

# Rep. Nick Begich Asks USPHS to Raise Medical Aides Pay

WASHINGTON D. C.—In a letter to President Nixon, Alaska Congressman Nick Begich requested that the U. S. Public Health Service raise the pay of the medical aides who serve in Alaska.

In his letter, Representative Begich noted "that many citizens in Alaska depend solely on the United Health Service program for all their medical needs.

Without doubt these services provide the most beneficial health program in Alaska today.

However, because of the ever increasing demands made on these dedicated medical aides and the increasing number of cases they are called upon to handle, the present program does not adequately compensate those who work so diligently and unselfishly."

The letter continued "The dedicated men and women who staff the Public Health Service Hospital are well-trained and deeply concerned individuals who share the common goal of providing good health care for all Alaskans."

The Alaska legislature requested that the President do all

that is in his power to see that those who work in the Public Health Service receive a more

reasonable and just compensation for their work.

Congressman Begich also sent

a similar letter to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliott Richardson.