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Authorization and Appropriation Enactment

WHITE HOUSE THANK YOU SUMMARY



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TO: Chris Jennings, Domestic Policy Office, The White House
Nicole Rabner, Office of the First Lady, The White House
Barbara Woolley, Office of Public Liaison, The White House

FROM: Pete Willson, N.A.C.H. *PW*

DATE: December 17, 1999

**SUBJECT: Thank You Letters and Press Releases on Funding
for Children's Hospitals' GME Funding**

We have compiled for you copies of thank you letters, press releases, and press coverage, which children's hospitals have generated to express their appreciation for the White House's leadership on behalf of securing new GME funding for independent children's teaching hospitals. A notebook with the copies is attached for you.

Included is a sample of a letter, which staff at many hospitals also are generating by calling our GME advocacy toll free 800# phone line. To date, our records indicate the 800# has generated more than 200 letters around the country to The White House.

In addition to these grassroots efforts, on December 15, the presidents of Children's National Medical Center and N.A.C.H. presented Mrs. Clinton with a giant size thank you card, on behalf of the nation's children's hospitals, telling her "We can't give you a big enough thanks!" This took place during the First Lady's annual holiday visit to Children's National Medical Center to meet with patients. We will arrange for you to have copies of photos taken of the presentation.

If there is anything else you would like to have, please let me know. We thank each of you also very much for all of your help and support!

National Association of
Children's Hospitals

LAWRENCE A. McANDREWS, FACHE
President & Chief Executive Officer



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December 3, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the National Association of Children's Hospitals, I want to express once again our deep appreciation for your leadership in seeking to establish federal support for more equitable graduate medical education (GME) funding for the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals. We are deeply grateful, too, for the commitment and support by the First Lady in bringing the importance of this issue to the attention of your Administration and Congress.

From your budget request last January to your budget negotiations with Congress this month, your leadership and your Administration's support were essential to addressing this issue. This program is so important not only to the future of the affected children's hospitals, including Arkansas Children's Hospital, but also the future of health care for all children.

As we said so many times in our advocacy on Capitol Hill, the GME programs of the independent children's teaching hospitals are critical in their ability to care for all children. Regardless of economic or medical need, this program conducts research to improve children's health care and to train the next generations of providers of care for children. Although fewer than one percent of all hospitals, they touch the lives of children in every state in the country.

By enacting both an authorization for \$285 million annually and a first year appropriation of \$40 million, Congress has taken the first important steps to providing more equitable GME funding for independent children's hospitals. We look forward to working with you in taking the next critically important steps to bring full equity in federal GME support to children's hospitals.

Sincerely,


Lawrence A. McAndrews

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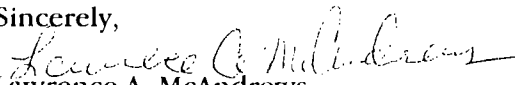
Your leadership on children's health issues throughout your career, including most recently in your capacity as First Lady, has been so important to the health and well-being of all children. It is deeply appreciated by the nation's children's hospitals.

Certainly this has been true during the past year with your invaluable support in bringing to the attention of the President and his Administration the need for federal policy to provide more equitable graduate medical education (GME) support for the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals, including Arkansas Children's Hospital. In the increasingly competitive health care marketplace, which often does not recognize essential public goods, such as GME, the inability of children's hospitals to qualify for significant Medicare GME support has become very problematic.

Because of your efforts, the Administration played a critically important role in advancing this cause with Congress. The President's budget request in January placed it squarely on the congressional budget agenda this year and his support in the final budget negotiations with Congress this fall resulted in the enactment of an initial appropriation of \$40 million. This is an important first step toward achieving the full level of commensurate GME support for children's hospitals, which Congress has recognized with an annual authorization of \$285 million in the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act."

As children's hospitals celebrate this achievement, each and every one of us remembers that you announced the Administration's support last January and stood with us in the ceremonial offices of the Vice President to launch our advocacy this year. Your efforts help our member hospitals to provide clinical care, education, and research programs that touch the lives of children in every state of the country. We look forward to working with the Administration and Congress to build upon the first steps toward full equity in federal GME support for children's hospitals in FY 2001.

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PRESS RELEASE
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November 19, 1999

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**Children's Hospitals Applaud Congress, President for
Funding Pediatrician Training**

McAndrews: "This bill will make a huge difference for children's health care."

Washington, DC --- Lawrence A. McAndrews, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Association of Children's Hospitals, today applauded Congress and the President for passage of legislation to both authorize and appropriate funding for graduate medical education at independent children's hospitals.

Tonight, the House passed the *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* by Rep. Nancy Johnson (R-CT) and Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE) as part of S. 580, legislation to reauthorize the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. The Senate passed the bill unanimously earlier this month, and the President is expected to sign it into law.

The House also passed last night the FY 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill including \$40 million in start-up funding for the program, which will help independent children's teaching hospitals cover the costs of training the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. President Clinton has included the start-up funding in his FY 2000 budget.

"This legislation will make a huge difference for children's health care," said McAndrews. "Together, Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step, providing what amounts to start-up funding to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're delighted by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding next year. We still have a ways to go, but we're glad to see progress being made. The leadership shown by the key leaders in Congress and the President on this issue will make a real difference to the nation's independent children's hospitals and their patients. Because of the reach of these hospitals' training and research programs, this bill will positively impact the quality of children's health care across the nation."

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The *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* authorizes Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals. The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including more than 200 sponsors in the House and more than 40 in the Senate. The issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Joining Rep. Johnson in championing the bill in the House were Reps. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bill Thomas (R-CA), Jim Greenwood (R-PA), Michael Bilirakis (R-FL), John Dingell (D-MI), John Porter (R-IL), Bill Young (R-FL), Deborah Pryce (R-OH), Spencer Bachus (R-AL), Brian Bilbray (R-CA), Kay Granger (R-TX), and many others. Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-IL) played a critical role in final passage of the authorization.

Joining Sen. Kerrey in championing the bill in the Senate were Sens. Kit Bond (R-MO), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Slade Gorton (R-WA), Arlen Specter (R-PA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), Connie Mack (R-FL), Bob Graham (D-FL), and many others. The leadership of Sen. Bill Frist (R-TN) allowed the children's hospitals GME bill to come to a vote in the Senate as part of the health services research bill.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

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PRESS RELEASE
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**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LEADERS ATTEND WHITE HOUSE SIGNING
OF "CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ACT"**

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CONGRESS

Leaders bring home the bacon

By **RACHEL SMOLKIN**
BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

WASHINGTON — Tucked into the federal spending bills just completed by Congress are millions of dollars for Alabama projects.

There's \$80 million for space transportation research at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, \$13 million for a training center at Fort McClellan and more than \$7 million for Birmingham transportation projects. There are funds for studying the ecology of coastal lands and for

Federal bills mean millions for state

early learning initiatives. Even the historic Clay County courthouse gets \$500,000 for renovations.

Alabama's Republican senators, Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, opposed the final spending package, worth \$390 billion.

Shelby objected to spending provisions for the District of Columbia and to patent provisions he said

might not protect small, independent inventors.

Sessions opposed the package because he said he believes the policy of bringing an enormous spending bill to the floor on the last day of the session needs to stop. "His primary concern is that senators are not given time to analyze the legislation," spokesman John Cox said.

All seven Alabama House mem-

bers supported the measure.

Despite Sessions and Shelby's opposition to the final budget package, they worked with Alabama's House members during the process to find money for the state.

Four members of Alabama's nine-member delegation sit on appropriations committees, the centers for sending money home. Shelby is a senior member on the

Senate Appropriations Committee and is chairman of the transportation subcommittee.

Rep. Sonny Callahan is chairman of a House appropriations subcommittee, earning him clout as a member of the so-called College of Cardinals. Reps. Bud Cramer, D-Huntsville and Robert Aderholt, R-Haleyville, also serve on the House Appropriations Committee.

Critics deride earmarks for local

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projects as "pork" that wastes federal taxpayer dollars.

"Congress and the president have just set a new record for pork-barrel spending," said Thomas Schatz, president of Citizens Against Government Waste, a watchdog group. "These people throw money around faster than Regis Philbin," host of the popular television show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Others say designating funds for local projects is an integral part of a congressman's job and an important way to aid causes back home. Rep. Bob Riley, R-Ashland, secured \$1 million for 20 public school systems in his district to purchase computers and improve Internet access for students.

"It's hard to describe giving a computer to a kid out in Macon County, Ala., to narrow the technol-

ogy gap as a pork project," said Riley spokesman Pepper Bryars. "If it is, so be it, because it's something that has to be done."

For the fourth year in a row, Shelby secured \$400,000 for a sturgeon conservation program. Cramer added \$1 million toward building a new site for the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville.

Parts of the budget deal with Alabama interests but do not provide direct funding. Riley succeeded in his bid to get the federal government to transfer the recently closed Fort McClellan to Calhoun County at no cost for the county's economic development.

Riley and Sessions also secured federal protection for Dugger Mountain, the state's second-highest peak. The legislation designates 9,200 acres in east Alabama's Talladega National Forest as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness Area.

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Funding for Alabama

Among the Alabama projects the delegation found federal funds for:

Science and defense

- \$560 million for the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense System, assembled in Courtland and managed out of Huntsville.
- \$80 million for Spaceliner 100, a research effort to strengthen the future role of Marshall Space Flight Center in NASA. The program's goal is to make future space transportation more like airline transportation.
- \$5 million for the new National Center for Space Research and Technology in Huntsville, a joint venture between Marshall Space Flight Center and several Alabama research institutions.
- Aderholt found \$5 million for Summa Technology in Cullman and Quality Research in Huntsville to research a robotic vehicle that clears minefields.
- \$4 million for SciQuest to

purchase hands-on exhibits for the North Alabama Science Center.

A Justice Department center in Anniston

■ \$13 million for the Center for Domestic Preparedness at Fort McClellan, up from \$8.5 million the year before. The center trains state and local first responders, such as firefighters and emergency medical personnel, to prevent and respond to incidents of domestic terrorism.

■ \$1 million for emergency medical response training at Fort McClellan's Noble Army Hospital.

Transportation

■ \$3.25 million for public transit in Birmingham and Jefferson County. Includes \$1.25 million for upgrading the Birmingham bus fleet and \$2 million for constructing a facility near Central Station for multiple forms of transportation.

■ \$3 million for the Birmingham transit corridor study, one of the first steps for constructing a light rail system.

■ \$1.25 million for Birmingham International Airport to replace the air traffic control tower facilities and modernize the equipment.

Community projects

■ \$1.9 million for the downtown riverfront project in Montgomery.

■ \$500,000 to help renovate the historic Clay County Courthouse.

Higher education facilities and research

■ \$1.5 million for the Spring Hill College in Mobile to expand the library and create a regional learning center.

