

## Bill To Cut and Redirect Medicare Payments Introduced in Senate



Senator David Durenberger (R-Minn.) has introduced a bill (S. 3073) that would cut direct Medicare medical education payments by at least 10 percent, cap them at that level and redirect the remaining funds to state block grants.

Under this legislation, the direct payments for Medicare's share of teaching costs and faculty and residents' salaries, estimated at \$1 billion for FY 1984, would decline to \$900 million at most in FY 1986. Currently, Medicare's education payments are based directly on a teaching hospital's costs. Durenberger feels that this provides no incentive for containing or reducing costs.

In its present form, the Durenberger bill would allow up to 20 percent of available funds to be awarded through a special fund targeted on state priorities such as primary care physician training, interdisciplinary training, etc.

State block grant funds would be distributed using the number of medical residencies "as a proxy" for all approved clinical training costs. The result, according to Bonnie Curl of the Federation of Associations for Schools of the Health Professions (FASHP), could be "an administrative nightmare for the states. Nursing, dental, pharmacy, allied health and other professions' programs would be forced to compete with medical schools for support."

It is expected that the bill will be rewritten before it is resubmitted in the next congressional session.

## Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Announced

Governor James J. Blanchard announced on January 9, 1985 one reappointment and two new appointments to the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees. The following members have been appointed to serve for three-year terms effective immediately.

Emily R. Mobley of Flint has been reappointed to represent librarians from a college or university library. Mobley is the Library Director for the GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint. She is also an adjunct lecturer at the University of Michigan. Mobley is a member of the Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association and is a member of the American Library Association.

Jeanne F. Thomas is representing librarians from a state agency library. Thomas is the Librarian for the Michigan Department of Transportation Library in Lansing. She is also the President of the Council of State Library Agencies (COSAL) and is the representative for COSAL in the Council of Michigan Library Organizations (COMLO). Thomas is a member of the Michigan Library Association.

## Announcements

MISHULS (Mich Statewide Health Sciences Union List) will be run Feb. 5 as the result of the interest and cooperation of 93 hospital libraries. Order forms and interloan guidelines will be mailed approx. March 1. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Pat Wolfram.

MCMLG will be offering a MLA CE course on patient education April 16, 1985 at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. The course will run from 9 to 5 and the registration fee will be \$110. For registration information contact Diane O'Keefe at Wyandotte General Hospital (313) 284-2400 x 2134.

# President's Speech From Annual Meeting

Some people have no trouble writing the assignment which has a specified number of words or pages. There are others who spend hours and hours agonizing over the assignment and counting the words until there are enough to satisfy the parameters of the paper. I am one of those people who ended up needing to count every word until there were enough. To write volumes gets no easier with age. This speech will probably be one of the shortest you have heard from an incoming president but with the afternoon free for sightseeing and shopping you will have that much more time to indulge.

I could stand here and talk about the doom and gloom of the health care field but we hear and read enough about that in our work places. We all know of layoffs, cutbacks, and other equally depressing news, but let's spend a few minutes on some of the positives our organization and we the members have to offer each other.

The statewide union list is nearing completion and will be a benefit to us all. The state council is active and responsive to the needs of the health sciences libraries in the state of Michigan. The local groups can be an invaluable resource for us to draw upon.

Carole Colter said in her speech at Bay City in 1980: "It has occurred to me that despite sophisticated computers and technology in health sciences librarianship today, the greatest single information resource we have is each other!" The crucial problem for the 1980s will be "cooperative efforts in resource sharing".

Carole's comments were made during a time of tremendous expansion in the number of MEDLINE terminals in the state of Michigan. However the fact that our greatest single information resource is ourselves has never been more true than it is today. While computers and technology help to make our work easier they also tend to increase the workload in libraries. As libraries find their staff shrinking, greater cooperation becomes important. The resources we offer each other are not only for our patrons but also for ourselves. We can provide helpful hints and tips for dealing with less staff and less money and less time.

Cooperation between hospital, special, and academic libraries becomes imperative as our people resources dwindle. Of all our members, hospital libraries have probably been the hardest hit economically this year. The universities in Michigan have struggled with shrinking dollars for a number of years. Special libraries which are part of companies in the health care field are not necessarily immune to the ravages of DRGs and other factors. Those library staffs which have been through budget reductions and found ways

to cope will be a valuable resource for those facing the prospects of dealing with shrinking budgets.

The local groups are one of the strengths of the state association. They provide a place for the members to interact with each other—to provide ideas, professional stimulation, assistance with problems, and social interactions. MHSLA needs to support and encourage the activities of the local groups. This coming year the local groups will need to provide support for all the members as we work to cope with budget cuts.

In the last four years since Carole said we were our greatest single resource, MHSLA has made great strides toward cooperative efforts in resource sharing. With the continuing gloom of the economic outlook in the health care field, that idea becomes all the more crucial for 1985. For the coming year, the main priority I see for MHSLA is to continue to develop and promote greater cooperation between all of the members—large libraries, small libraries, staff with MLSs, staff without MLSs. We all have a lot to contribute to MHSLA and to each other.

