Memo: Additional Information Concerning Services of Hearing and Speech Center

Commission for Blacks
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TO: Dr. Harold Peterson, Director, Hearing and Speech Center

FROM: Margaret P. Hartsell, Research Associate, Commission for Blacks

RE: Additional Information Concerning Services of Hearing and Speech Center

We appreciate the information concerning the functions of the Hearing and Speech Center which you have submitted to the commission; nevertheless in order to complete our study, we find it necessary to ask two additional questions:

1. Do patients pay any portion of the cost of the services of the center or is the cost underwritten by a fund?

2. What calibar of speech problem - social or physical - is most prevalent among your patients?

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To: Margaret P. Hartsell, Research Associate

From: H A Peterson

In answer to the above questions:

#1. Clients services may be paid for by a variety of agencies - such as Vocational Rehabilitation; by Medicare, where covered; by some private insurance; and by the clients personally - according to the ability to pay. University students do not pay for services.

#2. Speech, language, hearing disorders may be at the base of social, that is, interactive communication problems - but social problems do not cause speech, language or hearing disorders. Enclosed is a table of examples of some of the variety of speech, language and hearing problems. (Reproduced from an article on prevention in the August 1984 issue of Asha.)