■ \$1.25 million for the University of Alabama at Birmingham to fund development of a Center for Injury Sciences, which will enhance research on preventing, treating and mitigating effects of motor vehicle injuries.

■ \$1 million for the University of South Alabama Center for Estuarine Research. To study the ecology of coastal lands and seascapes in the Gulf Coast and Mobile Bay areas.

■ \$500,000 for the University of Alabama Child Development Facility to aid early learning initiatives.

Hospitals

■ \$1 million for Children's Hospital in Birmingham to help build a new research center. Rep. Spencer Bachus, R-Vestavia Hills, worked to get this funding and to add provisions allowing children's hospitals across the nation to get reimbursed for some of the cost of training pediatricians.

Public schools

■ \$1 million - \$50,000 each for 20 public school systems in Riley's district - to purchase computers and introduce more students to the Internet.

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Childrens Hospital Los Angeles Praises Congress and President For Passage of Legislation to Fund Training for Pediatricians

***Special thanks to Representatives Becerra, Waxman, Dixon, Rogan and Thomas
for leadership on issue critical to children's health***

(Los Angeles) --- Among its final actions (Nov. 18) before recessing this year, the United States Congress approved, and will send to the President, legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Childrens Hospital Los Angeles' ability to provide that care.

The House of Representatives incorporated the *Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act* into related legislation and sent it to President Clinton for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals such as Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Walter W. Noce, Jr., president and CEO, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill has broad, bipartisan support. Among the more than 40 Senate and 200 House cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation, were Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representatives Thomas, Capps, Gallegly, Sherman, McKeon, Berman, Rogan, Dreier, Waxman, Becerra, Martinez, Dixon, Roybal-Allard, Napolitano, Kuykendall, Millender-McDonald, Sanchez and Lewis. This issue also

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had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady. “We are especially grateful to Congressman Bill Thomas for his important role in moving this legislation this year,” Noce stressed.

Funding through Medicare reimbursement has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physicians training. Although independent children’s teaching hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, they train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians, and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. Yet, because children’s hospitals don’t treat Medicare patients (elderly), they aren’t eligible for the vast majority of GME funding.

In fact, independent children’s hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children’s hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

“All of us at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles thank those who cosponsored this important legislation,” Noce said. “We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children’s health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children’s unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need.”

Founded in 1901, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is a global resource for advanced pediatric care, research and medical education. Each year, the nonprofit 314-bed hospital treats nearly 200,000 patients from newborn to 18 years of age with specialized, multidisciplinary care in pediatric and adolescent medicine. CHLA provides family-centered care, including support services for parents, siblings and other family members. Childrens Hospital Los Angeles houses an internationally recognized research program and, since 1932, has trained pediatric specialists through its affiliation with the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California.

U.S. News & World Report has named Childrens Hospital Los Angeles one of the top four pediatric facilities in the nation since 1990, and its panel of 2,400 physicians has ranked CHLA the best in the West for 10 straight years.

Visit our website: www.ChildrensHospitalLA.org



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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500



Dear Mr. President:

Walter W. Noce, Jr.
President and
Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

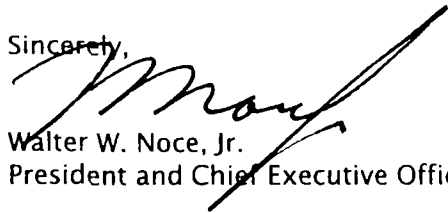
It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,


Walter W. Noce, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

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a special article about chla in ladies' home journal:
thrown for a loop: chris medina

The following article about Childrens Hospital Los Angeles and patient Chris Medina is appearing in the December 1999 issue of Ladies' Home Journal.

The setting: Friday evening at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), a 314-bed facility with a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center.

The scene: The emergency room is hopping—toddlers wheezing from asthma, a baby shaking with seizures, a 3-year-old with a leg gash down to the bone.

6:25 p.m.: The loud, distinct ring from the trauma phone stops Lourdes Escalona, M.D., in her tracks.

"A 7-year-old ejected from a car—code yellow!" Escalona exclaims, giving the hospital's signal for the highest-level trauma.

The hospital chopper is bringing the little boy from La Puente, about 20 miles east of L.A. The trauma room is cleared and prepped.

6:37 p.m.: Beepers sound. The trauma team, always on call, is mobilized. A surgeon is in charge.

6:50 p.m.: Chris Medina is pulled from the chopper and

placed on a gurney: a collar protects his neck and a board immobilizes his spine. His aunt, Nery Benitez, jumps out of the aircraft, shivering.

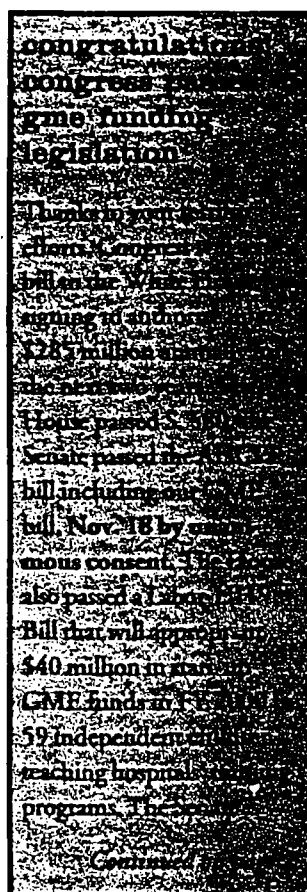
6:52 p.m.: In the trauma room, more than 10 people swarm around the boy. His clothes are cut away. A nurse inserts an IV, draws blood and starts fluids. "It may look like chaos, but everyone knows what he's doing," says Pamela Griffith, R.N.C., Trauma Program manager.

Chris is alert and breathing without difficulty. He is scraped and bruised, with a dark, baseball-sized bump on his forehead and some minor bleeding on his arm and leg.

Eyes wide with terror, he starts to cry. "Hi, Chris. Don't be scared," Escalona says soothingly. "You're doing very well."

6:55 p.m.: Lab tests are run. Chris's urine appears free of blood, and his hematocrit—which measures red blood cells and might indicate internal bleeding if falling—is checked twice and looks normal. His white blood cell count is elevated, but doctors suspect that's simply a stress response.

7:01 p.m.: Calm and methodical, Escalona questions



23-year-old Nery about the accident and the boy's medical history. It turns out that Chris wasn't thrown from a vehicle. He ran into the road after a ball and was struck by a car going 25 miles per hour. He flew 20 feet, landing on the ground head first. Chris lost consciousness for a few minutes. Nery covered him to keep him warm.

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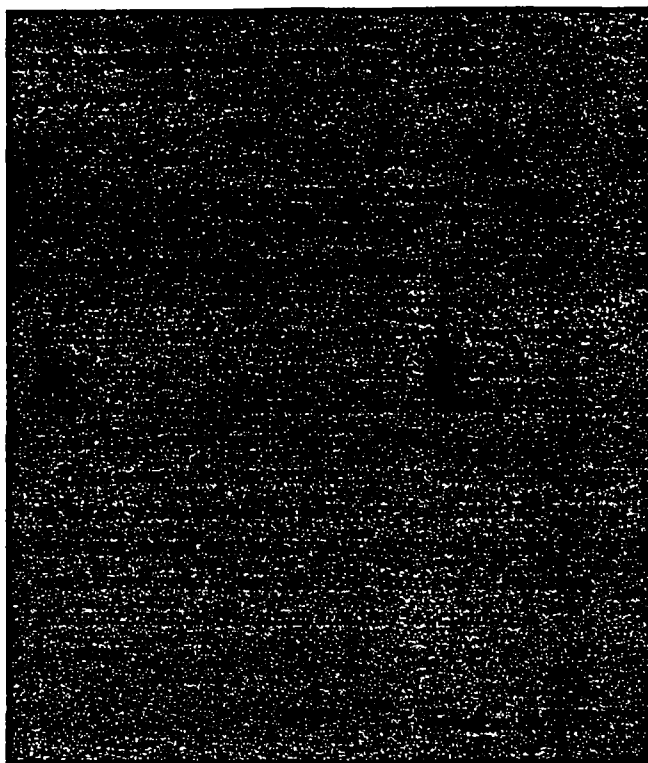
Staffing plans have been completed for the Y2K Code Orange standby (Dec. 31 through Jan. 2). Many managers are working two and three shifts in order to give their employees time off during this holiday period. Please check with your manager to confirm whether you are scheduled to work, to be on-call or have been released from work during that time.

Due to the need to make your computer applications Y2K compliant, software upgrades and patches will be performed through the end of the year.

For this reason, it's important for you to power off your machine each evening, so that when you log on in the morning you will pick up any pending Y2K upgrades.

Areas that are 7X24 should re-boot in the early morning hours or when patient care will not be compromised.

Any computer that is not used 7X24 should be turned off when leaving at night to conserve energy. Powering down almost 1,500 computers will save on the hospital's utility costs. Please call the Help Desk at Ext. 4444 if you have any questions.



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His mother is in Mexico, visiting relatives. His father died last year.

7:09 p.m.: "We're just going to take some pictures—don't be scared," Escalona assures Chris, as a technician uses a portable machine to shoot X-rays of his neck, chest and pelvis. No broken bones. Doctors remove the neck brace and board. A physical exam finds no serious injuries.

"We think he's fine," Escalona tells Nery. "He's very lucky." The trauma team breaks up.

Chris's mother, Emma, hurriedly makes plans to fly home.

7:55 p.m.: Chris displays no signs of confusion or loss of consciousness, but doctors order a CAT scan and admit him to the hospital as a precaution because of the head

impact. Over the next twelve hours, they do regular neurological checks. His CAT scan comes back normal.

Nery spends the night beside him on a chair.

Saturday: Chris is sore and shaky. New X-rays indicate nothing awry. His white blood cell count has returned to normal. Doctors decide to keep him overnight for observation.

Sunday: His mother arrives. Chris is subdued, but ready to go home.

Epilogue: Weeks after the accident, he is running around and back in school. "Chris seemed okay," says his mom. "but he wouldn't even go in the front yard for a few weeks."

Some scars take longer to heal.

Reprinted from Ladies' Home Journal, December 1999.

bone marrow registry drive to be held tuesday, nov. 30

As part of National Bone Marrow Awareness Month, the CHLA Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) Program, Padres Contra El Cancer and Kid\$ COUNT will be hosting a Bone Marrow Registry Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the BMT Conference Room on the 4th Floor.

Be part of an important program that will put your name and information into an international database which identifies you as a potential bone-marrow donor.

A simple blood draw procedure is all that's needed to check your blood for human leukocyte antigen (HLA) matches.

Patients requiring a bone-marrow donation from someone outside their family

have only a one-in-20,000 chance of finding a donor through HLA matching. Help lower those odds and give someone else a second chance at life by donating your bone marrow.

