

MORE FAIRBANKS DOCTORS AVAILABLE FOR AREA NATIVES

More Specialized Treatments to Start on July 1

Starting July 1, the native people of the Fairbanks area will have more doctors to select from among the doctors at the Fairbanks Medical and Surgical Clinic and the Tanana Valley Clinic.

"We are very happy about the arrangement because the patients will be able to get more specialized treatments," said Mrs. Lorena Blankensop of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fairbanks District.

In the past, the U.S. Public Health Service has contracted with one clinic in Fairbanks. During the past several years the contract has been with the Tanana Valley Clinic.

The new arrangement with the Fairbanks Medical and the Tanana Valley will enable specialists in both clinics to treat native patients and provide more diversified treatment.

Mrs. Blankensop said that in the past, one clinic was not always adequate and when it involved broken bones a specialist in that line was not always avail-

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"It has been our experience—it has happened," Mrs. Blankensop said.

The arrangement was made so the medical services for the native people would be done through the Alaska Native Health Service at 528 Fifth Avenue, Room 211 in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Helen Weitz of the Health Service said that if a native person with a particular ailment wishes to switch doctors or clinics, he or she may do so by request from the Alaska Native Health Service.

Mrs. Blankensop said that the USPHS has notified the BIA to take advantage of the new arrangement and that agency will refer patients for treatment at the clinics through the Health Service.