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NEWS RELEASE

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More than \$6 million in contracts and grants has been awarded to institutions in 26 States and the District of Columbia by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare during the first year of a new program to train physician's assistants for primary care, it was reported today.

About 1,430 students are enrolled in the programs supported by the 37 contracts and 2 grants awarded during the period ending September 30.

The first 25 contracts were announced August 10.

The 39 awards are the first for this type of training by the Office of Special Programs which was set up recently within the Bureau of Health Manpower Education to carry out sections of the Comprehensive Health Manpower Training Act of 1971, a key element of President Nixon's health strategy. The Bureau is a component of HEW's National Institutes of Health.

The largest award, \$327,412, was received by the Dartmouth Medical School to train physician's assistants for service in rural areas of New England. One institution, the University of Colorado Medical Center, received two awards--one to train Child Health Associates and the other for Obstetrical Associates.

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The new program supports the training of physician's assistants to improve the delivery of medical services, especially in inner-city and rural areas. Graduates of these training programs will assist physicians practicing family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics or emergency medicine.

The training of physician's assistants, a comparatively new occupational category, varies widely. The training period ranges from one to five years and ends with the award of a degree or certificate. Graduates are addressed by various titles, depending upon the program completed, such as physician's assistant, Medex, Child Health Associate, Clinical Associate, Medical Services Assistant, etc.

Estimates of the number of physician's assistants trained to date in the U.S. range from 200 to 400.

Legislation permitting physicians to use physician's assistants has been enacted by 24 States: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia. In the absence of legislation, the role of physician's assistants is determined by custom and usage.

(A COMPLETE LIST OF AWARDS IS ATTACHED)

LIST OF PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS CONTRACT* RECIPIENTS, AMOUNT AND
PROJECT DIRECTOR

ALABAMA

University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham,
Walter Frommeyer Jr., M.D., \$131,490 (grant).

CALIFORNIA

Casa Loma College, Pacoima, John Celentano, M.D., \$124,687.

Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, Los Angeles,
M. Alfred Haynes, M.D., \$212,156.

Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, Michael T. B. Dennis, M.D.,
\$188,226.

COLORADO

University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, Henry K. Silver, M.D.,
\$125,844.

University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, James Delaney, M.D.,
\$130,454 (grant).

CONNECTICUT

Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Alfred M. Sadler, Jr., M.D.,
\$271,221.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

George Washington University School of Medicine, Thomas E. Piemme, M.D.,
\$117,872.

Howard University College of Medicine, Robert H. Williams, M.D., \$181,283.

FLORIDA

University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville,
Richard A. Henry, M.D., \$129,385.

GEORGIA

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Robert E. Jewett, M.D.,
\$168,654.

Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, John R. Palmer, M.D., \$169,303.

HAWAII

University of Hawaii School of Medicine, Honolulu, Terence A. Rogers, Ph.D.,
\$279,668.

* The two grants are listed specifically.

INDIANA

Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis,
Raymond H. Murray, Ph.D., \$122,717.

IOWA

University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City,
Arthur W. Horsley, M.D., \$124,988.

KANSAS

Wichita State University College of Health Related Professions, Wichita,
D. Cramer Reed, M.D., \$85,396.

MARYLAND

Johns Hopkins University School of Health Sciences, Baltimore,
Archie S. Golden, M.D., \$128,492.

MASSACHUSETTS

Northeastern University, Boston, Suzanne B. Greenberg, \$15,560.

MICHIGAN

Mercy College of Detroit, Harriet Gales, \$75,222.

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, John J. Josten, Ph.D., \$104,758.

MISSOURI

St. Louis University School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions,
St. Louis, F.A. Zacharewicz, M.D., \$108,549.

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson, James D. Hardy, M.D.,
\$105,076.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, Bella Strauss, M.D., \$327,412.

NEW YORK

Albany Medical College, Albany, Stuart W. Cooper, M.D., \$194,344.

Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn, Arnold Lewis, M.D., \$131,655.

Harlem Hospital Center, New York, G. Kenneth Henry, M.D., \$276,636.
(Contract awarded to and administered by Antioch College,
Washington, D.C. Campus)

State University of New York at Stony Brook, School of Allied Health
Professions, Edmund J. McTernan, \$136,866.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wake Forest University, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem,
Leland Powers, M.D., \$130,848.

Duke University Medical Center, Durham, D. Robert Howard, M.D.,
\$262,909.

NORTH DAKOTA

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, Gerald R. Bassett, M.D.,
\$267,577.

OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, William D. Stanhope, P.A.,
\$196,263.

PENNSYLVANIA

Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia,
David W. Major, M.D., \$171,502.

Pennsylvania State University, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center,
Hershey, Thomas L. Leaman, M.D., \$103,243.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, Arthur C. Hutson Jr., M.D.,
\$221,051.

TEXAS

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Medical Center, Houston,
Robert J. Luchi, M.D., \$151,474.

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, School of Allied
Health Sciences, Robert K. Bing, Ed. D., \$116,474.

UTAH

University of Utah Medical Center, Salt Lake City, C. H. Castle, M.D.,
\$110,695.

WEST VIRGINIA

Alderson-Broadus College, Philippi, H. C. Myers, M.D., \$95,833.

WISCONSIN

Marshfield Clinic Foundation, Marshfield, Francis Lohrenz, M.D., \$83,982.

TOTAL

\$6,079,765