Aspiration of bone marrow is done with a needle inserted into the hipbone. It's done as an outpatient procedure and usually causes only some soreness for a few days.

Registering with the National Marrow Donor Program is easy, and thanks to donated funds, is being done at no cost for CHLA employees.

Give someone the gift of life this holiday season. You'll feel good about it.

OPERATION

PAINTFEST

Creating Brighter Children's Hospitals

a kaleidoscope of colors: operation paintfest

The imaginations of hospitalized kids at CHLA will soar during "Operation PaintFest: Creating Brighter Children's Hospitals."

Through this program, walls and ceilings will bear the artistic signature of youngsters who will help paint 60 canvasses and 500 ceiling tiles—with butterflies, tropical fish and exotic animals.

Sponsored by The Foundation for Hospital Art in partnership with Pfizer Pediatric Health, this national program is making its debut at CHLA on Thursday, Dec. 2.

"From the perspective of a child, hospitals can feel like infinite corridors and rooms of sterility—an uninviting white-wash of mazes," explains John

Feight, executive director, The Foundation for Hospital Art.

"However, rooms that invite kids to feel like they just opened a brand new jar of paint transform them from the frightening reality of illness to the welcome respite of fantasy."

"Operation PaintFest is a perfect complement to the mission and spirit of Children's Hospital Los Angeles," says Efrain Fuentes, Ph.D., director, Patient and Family Services.

"When we were invited to participate in this program we were delighted, especially since we are in the midst of constructing a new surgery center and renovating the hospital's public spaces."

Working side-by-side with their families, medical team

members and volunteers.

CHLA patients will bring nature to life by using the pre-drawn and color-coded ceiling tiles and canvas outlines created by The Foundation for Hospital Art. Once completed, the tiles and canvasses will be permanently displayed in patient treatment rooms throughout the hospital.

Operation PaintFest

Thursday, Dec. 2
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3 South Waiting Room

For more information on Operation PaintFest, call Efrain Fuentes at Ext. 5478.

chad volleyball tournament raises \$3,000



Arista Burtrum, president and founder of the Chad Foundation for Athletes and Artists, presents a gift of \$3,000 to CHLA's Heart Institute. The funds are proceeds from the 5th Annual Chad Volleyball Tournament held Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Lakeside Country Club in Toluca Lake.

Pictured are Ms. Burtrum (holding check, right front) with Dr. Pierre Wong. Back row: Dr. Michael Silka, Dr. Alan Lewis and Dr. Arno R. Hohn.

respiratory syncytial virus in the child-care setting

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) causes infections of the upper respiratory tract—like a cold—and the lower respiratory tract—like pneumonia. It's the most frequent cause of lower respiratory infections—including pneumonia—in infants and children under two years of age.

At CHLA, this virus is taken very seriously. Marysia

Meylan, Infection Control coordinator, and Pamela Teitelbaum, Infection Control practitioner, are taking extra precautions to educate CHLA staff about this virus and the threat it poses to our young patients.

An RSV infection can range from very mild to life-threatening and can even be fatal. Children with heart or

lung disease and weak immune systems are at increased risk of developing severe infections and complications.

RSV is spread through direct contact with infectious secretions. You can contract the virus by breathing these moist secretions after an infected person has coughed, or by touching a contaminated

surface. A young child with RSV may be infectious for one-to-three weeks after symptoms subside.

The most effective preventive measure against the spread of RSV is careful and frequent handwashing.

For more information about RSV, call Infection Control at Ext. 5510.

physical therapy/occupational therapy accolades

◆ Edith Mak, OTR, Janet Lurie-Hauser, OTR, and Nancy Forero-Lilienfeld, PT, gave a poster presentation at the National AOTA Conference in Monterey, CA last month. The presentation was related to a competency tool for NICU therapists titled "Competency Checklist for the Neonatal and High Risk Infant Therapist" that they developed and also are having copyrighted.

◆ Jennifer Loisel, OTR, received a Master's Degree in Public Health from UCLA this year.

◆ Jamie Black, OTR, Jennifer Loisel, OTR, Susan Rethlefsen, PT, and Dr. Joan Wright received a grant to pursue a research project entitled "Functional Change in the Spastic Upper Extremity: A Comparison of Botox and Occupational Therapy." They are currently collecting data for this project.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen, PT, Anna Fern-Bunco, PT, Chere Dreyden, PT, and Dr. Robert

Kay are collecting data for a research grant funded by Allergan, investigating the effects of Botulinum Toxin and Serial Casting of the Lower Extremities in children with Cerebral Palsy.

◆ Nancy Forero-Lilienfeld, PT Yvette Brewer, PT, and Emily Levine, OTR, recently completed Board Certification in Neuro-Developmental Treatment, an eight-week post-graduate course in specialized treatment approach for neurologically impaired children.

◆ Elvira Burger, OTR, is participating in a pilot research study with Dr. Mitchell looking at the effects of IV Ig on children with opsoclonus myoclonus ataxia. Elvira is assessing fine-motor coordination in these children.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen PT, Sandi Dennis, PT, and Dr. Robert Kay completed and published a project entitled "The Effects of Fixed and Articulating Ankle Foot Orthoses on the Gait of

Children with Cerebral Palsy." The article was published in the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* in July/August 1999. Susan presented the study at a national conference in Washington, D.C., for the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine in September.

◆ Susan Rethlefsen, Sandi Dennis, and Dr. Robert Kay published an article in the *European Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* in April 1999 entitled "Outcome of Hamstring Lengthening and Distal Rectus Femoris Transfer in Children."

◆ Margaret Mortimore, PT, and Donna Groh, PT, are participating in a collaborative study with Children's Hospital of San Diego investigating "The Effectiveness of Foot Orthotics in the Management of Physical and Psychological Symptoms in Children with Juvenile Chronic Arthritis."

Please send your departmental announcements and achievements to Robin Moore, Editor, Mail Stop #59.

get your potluck ready!

For those employees working on Thanksgiving Day, the Food Service Department will be supplying sliced turkey, gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce, as well as serving utensils . . . and invites you to bring the extras!

An upcoming e-mail will announce the serving times and stations.

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equipment repair reminder

The Patient Care Services Equipment Subcommittee reminds CHLA staff that one of its goals is to have well-functioning equipment available to all who work here.

If equipment is in need of repair, please tag it with a yellow "equipment repair" ticket. Be specific about the problem and fill out the card

completely. Call Central Service at Ext. 2201 and they will pick up the broken item (with attached card) for repair.

If we all work to stay on top of these repairs we will be able to meet our goals and better serve our patients.

For more information, call Susan Santner at Ext. 2861.

don't forget: the parking office has moved . . .

*to the office adjacent to
the Employment Office
in the 4601 Sunset Blvd.
Building.*





For Immediate Release

November 29, 1999

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Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford Praises Congress, President for Passage of Legislation Funding Training for Pediatricians

PALO ALTO –Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress approved and has sent to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing on November 18, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it November 18, and the Senate on November 19.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Christopher Dawes, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Lucile Packard Children's Hospitals. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a way to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

(more)

Training Funding Passed

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Representatives Anna Eshoo (D), Nancy Pelosi (D), Tom Lantos (D), Zoe Lofgren (D), Sam Farr (D) and Tom Campbell (R) and Senators Barbara Boxer (D) and Dianne Feinstein (D) who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the GME legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for GME, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford owe special thanks to the entire Bay Area delegation who were early supporters and cosponsors. Each of these legislators played an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Dawes. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital –clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best –focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford is a part of Lucile Packard Children's Hospitals, the pediatric division of UCSF Stanford Health Care.

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Children's Hospital
of Orange County

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 24, 1999

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**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS**

**Kimberly Cripe: "Special thanks go to Senators Barbara Boxer and
Dianne Feinstein and Representative Loretta Sanchez for leadership on
this issue critical to children's health"**

(Orange) – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Children's Hospital of Orange County's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Children's Hospital of Orange County. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Kimberly Cripe, President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Hospital of Orange County. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and Representative Loretta Sanchez, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.



Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Children's Hospital of Orange County owe special thanks to those who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Ms. Cripe. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Founded in 1964, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) is Orange County's only hospital committed to promoting the safety and wellness of children through outreach, advanced research, advocacy and community education. Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the organization has grown to become a regional pediatric healthcare network that includes Children's Hospital at Mission Viejo, Clinica CHOC para Niños in Santa Ana, CHOC Register Clinic in Orange, Children's Hospital Foundation and CHOC Thrift Stores, providing comprehensive high-quality pediatric care to all of the community's children.

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December 1, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) in Orange, California, I want to express our profound gratitude for your critical leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. This legislative victory will benefit children nationwide.

With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in fiscal year 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

Children's teaching hospitals like CHOC, as you know, receive less than 1/200th of the GME funding provided to other teaching hospitals through Medicare. And children's hospitals, although we comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for all of us this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you, again, for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly C. Cripe
President & Chief Executive Officer

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President
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November 23, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the children of San Diego County and Children's Hospital and Health Center, I want to express deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Again, thank you for your leadership. We look forward to working with you to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair L. Sadler".

Blair L. Sadler
President and Chief Executive Officer

BLS:dcs

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President
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The logo features a stylized diamond shape composed of several smaller triangles, with the word "Children's" written in a large, serif font to its left.

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November 19, 1999

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTER PRAISES CONGRESS.
PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR
PEDIATRICIANS

Blair Sadler, "Special thanks go to the entire San Diego congressional delegation for leadership on issues critical to children's health"

[SAN DIEGO]--- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Children's Hospital and Health Center's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Children's Hospital and Health Center. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Blair L. Sadler, President and CEO of Children's Hospital and Health Center. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

... because children are the future

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Ron Packard (48th District) Brian P. Bilbray (49th District), Bob Filner (50th District), Randy Cunningham (51st District), and Duncan Hunter (52nd District), who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Children's Hospital and Health Center owe special thanks to Congressmen Brian Bilbray and Randy "Duke" Cunningham, who each played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Blair Sadler. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital - clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best - focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Children's Hospital and Health Center (Children's) is the region's only pediatric medical center and is the largest triage center for pediatric care in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The 220-bed hospital began in 1952 and has grown over the years to meet the special health care needs of the region. Today, Children's offers comprehensive programs in diagnosis and treatment, research, rehabilitation, medical education, outcomes and community outreach education. Children's has become the hub of a regional health care network devoted to the care of seriously ill and injured children from Southern California and throughout the southwestern United States.

