

nursing homes without a registered nurse on the staff.

In the five-county area selected for the program's demonstration, an additional nurse has been added to each county nursing staff. All the staff nurses have been trained further by the Louisville Visiting Nurse Association and the Rehabilitation Clinic of the Louisville General Hospital, and a nutritionist, physical therapist, and social worker have been made available by the State health department.

Physician and Nurse Liaison

Home care patients first enter the program on recommendation of the attending physician, who prescribes a specific regimen of care for the nurse. After the visit, the nurse reports back to the physician. The conditions found most frequently among home care patients are cancer, heart disease, hypertension, and rheumatic fever.

Public enthusiasm for the home care program

has brought the opportunity for group activities for the chronically ill and aged in one county, through a Senior Citizens Health Club.

To health agencies contemplating home care programs, the Kentucky State Department of Health offers these guidelines:

If you are waiting for more money, remember, there will never be enough. If there isn't adequate staff, let us use what we have. Leadership? Why not supply your own?

The people, the taxpayers know what they want. When they get services that they want they will support them. There is a lot of evidence that the people want tangible services—not just advice. Where tangible services are provided, the public supports the health department. It's just common sense.

To obtain more information about the Kentucky program of rural home care, write to Russell E. Teague, M.D., Secretary, Kentucky State Department of Health, Louisville, Ky., for a copy of the Bulletin of March-April 1959.

Cutler on Special Assignment

Dr. John C. Cutler, Assistant Surgeon General for Program, Public Health Service, has been assigned to the Allegheny County (Pa.) Health Department to direct that agency's central district.

The assignment was requested by the health directors of both the State and county, primarily to help materialize their plans for a local health demonstration unit which may serve as a model for other areas. Dr. Cutler has also joined the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

Prior to his current post, which he has held since July 1958, Dr. Cutler was assistant director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Public Health Service. After his appointment to the Commissioned Corps in 1942, he held a number of research,

instructional, and administrative posts in this country and abroad. He conducted venereal disease research at the Service's research laboratory at Staten Island before continuing his research and control work in this field overseas. In 1948 he received from the Guatemalan Government the Order of Merit for his work during an assignment to the Pan American Health Organization. He also organized a public health demonstration and training program in India for the World Health Organization in 1949-50.

Dr. Cutler is a diplomate of the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, a fellow of the American Public Health Association, counselor for the International Union Against Venereal Disease and Treponematoses, and director of the District of Columbia Social Hygiene Society.

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