Leslie M. Behm, President-Elect, MHSLA

## President's Column

The 1984 conference is now over and MHSLA is gearing up for the 1985 conference in Lansing. The dates are October 16-18. It will be a joint meeting with MC/MLA and hopefully very exciting.

The standing committees have all been selected and are busy working on their assigned tasks. One of the most active so far has been the Union List Committee. The union list will be out in the spring.

Two Ad Hoc Committees will be/have been appointed. One committee will deal with membership. The members will be looking at the most effective way to get dues notices out, keep an updated mailing list, and coordinate the publishing of the directory. The other committee will be on Bylaws-to draft a change to provide for a standing Bylaws Committee and also a bylaws amendment to cover when an affiliate group is no longer active and wishes to withdraw from the Association.

Many of you may have noticed that my address is not listed in the directory. My dues are paid in full. I welcome all ideas, comments, and questions members may have. My address is : Leslie M. Behm, Clinical Center Library, a137 Clinical Center, Michigan State University , East Lansing, MI 48824-1313. My phone numbers are: 517/353-3037 or 517j/353-5099. My home phone is: 517/655-3575.

# Drastic New Strategy To Lock Out Pirates



The Association of Data Processing Service Organizations (ADAPSO) have begun work on plans to end the problem of pirated software. This move is in response to such surveys as that conducted by Future Computing, a Dallas-based research firm, which revealed that 50% of the software in use in the U.S. consists of unauthorized copies - a \$600 million loss for their manufacturers in 1984 alone.

The members of ADAPSO are considering a new part-hardware and part-software solution. The hardware components are known as the "key" and the "key ring" and the software part as the "lock". The "key ring" is a piece of hardware which holds the user's "keys" for the software he or she owns. The "keys" will likely contain a microchip, and the software "lock" will search the "key ring" for a key with the correct serial number or other unique identification string.

The "key ring" will be transparent to the user, meaning that he or she will not notice a difference in the way in which the program is operated. The "lock and key" solution has a significant advantage over a software-only lock in that the user can make an unlimited number of back-up copies of the software but these copies will only run on one machine.

The 700-plus members of ADAPSO account for over 60% of the U.S. software sales in dollar volume. Their members include Microsoft (Multiplan), Lifetree (Volkswriter), Lotus (Lotus 1-2-3, Symphony), Ashton-Tate (dBASE II and III), MicroPro (WordStar) and Multimate.

## \$860,000 Grant For Area Health Education Center in Saginaw



Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine and Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc. (S.C.H.I.) announce that S.C.H.I. has received an \$860,000 three-year federal grant to develop an Area Health Education Center for 32 counties of mid and central Michigan.

The new A.H.E.C. covers approximately the entire area of the lower peninsula north of a line drawn east and west of Saginaw. This project will concentrate on promoting and supporting physicians, nurses and allied health practices in medically underserved areas. According to Dr. Hugo Uhland, Director of S.C.H.I., the grant will be used "to educate, recruit, and place students in health care curriculums in areas that have suffered from insufficient medical care. Among others, special emphasis will be placed on the development of geriatric training models."

This A.H.E.C., one of the "hardy new breed spawned by harder federal dollars", as described by its director, Ms. Kim Sibilsy, will concentrate on providing support to National Health Service personnel and rural medical, nursing, dental, pharmacy and allied health students and professionals interested in or already practicing in rural and/or medically underserved areas.

The Saginaw Health Sciences Library is charged with designing, developing and implementing a Learning Resource Center to support the A.H.E.C.'s activities within the next three years. This will mean that the Library will be particularly concerned with supporting library cooperation in the A.H.E.C. area, especially among the smallest hospital libraries. Possible activities currently being discussed include a cooperative automation project, circuit riding and consulting, consortia development, and grant writing.

The project grant began October 1, 1984. For more information, contact either Ms. Kim Sibilsy, Director of the A.H.E.C., or Ms. Stephanie C. John, Director of the Library, at 1000 Houghton Avenue, Saginaw MI 48602 or call (517) 771-6820.

# Staff Changes

Susan Hubbs, M.L.S. has joined the Saginaw Health Sciences Library as the Associate Director. She recently passed the M.L.A. certification exam and is responsible for online searching and related activities. A graduate of Albion College and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where she received her M.L.S., she is interested in classical music, skiing and old movies.

**National Library Week is April 14 through 20. The theme is "A Nation of Readers".**

## MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

### *Membership Application*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information as you prefer the entry to appear in the next MHSLA Directory:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$10.00 per year and are due January 1.