News Release

For Immediate Release

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THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

Dori Biester, President and CEO "Special thanks go to Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Representatives Diana DeGette, Scott McInnis, Bob Schaffer, Tom Tancredo and Mark Udall from Colorado and Senator Michael Enzi from Wyoming for leadership on an issue critical to children's health"

Denver, CO-- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and sent to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to The Children's Hospital of Denver's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like The Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. This was signed into law by the President yesterday, November 29.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Dori Biester, Ph.D, RN, President and CEO of The Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support including Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Representatives Diana DeGette, Scott McInnis, Bob Schaffer, Tom Tancredo and Mark Udall from Colorado and Senator Michael Enzi from Wyoming, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

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However, independent children's teaching hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that adult teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to adult teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at The Children's Hospital owe special thanks to our cosponsors who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Biester. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

The Children's Hospital was recently ranked in the top three percent of all hospitals by *U.S. News and World Report*, which surveyed board-certified physicians on the top hospitals in their field. The July 1999 issue of the magazine represented the seventh year in a row that *U.S. News* ranked Children's a top pediatric hospital in the nation. The Children's Hospital is the leading pediatric hospital in an 800-mile radius, according to the report.

Founded in 1908, The Children's Hospital is a private, not-for-profit pediatric health care system with more than 1,000 pediatric specialists and 1,700 full-time employees. It provides care to the region's children at its main campus, and through three specialty-physician satellite offices, four community-based urgent and emergency care sites, three specialty-care centers providing principally rehabilitation services, and more than 400 outreach clinics held annually in a seven-state region.

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December 1, 1999

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President and
Chief Executive Officer

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of The Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you have ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year.

Sincerely,

Doris J. Biester, PhD, RN
President and CEO, The Children's Hospital

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, 216 OEOB, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20500

The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500



December 6, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the chair of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Connecticut, I want to express my personal appreciation for your significant leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. Because my service as a volunteer board member makes me keenly aware of the needs of children and quality health care, I understand the demands placed on children's hospitals to meet this need. I know that this legislative victory will benefit children served by our hospital and throughout the nation.

Thank you so much for the leadership and support you and the first lady have given to this issue. The nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000, due in great measure to your original budget request and the Administration's efforts during the budget negotiations with Congress this fall. This start up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's teaching hospitals to achieve more equitable GME funding.

While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable GME funding level of \$ 285 million authorized in FY 2001, under the "Children's Hospital Education and Research Act."

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement. Best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Larry M. Gold
President & CEO

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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500



December 9, 1999

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase by 1.2 billion, from 1.1 billion in 1990 to 2.3 billion in 2010. The number of people aged 15 and over is expected to increase by 1.1 billion, from 3.9 billion in 1990 to 5.0 billion in 2010. The total population of the world is expected to increase by 2.3 billion, from 5.0 billion in 1990 to 7.3 billion in 2010. The population of the world is expected to be 7.3 billion in 2010, 7.5 billion in 2020, 7.7 billion in 2030, 7.9 billion in 2040, 8.1 billion in 2050, 8.3 billion in 2060, 8.5 billion in 2070, 8.7 billion in 2080, and 8.9 billion in 2090. The population of the world is expected to be 8.9 billion in 2090, 9.1 billion in 2100, 9.3 billion in 2110, 9.5 billion in 2120, 9.7 billion in 2130, 9.9 billion in 2140, 10.1 billion in 2150, 10.3 billion in 2160, 10.5 billion in 2170, 10.7 billion in 2180, 10.9 billion in 2190, and 11.1 billion in 2200. The population of the world is expected to be 11.1 billion in 2200, 11.3 billion in 2210, 11.5 billion in 2220, 11.7 billion in 2230, 11.9 billion in 2240, 12.1 billion in 2250, 12.3 billion in 2260, 12.5 billion in 2270, 12.7 billion in 2280, 12.9 billion in 2290, and 13.1 billion in 2300. The population of the world is expected to be 13.1 billion in 2300, 13.3 billion in 2310, 13.5 billion in 2320, 13.7 billion in 2330, 13.9 billion in 2340, 14.1 billion in 2350, 14.3 billion in 2360, 14.5 billion in 2370, 14.7 billion in 2380, 14.9 billion in 2390, and 15.1 billion in 2400. The population of the world is expected to be 15.1 billion in 2400, 15.3 billion in 2410, 15.5 billion in 2420, 15.7 billion in 2430, 15.9 billion in 2440, 16.1 billion in 2450, 16.3 billion in 2460, 16.5 billion in 2470, 16.7 billion in 2480, 16.9 billion in 2490, and 17.1 billion in 2500. The population of the world is expected to be 17.1 billion in 2500, 17.3 billion in 2510, 17.5 billion in 2520, 17.7 billion in 2530, 17.9 billion in 2540, 18.1 billion in 2550, 18.3 billion in 2560, 18.5 billion in 2570, 18.7 billion in 2580, 18.9 billion in 2590, and 19.1 billion in 2600. The population of the world is expected to be 19.1 billion in 2600, 19.3 billion in 2610, 19.5 billion in 2620, 19.7 billion in 2630, 19.9 billion in 2640, 20.1 billion in 2650, 20.3 billion in 2660, 20.5 billion in 2670, 20.7 billion in 2680, 20.9 billion in 2690, and 21.1 billion in 2700. The population of the world is expected to be 21.1 billion in 2700, 21.3 billion in 2710, 21.5 billion in 2720, 21.7 billion in 2730, 21.9 billion in 2740, 22.1 billion in 2750, 22.3 billion in 2760, 22.5 billion in 2770, 22.7 billion in 2780, 22.9 billion in 2790, and 23.1 billion in 2800. The population of the world is expected to be 23.1 billion in 2800, 23.3 billion in 2810, 23.5 billion in 2820, 23.7 billion in 2830, 23.9 billion in 2840, 24.1 billion in 2850, 24.3 billion in 2860, 24.5 billion in 2870, 24.7 billion in 2880, 24.9 billion in 2890, and 25.1 billion in 2900. The population of the world is expected to be 25.1 billion in 2900, 25.3 billion in 2910, 25.5 billion in 2920, 25.7 billion in 2930, 25.9 billion in 2940, 26.1 billion in 2950, 26.3 billion in 2960, 26.5 billion in 2970, 26.7 billion in 2980, 26.9 billion in 2990, and 27.1 billion in 3000. The population of the world is expected to be 27.1 billion in 3000, 27.3 billion in 3010, 27.5 billion in 3020, 27.7 billion in 3030, 27.9 billion in 3040, 28.1 billion in 3050, 28.3 billion in 3060, 28.5 billion in 3070, 28.7 billion in 3080, 28.9 billion in 3090, and 29.1 billion in 3100. The population of the world is expected to be 29.1 billion in 3100, 29.3 billion in 3110, 29.5 billion in 3120, 29.7 billion in 3130, 29.9 billion in 3140, 30.1 billion in 3150, 30.3 billion in 3160, 30.5 billion in 3170, 30.7 billion in 3180, 30.9 billion in 3190, and 31.1 billion in 3200. The population of the world is expected to be 31.1 billion in 3200, 31.3 billion in 3210, 31.5 billion in 3220, 31.7 billion in 3230, 31.9 billion in 3240, 32.1 billion in 3250, 32.3 billion in 3260, 32.5 billion in 3270, 32.7 billion in 3280, 32.9 billion in 3290, and 33.1 billion in 3300. The population of the world is expected to be 33.1 billion in 3300, 33.3 billion in 3310, 33.5 billion in 3320, 33.7 billion in 3330, 33.9 billion in 3340, 34.1 billion in 3350, 34.3 billion in 3360, 34.5 billion in 3370, 34.7 billion in 3380, 34.9 billion in 3390, and 35.1 billion in 3400. The population of the world is expected to be 35.1 billion in 3400, 35.3 billion in 3410, 35.5 billion in 3420, 35.7 billion in 3430, 35.9 billion in 3440, 36.1 billion in 3450, 36.3 billion in 3460, 36.5 billion in 3470, 36.7 billion in 3480, 36.9 billion in 3490, and 37.1 billion in 3500. The population of the world is expected to be 37.1 billion in 3500, 37.3 billion in 3510, 37.5 billion in 3520, 37.7 billion in 3530, 37.9 billion in 3540, 38.1 billion in 3550, 38.3 billion in 3560, 38.5 billion in 3570, 38.7 billion in 3580, 38.9 billion in 3590, and 39.1 billion in 3600. The population of the world is expected to be 39.1 billion in 3600, 39.3 billion in 3610, 39.5 billion in 3620, 39.7 billion in 3630, 39.9 billion in 3640, 40.1 billion in 3650, 40.3 billion in 3660, 40.5 billion in 3670, 40.7 billion in 3680, 40.9 billion in 3690, and 41.1 billion in 3700. 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The population of the world is expected to be 47.1 billion in 4000, 47.3 billion in 4010, 47.5 billion in 4020, 47.7 billion in 4030, 47.9 billion in 4040, 48.1 billion in 4050, 48.3 billion in 4060, 48.5 billion in 4070, 48.7 billion in 4080, 48.9 billion in 4090, and 49.1 billion in 4100. The population of the world is expected to be 49.1 billion in 4100, 49.3 billion in 4110, 49.5 billion in 4120, 49.7 billion in 4130, 49.9 billion in 4140, 50.1 billion in 4150, 50.3 billion in 4160, 50.5 billion in 4170, 50.7 billion in 4180, 50.9 billion in 4190, and 51.1 billion in 4200. The population of the world is expected to be 51.1 billion in 4200, 51.3 billion in 4210, 51.5 billion in 4220, 51.7 billion in 4230, 51.9 billion in 4240, 52.1 billion in 4250, 52.3 billion in 4260, 52.5 billion in 4270, 52.7 billion in 4280, 52.9 billion in 4290, and 53.1 billion in 4300. 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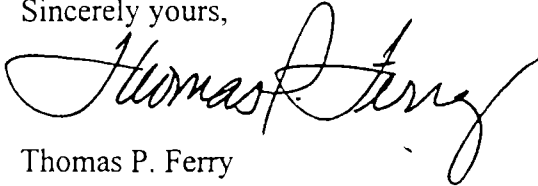
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The President
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Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas P. Ferry". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas P. Ferry
Administrator/Chief Executive

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Cc: The First Lady

Mr. Christopher Jennings
Deputy Assistant to the President



News Release

ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATIVE FUNDING FOR TRAINING OF PEDIATRICIANS

***"Special thanks go to Congressmen Michael Bilarakis and Bill Young and
Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack for leadership on issue critical to
children's health." - J. Dennis Sexton***

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St. Petersburg, FL - Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress on November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to All Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and send it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285-million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like All Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill on November 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40-million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it November 18, and the Senate followed suit on November 19.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said J. Dennis Sexton, President of All Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to start-up funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build upon in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're encouraged by the progress we've made."

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Florida original co-sponsors of H.R. 1579 Rep. Michael Bilarakis (R) and Rep. Bill Young (R), and S. 391 original co-sponsors Senators Bob Graham (D) and Connie Mack (R). In addition, House sponsors from Florida were Reps. Corrine Brown (D), Jim Davis (D), Peter Deutsch (D), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R), Mark Foley (R), Alcee Hastings (D), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R), Carrie Meek (D), Clay Shaw (R), Karen Thurman (D), and Robert Wexler (D). They were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate co-sponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. The issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

The 45 independent children's hospitals and 14 children's rehabilitation hospitals affected by this legislation represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals around the United States, like the two in Florida - All Children's Hospital and Miami Children's Hospital, receive on average 1/200th of the Medicare graduate medical education support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285-million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal graduate medical education support.

