

Community Health Program Bill Introduced

A bill to set up a community health program, including health aides, under complete State control has been referred to the State House Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare.

The bill would establish the positions of health aides in each village. These aides,

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working under supervision of professional doctors or nurses, would coordinate health services at the village for visits of the professional health personnel.

They could treat on orders of a health professional, offer maternal and child health care, maintain health records, give home nursing care, and offer health programs other than medical care.

They would dispense medicine and observe symptoms for health professionals, and offer health education in many fields.

The bill does not permit the aides to practice medicine or nursing, and they would always have to have at least indirect supervision of professional health personnel.

The aides and the overall program would be under the complete control and management of the State Commissioner of Health and Welfare.