Please make checks payable to MHSLA and forward to the Treasurer:

Norma L. Powers, Health Sciences Library  
Munson Medical Center  
6th & Madison Sts.  
Traverse City, MI 49684

Please indicate whether you or your institution belong to a local group by checking one of the following:

FAHSLN \_\_\_\_\_ MMHSL \_\_\_\_\_ SCMHSLA \_\_\_\_\_ VRHSL \_\_\_\_\_ MDMLG \_\_\_\_\_  
NMHSLG \_\_\_\_\_ UPHSLC \_\_\_\_\_ WMHSLA \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Medical Library Association? \_\_\_\_\_ Of MC/MLA? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like more information about serving on any of the following MHSLA committees?

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## Automation News



## Report From Region 3 October 1984 to January 1985

**UPDATE OF F.I.L.L.S.**—The enhanced version 1.0 of F.I.L.L.S. (Fast Inter Library Loans and Statistics) has been announced. The program runs on the IBM PC, XT, AT or M300. F.I.L.L.S. 2.0 prints I.L.L.s on standard A.L.A. forms and produces reports on return time per library, fill rates per library, average I.L.L. cost per journal title, number of requests by department, outstanding loan reports, and many others. It will support up to 2,000 outstanding loans, 1,600 library addresses and 3,200 periodical titles and electronic mail. Its price is \$360. More information is available from: Rya Ben-Shir, Manager, Learning Resource Center, MacNeal General Hospital, 3249 South Oak Park Avenue, Berwyn, ILL 60402 or call (312) 795-9100.

**INTEGRATED MEDICAL LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNOUNCED**—Online Research Systems has announced the release of the ORS system for medical library management. Based on the NCR Tower minicomputer and BRS software, it supports online catalogs, MEDLINE subsets, electronic mail, I.L.L. activities, serials management, literature searching, electronic bulletin boards and much more. For more information, contact Mark Nelson, Director of Marketing, 627 W. 113th Street, Suite 4F, New York, NY 10025 or phone (212) 988-3857.

## Position Open

**HOSPITAL LIBRARIAN.** 500-bed hospital seeks librarian to supervise all library functions including MEDLARS searches, ILLs, selection of library materials, budget preparation, AV services. Library has a collection of 4,000 books and 335 journal subscriptions. Position open after May 20. Requirements: ALA-accredited master's degree, 2 years professional experience, interpersonal and management skills. Salary dependent upon qualifications and experience. Send resume to: Personnel Department, Sparrow Hospital, P.O. Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909. An EEO/Affirmative Action Employer.

The RML Council meeting for October 1984 to be held in Cedar Rapids, IA was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Highlights from the RML Directors' meeting held November 29-30, 1984:

Dr. Donald Lindberg became the Director of the National Library of Medicine on October 11, 1984.

NLM, NIH and the AMA signed an agreement in November for the creation of an NLM/NIH bulletin board on the AMA/GTE MINET system. This becomes effective January 1, 1985.

Mrs. Thelma Charen is doing a comparative study of the Library of Congress subject headings and MESH terms.

A thirty-page booklet, "Highlights in the Development of Medical History in the U.S.," authored by J. Cassidy, is available to NLM users.

In FY 1984, NLM experienced a decline in I.L.L. requests, which was attributed to the charges instituted for filled loans. I.L.L. billing is now on a quarterly basis. Users can expect to receive statements six to eight weeks after the close of each quarter.

The 16 mm. film program has been phased out.

As of September 1984, there were 2,641 domestic online users for the NML databases.

The first microfiche edition of *Health Sciences Audiovisuals* is being distributed by the Government Printing Office.

The GMRMLN Technology Committee is undertaking a pilot study to determine the need for a regional duplicate serials exchange database. It will involve the six resource libraries.

The John Crerar/University of Chicago Library will remain a resource library for Region 3.

The AMA's library will join Region 3 as a resource library.

The RML contract renewal for 1985 is under negotiation.

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State Council Representative to Region 3  
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## PIIRC: MLA'S Consumer Arm

The Publishing and Information Industries Relations Committee (PIIRC) is the consumer advocate arm of MLA. As consumers, we spend a lot of time and money purchasing information from many sources: publishers, serials vendors, book jobbers, and online database vendors. Occasionally, problems or misunderstandings arise between medical librarians and information suppliers. PIIRC tries to resolve these problems by researching the issue, communicating with the involved parties, and disseminating the results to MLA members.

Some concerns that PIIRC has investigated (and continues to investigate) include false or misleading advertising; the publication of identical material under different titles or in a different format; differences between printed indexes and their online versions; and steep price increases. Most of these investigations are recorded in a continuing column in the *MLA News* called "Librarians Beware".

On the positive side, PIIRC also works with information suppliers to help them build better relations with the medical library community. PIIRC has sponsored several Publisher/Vendor Forums at MLA meetings,

which provide information suppliers an opportunity to share their insights on the industry and business relations. For the 1985 MLA meeting, PIIRC is co-sponsoring an invited papers session tentatively titled "The Changing Infrastructure of the Publishing and Information Industry and Its Impact on Access to Health Care Information".

If you have problems with an information supplier, please send a note to:

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