"Those of us at All Children's Hospital owe special thanks to Congressmen Michael Bilarakis and Bill Young in the House of Representatives and Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack in the Senate who played key leadership roles in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Sexton. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital -- clinical care for those who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art in children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to insure we continue to do what we do best -- focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic needs."

All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL is a 216 bed referral center for children that serves as one of the University of South Florida College of Medicine's primary teaching hospitals. The hospital has over 150 pediatric medical and surgical specialists and trains approximately 50 resident physicians each year.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 1999**

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**MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR
PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS**

Congress passes "Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act"

[Miami] – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical to the future of children's health care and to Miami Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Miami Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill on November 4, 1999.

In related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for the physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have take a critical first step with these moves," said Thomas M. Rozek, President and C.E.O. of Miami Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and please by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support from all members of the Florida Delegation who were among more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the

graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were seniors instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education, now that fewer payers of health care are willing to cover the added costs of physician training.

However, independent children's hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Miami Children's Hospital owe special thanks to the South Florida Community & hospital physicians who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Dr. Fima Lifshitz, Chief of Staff. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Miami Children's Hospital, founded in 1950, is the only licensed specialty hospital for children in South Florida. The 268-bed medical complex offers comprehensive medical care and services for children from birth to age 21.

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Thomas M. Rozek
President and Chief Executive Officer

November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Miami Children's Hospital in Miami, Florida, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Rozek
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Friday, November 19, 1999

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CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO BENEFITS FROM LANDMARK LEGISLATION

CHICAGO – US Congressman Jerry Weller (R-Morris) was instrumental in helping to pass landmark legislation critical to the future of children's teaching hospitals nationwide, including Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Late last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent teaching hospitals like Children's Memorial Hospital.

Under the Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill, independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million for the fiscal year 2000. This start-up funding is an important step in helping teaching hospitals in achieving Congress' goal under the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" of achieving \$285 million in annual funding to reach an equitable competitive playing field in funding their GME programs.

"Congressman Weller played a significant role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation that will help fund training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children," said Patrick Magoon, president and CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital. "We are extremely grateful to Congressman Weller for supporting this issue which will help us remain viable to serve critically ill children from every corner of the state."

Independent children's hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than one percent of all hospitals, they train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

Children's Memorial is one of the major pediatric training centers in the country, training 151 residents each year.

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Contact: Kathleen Ellis, 773/880-8137

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN CHICAGO BENEFITS FROM LANDMARK LEGISLATION

CHICAGO – US Congressman John Edward Porter (R-Deerfield) was instrumental in helping to pass landmark legislation critical to the future of children's teaching hospitals nationwide, including Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

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"Congressman Porter played a significant role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation that will help fund training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children," said Patrick Magoon, president and CEO of Children's Memorial Hospital. "We are extremely grateful to Congressman Porter for supporting this issue which will help us remain viable to serve critically ill children from every corner of the state."

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Children's Memorial is one of the major pediatric training centers in the country, training 151 residents each year.

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November 19, 1999

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The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

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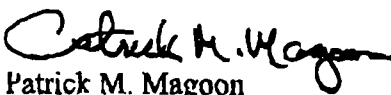
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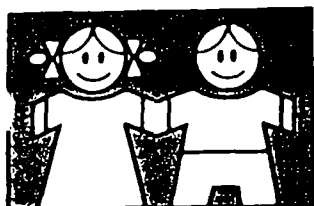

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cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President
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November 23, 1999

William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Children's Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

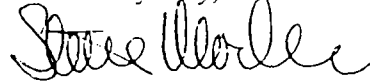
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Yours very truly,


Steve Worley
President & CEO

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The Regional Medical Center for Children

Opinion

A big step toward funding children's hospitals

Children across the nation received an ly and healthy holiday present from our nation's lawmakers. On Monday, I attended a ceremony at the White House where President Clinton signed the "Children's Hospital Education and Research Act" into law.

As a result, independent children's teaching hospitals will receive, for the first time,



DAVID S. WEINER

federal graduate medical education (GME) support for their teaching programs. In enacting this legislation, the president and Congress have recognized that training pediatricians is essential to ensuring that our children, and our children's children, receive quality health care.

It is every parent's worst fear that his or her child will become seriously ill.

But many of us are comforted by the assumption that children can access quality care, including effective treatment and well-trained compassionate doctors. We take for granted that the hospitals and the children's doctors they train will always be there.

Communities across the nation have come to rely on children's hospitals to provide the best pediatric care to all children. Children's hospitals care for the most complex and critical problems, serve a significant proportion of the nation's children with special needs, and serve those who are uninsured or who end on Medicaid to pay for health care. For all these reasons, we are the "place of last resort" for many parents.

Pediatric hospitals like Boston Children's, a teaching hospital affiliated with Harvard Medical School, have the added responsibil-

ty of training children's doctors. Well-trained compassionate pediatricians are our children's best answer to disease, chronic illness and injury. They are also crucial to biomedical advances in child health. Nearly 30 percent of the country's pediatricians and close to half of all pediatric sub-specialists are trained at independent children's hospitals.

Without solid training programs, pediatric teaching hospitals would not have been able to advance the care delivered to children to the level it is today, nor would they be able to push the envelope for tomorrow's cures. Whether it is today's highly successful congenital heart defect surgery, which was based on surgery first pioneered at Boston Children's in 1938, or the current progress by Dr. Judah Folkman to starve off cancerous tumors, training programs are the engines driving advances in child health.

Through the genome project, we are at the cusp of many more discoveries in pediatrics that will translate into improved adult health, beginning with the ability to predict risk during infancy for certain adult diseases, which then can be managed and potentially eliminated during childhood. An investment in pediatric training and research will not only reduce prevalence of pediatric disease but holds real promise for reducing early death and illness for adults.

Most people assume that children's hospitals receive the same level of support that other hospitals receive for physician training. But because Medicare is the only reliable source of significant support for physician training, children's teaching hospitals receive just 1/200th of the support that other teaching hospitals receive. Why? Because children's hospitals care for kids, not the elderly.

At Boston Children's, we train 180 general and specialty pediatricians, a great many of whom become chairs of programs and departments across the world. To cover the direct costs of training, Children's receives \$2 million to \$3 million from Medicaid and virtually nothing from Medicare and private insurers. If Children's were training those same physicians to care for older adults, the hospital would receive an estimated \$20 million annually. Because we care for children, we miss out on \$17 million in federal GME support.

The Children's Hospital Education and Research Act takes the first step in resolving this inequity and would establish separate funding equal to amounts paid through Medicare to other teaching hospitals.

A reliable supply of well-trained children's doctors is a worthwhile investment that our policymakers have not ignored. President Clinton, the First Lady, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano and the entire Massachusetts Congressional Delegation have worked tirelessly to make sure that children's hospitals will be able to continue to train our children's doctors—here in Boston and in all parts of our nation.

Boston Children's Hospital is an integral part of our community's response to children's health care needs, as are children's hospitals nationwide. Every child deserves access to quality care and treatment by doctors who know kids, inside and out. By passing this legislation, Congress has not forgotten the needs of children. The challenge moving forward is to appropriate the full funding that was authorized for the act.

DAVID S. WEINER is chief executive officer of Children's Hospital in Boston.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, BOSTON TO RECEIVE \$1.5 MILLION THANKS TO PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING PEDIATRIC TRAINING

BOSTON, MA. -- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress November 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Children's Hospital, Boston's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Children's Hospital. The Senate passed the bill on November 4, 1999.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to start the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said **David S. Weiner**, Children's Hospital chief executive officer. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing GME at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including the entire Massachusetts Congressional delegation, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate co-sponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady. For Children's Hospital, Boston, it could mean an additional \$1.5 million in funds.

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"All of us at Children's Hospital owe special thanks to Senator Kennedy and Representative Capuano who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," says Weiner. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them so we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Children's Hospital, Boston, is the nation's premier pediatric medical center. Founded in 1869 as a 20-bed hospital for children, today it is a 300-bed comprehensive center for pediatric and adolescent health care grounded in the values of excellence in patient care and sensitivity to the complex needs and diversity of children and families. Children's Hospital is the primary pediatric teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, home to the world's leading pediatric research enterprise, and the largest provider of health care to the children of Boston.

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November 24, 1999

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

DETROIT, MI -- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's healthcare and to **Children's Hospital of Michigan** in Detroit.

Just before recessing the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the President for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education (GME) funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like **Children's Hospital of Michigan**. The Senate passed the Bill on November 4, 1999.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Larry E. Fleischmann, M.D., senior vice president of **Children's Hospital of Michigan**. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We are encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but we are glad to see progress being made."

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The Bill had broad bipartisan support, including 12 Michigan cosponsors, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the GME legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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Children's Hospital of Michigan is one of the oldest and largest pediatric facilities in the nation. Internationally known for leadership in clinical care and child advocacy, this 228-bed, private, non-profit hospital is Michigan's premiere children's hospital. Specialists in all areas of pediatric medicine act as caregivers, educators, researchers and advocates for children from birth to adolescence. Since 1886, Children's Hospital remains committed to the concept that children heal best when families participate in treatment and recovery.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION BENEFITS PEDIATRIC TEACHING HOSPITALS **Congress levels the playing field for hospitals that train pediatric specialists**

St. Paul, Minn. [November 24, 1999] – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress approved and will send to the President, legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Gillette Children's ability to provide that care.

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In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year.

"By approving federal funding for pediatric training at children's teaching hospitals, Congress is taking an important step toward ensuring that quality pediatric specialists continue to be trained," said Margaret Perryman, Gillette Children's President and CEO. "For years, Gillette Children's has paid to train pediatric specialists, while adult hospitals have been reimbursed. We've continued this because we know that training pediatric doctors is vital to the health of our community."

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Since 1897, Gillette has been at the forefront of medical technology, treatment, education and research for the care of children with disabilities to fulfill its mission: to help children realize the greatest possible independence, well being and enjoyment in life.



November 23, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr President:

On behalf of the patients, parents, and employees of Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St Paul, Minnesota, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

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President and Senior Executive Officer

*OUR MISSION is to improve the health of
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November 22, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

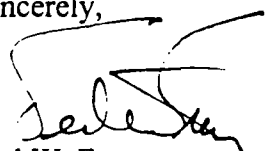
On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education (GME) for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of our country.

