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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

GOVERNOR'S STUDY COMMISSION ON RURAL HEALTH MANPOWER SOLUTIONS

- WHEREAS, there are many citizens living in rural Colorado who presently have little or no access to necessary health care services; and
- WHEREAS, the patterns of health care service delivery must be changed if adequate access to health care for rural Coloradans is to be achieved; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Colorado Medical Center, through its teaching practices, plays an important role in determining patterns of service to rural areas; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the University of Colorado Medical Center to assist the State in assuring that rural Coloradans have adequate access to health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby order and direct that effective immediately:

1) Creation and charge of the Commission

There is hereby created a Governor's Study Commission on Rural Health Manpower Solutions, hereinafter called the Commission. The Commission is charged with the following responsibilities:

- a) To review various alternatives for increasing the opportunities of medical students to practice in settings which will provide rural communities with greater access to health care;
- b) To involve local governments and other local and regional groups concerned with health care services in the study and planning process; and
- c) To make recommendations concerning the appropriateness and application of such alternatives to the teaching practices of the University of Colorado Medical Center.

2) Responsibilities of the Commission

In carrying out its charge, the commission shall review programs operated in other states which have assisted medical centers to provide more training opportunities for their students in nonurban settings, taking into consideration such issues as:

- a) Startup and operating costs, including any associated capital costs
- b) Impact on the quality of student education
- c) Impact on the choices of physicians as to where they will practice and their speciality

- d) Application of similar training approaches for other health practitioners trained in centers of education in this State, including the extent to which educational programs in the State colleges, local junior colleges and State community and technical colleges can be utilized to provide alternatives and additional training opportunities
- e) Impact on the local health delivery system, including but not limited to the extent of increase in the State's participation in the provision of care
- f) Application to the Colorado setting, including issues of governance and socio-demographics of the population to be served
- g) Impact on access to health care services and utilization of such services
- h) Impact on the health of the population served.

3) Membership of the Commission

The Commission shall consist of fifteen members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a) Four members of the General Assembly, including two from each House, of which one shall be from each major political party. The Governor shall designate one of these persons to serve as Chairperson of the Commission
- b) The Executive Director of the Department of Health or his designee
- c) A representative of the Governor
- d) Two representatives of the Medical Center, one of whom shall be the Chancellor or his designee
- e) One physician who is actively practicing medicine in rural Colorado
- f) One hospital administrator who is actively employed as such in a licensed hospital in rural Colorado
- g) Five citizens representing provider and consumer health care interests, with at least three of the five from a rural area of Colorado

The Governor shall appoint one member of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education to serve as a nonvoting member of the Commission

Members of the Commission, including the nonvoting member shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to their actual and necessary expenses, not to exceed fifty dollars per day, per member, incurred in the performance of their duties.

4) Final Report

The Commission shall submit a final report to the Governor
no later than December 9, 1977.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Colorado, this
eighth day of August, A.D., 1977.



GOVERNOR