

N.C. May Lose Medicaid; Nursing Homes Blamed

WASHINGTON — The Nixon administration warned 37 states and the District of Columbia Tuesday that they risk losing \$3.4 billion in federal Medicaid funds unless substantial deficiencies in nursing-home certification are corrected quickly.

(North Carolina is among the states affected.)

Elliot L. Richardson, secretary of health, Education and Welfare, made the disclosure at one of four luncheons of the White House Conference on Aging, where nine administration spokesmen detailed new programs for the elderly.

Richardson said the states must submit corrective plans by Dec. 15 and significantly improve nursing-home inspections and surveys by Feb. 1.

"Unless such improvements are validated by the Feb. 1 target date," he said, "HEW intends to initiate a non-compliance procedure that could ultimately result in withholding all federal Medicaid funds from any or every one of the 37 states."

In addition, he said, all participating states and territories must inspect all of the nation's 7,000 nursing homes caring for Medicaid patients by July 1 to assure "such homes are in compliance or in substantial compliance."

Last year federal and state Medicaid spending for nursing home care alone totaled about \$1.3 billion. Medicaid also provides a wide range of health care assistance for the needy.

At the same luncheon, Housing Secretary George Romney said his department is considering a new program which would give the elderly an option of selling their homes and moving into new government-

subsidized units, and is preparing new regulations on congregate housing to "avoid expensive and often premature placement (of aged persons) in institutions."

YWCA CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

- SAT., DECEMBER 4
 9:30—Christmas Breakfast
 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grades
 9:30—Modern Dance and Arts and Crafts
 9:30—Activities
 5th and 6th Grades
 Y-Teen Toy Drive
 7:30—Y-Teen Get Acquainted
- SUN., DECEMBER 5
 4:00—Hanging of the Greens
- MON., DECEMBER 6
 2:30—Y-Capers
 3:30—4th Grade Clubs
- TUES., DECEMBER 7
 7:00—Typing
- WED., DECEMBER 8
 10:00—Bible Study
 2:45—Piano Lessons
 2:30—4th Grade Clubs
 4:00—Modern Dance for Y-Teens
 5:00—Y-Teen Activities
- FRI., DECEMBER 10
 8:30—Thrift Sale—Central Branch, 515 W. Chapel Hill Street
- 4:00—Snappy Teens
 5:00—Radio Broadcasting Club



White Rose Circle Presents Check to St. Mark

The White Rose Circle Club of St. Mark AME Zion Church presented \$1,000.00 to the church during morning service Sunday November 21, 11:00 a.m. This gift was given for the purchase of additional church property in the project 3 area of which St. Mark Church is located. St. Mark Church plans to purchase several tracks of property when it becomes available through the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Durham.

The president of this great club Mrs. Elmira Flintall led her members into this remarkable effort which brought St.

Mark Church to the greatest moment she has ever witnessed in the history of her existence. The presentation was made by the president to the pastor.

Club members from left to right, back row; Mrs. Therian Thompson, Mrs. Lucille Ervin, Mrs. Beulah Wilson, Mrs. Maggie Thompson, Mrs. Flossie Torain, Mrs. Edna Satterfield, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mrs. Goldie Mitchner, Mrs. Carrie Thompson, Mrs. Mary King.

Front row; Mrs. Hazel McBroom, Mrs. Peggy McDougald; Mrs. Theodosia Felder, Mrs. Hannah Hinson, Mrs. Dan Clegg, Mrs. Elmira

Flintall, President making presentation to Rev. L. A. Miller.

Mrs. Wilimena Davis Guest Speaker At Metropolitan Sun.

Mrs. Wilimena Davis was guest speaker at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday, November 28, 1971 at the 11:00 A.M. service.

The church, pastored by Dr. J. E. Campbell, was celebrating their 125th anniversary.

Mrs. Davis used as a theme "We've Come This Far by Faith."

Mrs. Davis resides at 1501 So. Roxboro Street and is a member of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

Airmam Price Returns Home

Airman Henry L. Price husband of Gwendolyn Price of Durham is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois.

Airman Henry L. Price is training at Chanute Air Force Base in Engineering. Price has been playing basketball for the 60th division leading in points.

He will return to Durham on December 2, for a fifteen day vacation, after which he will be stationed at Camp Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville.

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Officials have ordered a halt to the sirens that shrieked at 11 a.m. each day for the past five months indicating it was time for the "hour of sacrifice" — when everyone was to put down

his cigarette until the all-clear was sounded at noon.

Cleave Baker, borough council president, said smokers and nonsmokers objected to the idea because the siren should be used for emergencies.

Businessman Carl Mau, who conceived the idea, doesn't want the experiment scrapped even though he admits the pressure of running it eventually got to him.

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