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Sincerely,



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President

cc: Christopher Jennings
Hillary Rodham Clinton



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November 22, 1999

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Hillary:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

As always, you have been there with us from the very beginning on this issue of GME. Your constant support and guidance is so very much appreciated. It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving that I write this message of appreciation for the support you have given on this issue.

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Sincerely,

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Randall L. O'Donnell, Ph.D.
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November 22, 1999

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U.S. Senator for Missouri

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Bond Lauds Full Congressional Approval Of His Proposal To Support Pediatric Training At Children's Hospitals

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Senator Kit Bond welcomed full Congressional approval yesterday evening of his initiative to provide federal support for pediatric training programs at children's hospitals. The measure was co-authored by Senator Bob Kerrey (D-NE), and enjoys the support of 40 other Senators, including Senator John Ashcroft. The legislation is a key component of Bond's "Healthy Kids 2000" bill, which he introduced in March.

"I am pleased that the Congress has approved my provision," Bond began. "This legislation will provide invaluable help to the medical education programs at our children's hospitals."

Bond's provision authorizes the federal government to make payments to children's hospitals to support their graduate medical education (GME) programs, which doctors must complete upon graduating from medical school. Funding is limited to two years, during which the GME funding program is expected to be reexamined.

The labor, health, and education spending bill that Congress is expected to pass early Saturday morning contains \$40 million in funding for the training programs. President Clinton is expected to sign both the recently-passed Bond/Kerrey legislation -- which authorizes the payments to children's hospital training programs -- and the appropriations bill that provides the money.

"This common-sense proposal is a major step in my effort to provide equity for the medical education programs at our children's hospitals," Bond continued. "These teaching programs are crucial for our children's future health: five percent of all physicians, nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians, and the majority of pediatric specialists complete their training at children's hospitals."

Dr. Randall O'Donnell, President of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, echoed Bond's enthusiasm: "This is a much-needed step to strengthen pediatric training programs at our children's hospitals. Senator Bond has been a tremendous leader on this issue. Without his efforts, this major success might never have happened."

"Senator Bond's leadership on this bill has really been a help for St. Louis Children's Hospital," said Hospital President Ted Frey. "This funding is crucial to provide a strong graduate medical education program. It's a win for children and the hospitals that serve them."

The support Medicare provides for teaching hospitals' medical education programs is based partially on how many Medicare patients the hospital treats. Because children's hospitals treat only a handful of Medicare patients, they receive little federal support. While other teaching hospitals receive on average \$79,000 in federal support per resident, children's hospitals receive less than \$400 for each future pediatrician they train.

"The legislation will help children's hospitals perform an invaluable service - the training of so many of our nation's pediatricians," Bond concluded. "Children's hospitals should not suffer simply because their emphasis is on the care and treatment of children. They are to be commended for their noble mission of caring for our most vulnerable citizens."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

National Legislation Passed to Fund Training for Pediatricians, Pediatric Specialists

Omaha, NE—Among its final actions before recessing this year, the US Congress approved and the president signed, legislation critical both to the future of children's healthcare and to the ability of Children's Hospital to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the Congress incorporated the 'Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act' into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The law authorizes Congress to appropriate up to \$565 million over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's hospitals like Children's Hospital in Omaha.

In a related development, Congress also reached an agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year.

As an independent children's hospital, Children's Hospital in Omaha serves as a training site for pediatricians, family practitioners and pediatric specialists. The act would mean additional funding to support these efforts.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," said Gary A. Perkins, President and CEO of Children's Hospital. "They have provided what amounts to start-up funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education in children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased with the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding."

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Currently, many children's hospitals are required to use operational funds to cover the cost of training physicians. Children's Hospital in Omaha is no exception, however, according to Perkins, a portion of these expenses at Children's Hospital are covered by the John A. Wiebe, Jr. Children's Healthcare Fund. The funds provided through this new legislation would allow the Wiebe resources currently funding physician training to be funneled to additional research and other education programs.

"All of us at Children's Hospital, and in the region served by our hospital, owe special thanks to Senator Kerrey for his leadership as author of this Act. The entire Nebraska Congressional delegation played an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Perkins.

Independent children's hospitals represent less than one percent of all hospitals in the country, but train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists. If their patients were senior citizens, instead of children, these hospitals would be eligible for federal Medicare support for physician training. Such support has come to be the only significant source of funding for graduate medical education.

Independent children's hospitals receive, on average, less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide approximately \$285 million each year in federal GME support to treat children's hospitals comparably to other teaching hospitals.

Children's Hospital is an integral part of Children's Healthcare Services which includes Children's Home Healthcare, Children's Family Support Center, The Poison Center at Children's Hospital, Children's Health Network, Children's Corner Childcare Centers, Children's Hospital Foundation, and Children's Physicians.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Akron Children's Hospital gets a boost for medical education

AKRON, Ohio – November 23, 1999 – Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress approved and will send to President Bill Clinton legislation critical to the future of children's health care and to Akron Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing Nov. 18, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like Akron Children's. The Senate passed the bill on Nov. 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached an agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it Nov. 18, with the Senate concurring on Nov. 19 before adjourning for Thanksgiving recess.

"Congress and the White House have taken a critical step with these moves," said Akron Children's Hospital's President and CEO William Considine. "They've provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a way to go next year, but we're glad to see progress being made."

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Add one—GME funding

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including the entire Ohio delegation. There were more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. The issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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"For years, Children's Hospital has paid to train pediatricians out of its bottom line while adult hospitals get reimbursed to train their doctors," said Considine. "We've done it because we know that the training pediatricians receive at Children's will allow them to provide the best possible care to children. This cost, however, has become increasingly harder to afford in the managed care environment."

Independent pediatric hospitals receive on average less than 1/200th of the Medicare GME support that all teaching hospitals receive. According to independent consultants, the federal government would need to provide about \$285 million each year to treat children's hospitals comparably to all teaching hospitals in terms of federal GME support.

"All of us at Akron Children's owe special thanks to Senator Mike DeWine and Congressman Sherrod Brown who played important roles in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," Considine said. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. It's gratifying to know that the White House administration agrees that teaching programs at children's hospitals are critical to the future pediatric workforce and the future health of all children."

Since 1928, Akron Children's pediatric residency program has graduated about 500 physicians. It is one of the largest pediatric hospitals in the country and serves as the regional pediatric center for 17 counties.



William H. Considine
President

November 24, 1999

President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President

On behalf of the entire Children's Hospital family and the patients and families we serve, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the leadership you provided in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Considine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" being more prominent than the last name "Considine".

William H. Considine, President
Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron

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cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to President
First Lady Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton

*You & the First Lady's
personal interest in
this issue is
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University Hospitals Health System



The Cleveland Plain Dealer

Saturday, November 20, 1999

Bill includes money for Ohio hospitals

PLAIN DEALER BUREAU

WASHINGTON —Senate passage of the catch-all budget bill included good news for hospitals and other Medicare providers: the return of nearly \$12 billion that had been taken away in spending cuts made to achieve a balanced budget two years ago.

The so-called Medicare give-back is expected to mean about \$40 million for Ohio's teaching hospitals, which were hard hit by the reduced outlays for Medicare.

"The relief that has been provided is a start at correcting the unanticipated consequences of the Balanced Budget Act," said

Orry Jacobs, chief operating officer at University Hospitals Health System. "I hope there will be further discussions that will lead to additional relief."

Jacobs said University Hospitals had anticipated losing \$100 million in medical education payments over five years. He would not estimate how much would be restored to his hospital. But nationwide it was estimated that the \$12 billion restoration represents only about 6 percent of the Medicare cuts.

The Cleveland Clinic also will benefit, but officials there could not say by how much. Higher-than-expected federal tax receipts prompted lawmakers to boost Medicare funding.

Teaching hospitals, which train medical school graduates and often care for the indigent, say they have higher costs than other hospitals and deserve higher Medicare compensation. They said they were especially hurt by the 1997 Medicare cuts.

Separately, the House on Thursday approved a measure giving \$40 million next year to graduate medical training programs at pediatrics hospitals. The Senate passed the bill Nov. 4. Rep. Sherrod Brown, Democrat of Lorain, said the bill will provide \$500,000 to \$600,000 next year for Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland.

**University Hospitals
Health System**



November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital of University Hospitals of Cleveland in Cleveland, Ohio, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

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Some cuts in Medicare restored

But hospitals say it's
'only an appetizer'

By Laurel Campbell
Post staff reporter

Cincinnati Post 11/25/99

Thanks, hospitals are politely telling Congress this week, for the newly approved federal budget that restores some funding lost to Medicare cuts.

But, they're quick to add, it's really not enough.

Ohio's 180 hospitals could gain an estimated \$525 million over the next five years from the budget bill passed late last week, according to Mary Yost, vice president of the OHA, the state hospital association.

The money is intended to give back to health-care providers what was taken away in spending cuts made to balance the budget two years ago.

But the state's hospitals were projected to lose nearly \$2.9 billion from Medicare cuts in the five years through 2002.

"We still have a \$2.4 billion hole," Ms. Yost said. "This is welcome relief, but it's only an appetizer. We're still starving."

Nationwide, the relief package is worth about \$17 billion over five years, with about \$8.75 billion going to hospitals, according to the American Hospital Association.

Also benefiting from the Medicare give-back will be home-health agencies, hospices, skilled-nursing facilities and others.

A closer look

Congress gave back \$17 billion in Medicare cuts:

■ **Winners:**

● **Children's** hospitals got first-time funding to train doctors.

● **Teaching** hospitals kept medical education money.

■ **Losers:**

● **Medicare** beneficiaries will pay higher premiums.

Hospitals

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Barry Weinstein, senior vice president of Children's Hospital.

■ **Teaching hospitals**, including the Health Alliance's University, Christ and Jewish; Tri-Health's Good Samaritan and Bethesda Oak, and Mercy Franciscan at Mount Airy.

"We don't know the dollar figure to expect yet, but the money will help us meet our educational commitments," said Health Alliance spokesman Amy Bomar.

Teaching hospitals, which train medical school graduates and often care for the indigent, say they have higher costs than other hospitals and deserve higher Medicare compensation.

Across Ohio, hospitals with graduate medical education pro-

year's premium has already been set at \$45.50 a month, the same as this year.

Money raised from Medicare's Part B premiums by law must cover one-fourth of the total annual cost of doctor's office visits and other outpatient care received by all Medicare beneficiaries.

Therefore, if fees paid to providers rise, so must monthly premium payments.

Two groups of hospitals especially will benefit from the new budget appropriation:

■ **Children's hospitals**, including Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati, which could see up to \$2 million in new money next year.

The money is earmarked to train residents. Federal funds for graduate medical education now come from Medicare and go almost exclusively to adult hospitals.

"This is the first time Congress has ever said this is a legitimate issue, to fund the teaching costs of children's hospitals," said

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All hospitals should benefit from a provision in the budget bill that reverses the 5.7 percent across-the-board cut in Medicare payments for hospital outpatient services.

