health Statistics of Sub-Populations on the basis of:

- 1. sex
- 2. race
- 3. income
- 4. age
- 5. geography

IV. Problems with the System or Systems

- (ORG) →*
- 1. no responsibility or accountability for
 - a) quantity of health manpower, facilities, etc.
 - b) distribution of health manpower, facilities, etc.
 - c) quality of care; availability of care
 - d) efficiency of system
 - e) improving the system
 - f) citizen health education
 - 2. institutional and governmental obstacles to efficiency and resource expansion
 - a) state barriers to licensure
 - 1. allied health professionals
 - b) malpractice problems
 - c) insurance pays cost plus - leading to inefficiency and high cost forms of care
 - d) no system incentives for use of preventive services
 - e) medical school costs and length of training restrict access to certain groups
 - 3. complexity and inefficiency of federal support mechanisms

land use

need pre-emption?

V. Toward a National Health Policy

1. action-forcing events
2. the need for a national strategy--goals and Federal role
3. broad strategies for action
 - a) citizen education
 - b) prevention
 - c) institutional reform and resource creation
 - d) financing

VI. Financing

1. present Federal health care financing programs
2. problems with present Federal programs
3. fundamental issues--government at the crossroads
4. suggested strategy