Still, hospital groups said this week they'll continue to lobby for more money.

The \$40 million the nation's children's hospitals are expected to get next year is a fraction of the \$285 million Congress authorized.

"The next step is to ask for an increase," Weinstein said.

And American Hospital Association president Dick Davidson called the Medicare relief package "a first step."

"With many hospitals still facing financial disaster, the fixes aren't complete," Davidson said.

"As we did this year," he said, "we'll continue to fight any moves to further reduce Medicare payments to providers and to build upon our campaign to provide the right relief for our patients, our hospitals and the future of our health-care system."

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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

James M. Anderson
President
and
Chief Executive Officer

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Broad support is vital to Children's Hospital

At Children's Hospital we have much to be thankful for as part of a community that has made providing quality health care to all its children a high priority. This commitment is something truly special.

We are thankful for the many individuals of this community who donate as much as they possibly can to help heal children and keep them healthy. From schoolchildren collecting pennies, to our community supporters and volunteers, to large donors, every gift from the heart is appreciated and needed for the children.

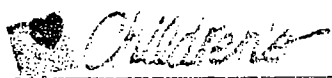
We are thankful for a governor, state legislature, and city and county government leaders who have placed children and prevention high, with initiatives that range from expanding child health-care coverage to identifying uninsured children to supporting poison-control centers.

And we are thankful to a Congress and president who acted when an unintended, but serious, inequity in funding for graduate medical education at independent children's hospitals was brought to their attention. As Congress adjourned this year, it passed legislation to authorize fixing this problem and to provide start-up funds for the purpose of providing children's hospitals equitable funding with all other teaching hospitals.

Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Perry Township, and Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, deserve special recognition. This problem could not have been overcome without their leadership. We are appreciative of the other representatives from Children's Hospital's service region: Reps. Dave Hobson, R-Springfield, John Kasich, R-Westerville, Bob Ney, R-St. Clairsville, Mike Oxley, R-Findlay, and Ted Strickland, D-Lucasville, for their co-sponsorship of the graduate-medical-education bill and continuous efforts on behalf of its success. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the first lady.

Finally, we are grateful to *The Dispatch*, which has consistently made the case for placing a high priority on providing access to health care for all the nation's children. *The Dispatch* has extended this editorial support to children's hospitals' need for equity in graduate-medical-education funding.

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRAISES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

Thomas N. Hansen, M.D. "Special thanks go to Rep. Deborah Pryce and Sen. Mike DeWine for leadership on this issue critical to children's health"

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"All of us at Children's Hospital owe special thanks to Representative Deborah Pryce and Senator Mike DeWine who played such key roles in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Hansen. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

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Children's hospitals get big boost in training money from Congress

By Kevin Kidder
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Children's Hospital could receive as much as \$1 million from the federal government next year to train residents — almost 3,000 times what the hospital received last year.

As part of a larger budget package, the U.S. Senate last night approved an appropriations bill that, in part, sets aside \$40 million for children's hospitals that are training facilities.

The U.S. House approved the same bill Thursday.

The measure will help offset a funding loophole that has left children's hospitals across the country with substantially less money for training than hospitals that treat adults.

"It's a beginning," said Morna Smith, director of child advocacy

and community relations at Children's Hospital.

"It's Congress' way of saying, 'Children's hospitals, you have a legitimate problem and yes, the federal government can help,'" she said.

Last year, Children's Hospital in Columbus trained 150 doctors with about \$34,000 in federal money — about \$227 per resident per year.

By contrast, Ohio State University Medical Center received \$25 million to train 500 residents — about \$50,000 per resident.

The enormous gap is because hospitals for adults qualify for Medicare money — which is most of their funding — and children's hospitals do not.

The \$40 million expected to be spent next year is only a fraction of what Congress has authorized for each of the next two years in a second bill, titled the Children's Hospi-

tals Education and Research Act.

That bill authorizes Congress to spend up to \$285 million annually for the next two years to train residents at children's hospitals.

Both the appropriation and authorization bills must be signed by the president to become law.

Smith credited bipartisan support from Ohio's legislators, including from all Ohio members of Congress.

"I have a great feeling of satisfaction — we could have missed the boat entirely," said U.S. Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Perry Township.

She said the bill in the House on Thursday was being held up on unrelated matters, and came within two hours of defeat.

"It's going to really help Children's (Hospital) train pediatricians. This kind of medicine is different, from the dosage of drugs to the size of the equipment."



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November 23, 1999

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Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of Columbus Children's Hospital and the children we serve, I thank you for your leadership in securing funding for the graduate medical education (GME) programs at independent children's hospitals.

We appreciate the support you and the First Lady have given to our cause. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000.

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Your support means a great deal to our hospital. At this time of giving thanks, our hospital and the children and families who rely on us, send you a very special thanks.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Hansen, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President



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November 23, 1999

The First Lady
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

On behalf of Columbus Children's Hospital, I thank you for your efforts to secure funding for graduate medical education (GME) at independent children's hospitals across the country.

We are very pleased that the nation's independent children's hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. The inclusion of GME funding for children's hospitals in the administration's original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress ensured this start-up funding.

We are very grateful for the support you and the President have given to this important child health issue. The children of Ohio and across the country will benefit from this funding to the GME programs that provide well-trained pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists to our communities.

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"All of us at The Children's Medical Center owe special thanks to Senator Mike DeWine, Representative David Hobson, Representative Tony Hall and Representative John Boehner who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Laurence P. Harkness, CEO. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital -- clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best -- focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

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Laurence P. Harkness, F.A.C.P.E., President & Chief Executive Officer

November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents, board members and staff of The Children's Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children everywhere.

As the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, it is especially appropriate that I write to express our thanks for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. All of us here in Dayton look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,



Laurence P. Harkness

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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

November 23, 1999



Joel T. Williams, III
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George D. Farr
President & Chief Executive Officer

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my thanks to you on behalf of Children's Medical Center of Dallas. You provided unparalleled leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. Patients, parents, and employees of Children's appreciate and applaud your efforts on our behalf.

With this legislative victory, you ensured a meaningful victory for children in every state. Your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations were essential to the final success of new funding for GME in FY 2000. This is a strong foundation to build upon as we move forward in training the next generation of pediatricians.

You are aware of the existing disparity in GME funding between adult and children's teaching hospitals. Please join us as we take additional steps to ensure equitable GME funding distribution. As you know, the authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. The \$40 million start-up funding appropriated by the 106th Congress will be extremely helpful for these institutions in FY 200. With your support and leadership, we hope to move closer to equitable funding and the \$285 million level in the coming year's budget negotiations.

Thank you again for your help and leadership. Children's Medical Center of Dallas looks forward to working with you as we build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding as authorized next year. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George D. Farr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

George D. Farr
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President, 216 OEOP, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500

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Texas Children's Hospital to receive major funding for physician training

HOUSTON, Texas – Texas Children's Hospital will be a major beneficiary of two groundbreaking bills passed by Congress that will provide increased funding to train the pediatricians of tomorrow.

Among its final actions before recessing for the year, Congress approved legislation that is critical to children's health care and to Texas Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care. The Children's Hospitals' Education and Research Act was combined with related legislation. It allows Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding to independent children's teaching hospitals. Such hospitals are freestanding and not affiliated with adult hospitals.

In a related development, Congress reached agreement with the White House on the Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill, including \$40 million to begin federal support for physician training in children's hospitals this fiscal year. The House and Senate approved the measure last weekend.

Both bills have been sent to President Clinton for his signature.

"Congress and the White House have recognized that children are our future and must

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receive excellent health care to begin their lives healthy and strong,” said Mark A. Wallace, president and chief executive officer of Texas Children’s Hospital, which is the primary pediatric training facility for Baylor College of Medicine.

The Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill had broad, bipartisan support, including U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Dallas; and U.S. Reps. Ken Bentsen, D-Houston; Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston; Gene Green, D-Houston; and Nick Lampson, D-Beaumont. These supporters were among 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the legislation. President Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton also gave strong support to the legislation.

“Texas Children’s Hospital owes special thanks to members of our Houston delegation, who played an integral role in the passage of this legislation,” said Dr. Ralph Feigin, physician-in-chief of Texas Children’s Hospital and president of Baylor. “We also are grateful to President Clinton for his leadership. This issue is critical to the mission of Texas Children’s Hospital, which is to provide the best patient care for all children and train the next generation of pediatricians and surgeons.”

Independent children’s hospitals represent less than 1 percent of all hospitals in the country, but train 30 percent of all pediatricians and almost half of all pediatric specialists.

Texas Children’s Hospital and Baylor have trained one of every 33 U.S. pediatricians and 60 percent of the pediatricians in Texas.

The government invests, on average, 200 percent more to train doctors in adult teaching hospitals than it does in pediatric teaching hospitals. For the pediatric hospitals, that difference amounts to \$285 million a year in federal support.

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Texas Children's Hospital, a 456-bed nonprofit pediatric specialty hospital in Houston, is the largest children's hospital in the United States.

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More federal funds to train pediatricians and specialists

Texas Children's Hospital is an outstanding institution renowned for its care of children and its graduate training of pediatricians and pediatric specialists.

But it and some 57 other free-standing children's teaching hospitals in Texas and across the nation are in dire need of more federal funding. The funding balance for teaching hospitals is terribly out of kilter.

Medicare has become the only steady source of major income that hospitals can use to cover the costs of graduate medical education. But hospitals like Texas Children's care only for children and receive very little Medicare support to train doctors.

In fact, Texas Children's and other children's teaching hospitals get only 0.4 percent of the support for graduate medical education that Medicare provides to other teaching hospitals.

Teaching hospitals get on average more than \$66,000 per resident. Hospitals like Texas Children's receive on average less than \$400 in graduate medical education funding for each resident they train.

But look at the job Texas Children's and other children's teaching hospitals are doing. While they account for less than 1 percent of all hospitals, they train nearly 30 percent of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric

specialists. They also provide pediatric training for many general practitioners.

A bipartisan bill entitled the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" that is pending in Congress would bring balance to graduate medical education funding. It would be a splendid investment in the health of our children and this nation's future.

The proposed bill would put children's teaching hospitals on an equal footing with all other teaching hospitals that rely on Medicare payments to support their resident training programs.

The bill would establish a capped fund to make medical education payments to eligible children's hospitals on a prorated basis. Fully implemented, it would cost no more than \$285 million annually.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is a co-sponsor of the bill, along with a number of U.S. House members from Texas, including Ken Bentsen, Gene Green and Sheila Jackson Lee, to name several.

The Houston Chronicle strongly urges other influential Texans in Congress, including Sen. Phil Gramm and Rep. Tom DeLay, to support this measure.

It would be money well spent — an investment in quality health care for our children.



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Mark A. Wallace
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November 23, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

As our country prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, I am writing this letter of thanks to you and the First Lady on behalf of Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. WE are extremely appreciative of your administration's efforts and leadership in ensuring funding for the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals.

Beginning next year, pediatric teaching hospitals, like Texas Children's Hospital, will be eligible to receive \$40 million in new graduate medical education support. This accomplishment is due in large part to your administration's inclusion of this initiative in your 2000 Budget and the Executive Office's negotiations during the appropriations process. This is a positive first step in helping us reach our goal of parity in funding with adult teaching facilities.

We are grateful for your administration's assistance and support throughout the budget process. Texas Children's Hospital has much to be thankful for this year. We wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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President William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of Texas Children's Hospital's physicians, patients, and their families, I want to thank you for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals.

At this time of Thanksgiving, it is especially appropriate that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue.

With your Administration's original budget request and your office's efforts during budget negotiations with Congress, the first step in helping independent children's teaching hospitals achieve equitable funding was accomplished. Starting next year, \$40 million in GME support will be available to institutions like Texas Children's Hospital, and legislation authorizing funding of \$285 million for independent children's teaching hospitals was also approved.

These legislative victories will benefit children in every state of our country. Thank you for your efforts on this issue. May you and your family share a wonderful Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Ralph D. Feigin, M.D.



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**CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION
FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS**

Richard Wayne, M.D., medical director and CEO: "Special thanks to the Texas congressional delegation for their leadership on an issue critical to children's health"

[San Antonio]--- Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress last week approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing, the Congress incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$565 million over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for independent children's teaching hospitals like CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital.

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Representative Lamar Smith, Representative Charles Gonzalez, Representative Ciro Rodriguez, Representative Ruben Hinojosa, and Representative Solomon Ortiz, who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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"All of us at CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital owe special thanks to the entire Texas congressional delegation who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Vicki Perkins, director of Public Policy. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital – clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best – focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

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Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Richard L. Wayne, M.D." in a cursive style.

Dr. Richard Wayne, CEO, Medical Director
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital

*We sincerely appreciate
your continuing interest
and advocacy for our
children's health care needs.*

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President,
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November 19, 1999

PRIMARY CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

Salt Lake City — Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress Nov. 18 approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to Primary Children's Medical Center's ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation would authorize Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding independent children's teaching hospitals like Primary Children's Medical Center. The Senate passed the bill on Nov. 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Senators Bob Bennett and Orrin Hatch and Representatives Merrill Cook, Jim Hansen and Chris Cannon, who were among the more than 40 Senate and 200 House cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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"All of us at Primary Children's Medical Center owe special thanks to Utah's Senators and Representatives who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Horton. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital — clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best — focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need.

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Children's hospitals get a big boost Those that teach likely will receive federal funding

By Lois M. Collins Deseret News staff writer

Children's hospitals, which train nearly a third of the nation's pediatricians and about half of its pediatric specialists, are about to get paid for doing it.

Congress last week approved a bipartisan bill, "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act." If the president signs it -- and everyone thinks he will -- children's hospitals will be put on nearly equal funding footing with teaching hospitals that treat adults.

Up to this point, children's teaching hospitals haven't received reimbursement for the cost of training residents. Adult hospitals have, by submitting a Medicare cost report that includes the cost of training residents. Such hospitals are reimbursed for care at a higher rate than other, non-teaching hospitals, specifically to help cover the costs of educating residents and others.

But because children are generally not eligible for the federally funded Medicare program, children's hospitals that are training those pediatric physicians and specialists have not received similar payment from the federal government.

While the bill authorizes up to \$285 million to be used to reimburse the children's hospitals for the training, Congress appropriated only a fraction of that amount -- \$40 million for this year. How that money will be distributed to the country's 60 children's hospitals and even how the fund will be administered are among the details that still must be ironed out. The bill doesn't have a waiting period built in, but how soon money becomes available will depend on how soon those nuts-and-bolts decisions are made.

But members of the National Association of Children's Hospitals, including Primary Children's, are ecstatic.

"This is an exciting beginning for something that two years ago I don't think anyone at the federal level was even thinking about," said Primary Children's CEO Joe Horton. "Now we have official recognition that the pediatric graduate medical education has a social value, just as adult medical training does."

Payment for training of residents was not an issue originally because hospitals were able to get reimbursement for the costs from insurance companies as part of the amount charged for care, Horton said. "But managed care has whittled down reimbursement to the point where Medicare was the only significant payer for graduate medical education -- kind of the last bastion of reimbursement."

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Primary Children's Medical Center Praises Passage of Funding

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"Congress and the White House have taken a critical first step with these moves," says Joseph R. Horton, chief executive officer of Primary Children's Medical Center. "They have provided what amounts to startup funding for a program to support ongoing graduate medical education at children's hospitals. We're encouraged and pleased by the progress, which we hope to build on in seeking full funding. We still have a ways to go next year, but this is an important first step."

The bill had broad, bipartisan support, including Senators Bob Bennett and Orrin Hatch and Representatives Merrill Cook, Jim Hansen and Chris Cannon, who were among the more than 40 Senate and 200 House cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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Each year approximately 50 pediatrics residents are trained at Primary Children's at a cost of \$2.5 million per year in direct expenses. The funds appropriated by the GME legislation will reimburse the hospital for a portion of that cost. Primary Children's Medical Center supports clinical training of residents and medical students through its affiliation with the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Utah School of Medicine.

"All of us at Primary Children's Medical Center owe special thanks to Utah's Senators and Representatives who played such an important role in helping Congress understand the importance of this legislation," said Horton. "We also owe special thanks to the President for his leadership. This issue is critical to every mission of our hospital - clinical care for all who need it, training to prepare the next generation of physicians for children, and research to advance the state of the art of children's health care. We look forward to continuing to work with them to make sure we can continue to do what we do best - focus on children's unique health care needs, regardless of their medical or economic need."

Primary Children's Medical Center is the pediatric referral center for five states in the Intermountain West equipped and staffed to treat children and adolescents with the most complex injuries and illnesses. It is owned by Inter Mountain Health



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November 22, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the patients, parents and employees of Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, I want to express our deep appreciation for your very important leadership in securing funding for graduate medical education for independent children's teaching hospitals. This is a legislative victory that will benefit children in every state of the country.

It is especially appropriate as the nation prepares to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday that I write this message of appreciation and gratitude for the support you and the First Lady have given to this issue. With your original budget request and the administration's efforts during the appropriations negotiations with Congress, you ensured that the nation's independent children's teaching hospitals will receive \$40 million in new GME support in FY 2000. This start-up funding is an important first step in helping independent children's hospitals reach an equitable competitive playing field.

As you and the First Lady are aware, independent children's teaching hospitals currently receive less than 1/200th of the GME support provided to other teaching hospitals because they care for children, not the elderly. While these hospitals comprise less than 1% of all hospitals, they train nearly 30% of all pediatricians and nearly half of all pediatric specialists.

The authorization for the GME funding for independent children's hospitals is \$285 million for the next two years. While the \$40 million will be extremely helpful for these institutions this year, we hope to have your support during the coming year's budget negotiations to help these hospitals move closer to the equitable funding level of \$285 million for GME.

Thank you again for your leadership. We look forward to working with you and your Administration to build on this important achievement to secure the full level of funding Congress has authorized next year. May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Horton, CEO
Primary Children's Medical Center

cc: Christopher Jennings, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President,
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The First Lady, The White House, Washington, DC 20500

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 19, 1999
Contact: George Stinnett
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CHKD PRAISES CONGRESS, PRESIDENT FOR PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FUNDING TRAINING FOR PEDIATRICIANS

CHKD CEO/President Bob Bonar: "Special thanks go to Senators Robb and Warner and Representatives Bateman, Moran, Pickett, Scott, Sisisky and Wolf for leadership on issue critical to children's health."

HAMPTON ROADS, Va.--Among its final actions before recessing this year, the U.S. Congress yesterday approved and will send to the President legislation critical both to the future of children's health care and to children's hospitals ability to provide that care.

Just before recessing last night, the House incorporated the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act" into related legislation and sent it to the president for his signature. The legislation authorizes Congress to appropriate up to \$285 million annually over the next two years for graduate medical education funding for the 59 independent, free-standing children's teaching hospitals like CHKD in the United States. The Senate passed the bill on Nov. 4.

In a related development, Congress also reached agreement with the White House on a final Fiscal Year 2000 Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill that included \$40 million to get the program of federal support for physician training in children's hospitals started this year. The House passed it last night, and the Senate is expected to do so shortly.

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The bill had broad, bipartisan support; including Senators Charles Robb (D-VA) and John Warner (R-VA) and Representatives Herb Bateman (R-VA), Jim Moran (D-VA), Owen Pickett (D-VA), Robert Scott (D-VA), Norman Sisky (D-VA) and Frank Wolf (R-VA), who were among the more than 200 House and 40 Senate cosponsors of the graduate medical education legislation. This issue also had the strong support of President Clinton and the First Lady.

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2-2-2 GME Funding Legislation Passes

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Currently, CHKD loses about \$2.7 million a year on its GME program, which trains some 55 residents a year in affiliation with Eastern Virginia Medical School. When fully funded, the legislation is expected to provide an estimated \$3 million annually to CHKD, the only free-standing, independent children's hospital in Virginia.

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November 22, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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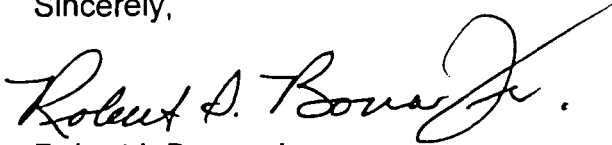
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert I. Bonar, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert I. Bonar, Jr.
President/Chief Executive Officer

cc: The First Lady
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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National 1-800 Number Hotline

The National Association of Children's Hospitals (N. A. C. H.) has worked with its members from across the country on graduate medical education (GME). A 1-800 telephone number was used to help coordinate the national grassroots efforts.

Since the bill was passed in November, over 200 children's hospital supporters from across the country have used the 1-800 telephone number hotline to generate thank you letters to the White House. A sample letter has been included.

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December 10, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for your strong leadership in securing passage and start-up funding for the "Children's Hospitals Education and Research Act." I truly appreciate your action to include funding for independent children's hospitals' graduate medical education in your initial budget and for holding to your position in negotiations with Congress in recent weeks.

Your leadership on this issue helped achieve a major step forward for equitable treatment of independent children's teaching hospitals that train more than 30 percent of the nation's pediatricians and nearly half of its pediatric specialists. I hope you will support additional funding in your FY2001 budget to level the playing field for these hospitals, so they can effectively train the next generation of pediatricians.

Thank you, again, for your leadership on an issue that is critical to the future of pediatric medicine and the health of children across the country.

Sincerely yours,

Joanna Zitnik