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FROM: Chief, HMD  
SUBJECT: History of RMPs  
TO: Director, NLM

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National Library of Medicine  
Bethesda MD 20894

Attached is some background material concerning the history of RMPs, in connection with our conversation about a conference on the subject.

By way of summary, I should note that the RMPs were established under Public Law 89-239, signed by President Johnson on October 6, 1965. As you know, this came about as a result of the 1964 report of the Presidential Commission chaired by Dr. DeBakey.

The first grants were awarded in July, 1966. By the end of that year, 34 Regional Medical Programs had received planning grants. Thus holding the conference in 1991 would appropriately mark the 25th anniversary of the start of the program. I have asked Linda Goodwin to reserve both November 21 and 22 in the Auditorium, as we discussed.

If for some reason those dates did not work out, another possibility might be somewhere in the period January 15-17, 1992, since that would mark the 25th anniversary of the first conference on RMPs, held in Washington, D.C. on those dates in 1967.

Late in 1974, Congress passed the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1975 (Public Law 93-641). This law combined into one local organization the functions formerly carried out by the RMPs and various other programs. The RMPs were phased out by June 30, 1976.

We have a significant amount of material in the collections on the RMPs, but apparently no one has written a history of the program. There are histories of at least two of the RMPs, the Wisconsin and Maryland ones (although the latter is relatively brief). You are certainly correct that the program has not yet received significant attention from an historical point of view, and a conference could help to correct that deficiency.

I will discuss the conference with Mrs. Colaianni and move ahead as you requested, beginning by contacting Dr. Rikli. I will keep you and Dr. Siegel informed of progress on the plans for the conference.

*John Parascandola*  
John Parascandola

cc: Elliot Siegel, Lois Ann Colaianni



Public Law 89-239  
89th Congress, S. 596  
October 6, 1965

## An Act

79 STAT. 97

To amend the Public Health Service Act to assist in combating heart disease, cancer, stroke, and related diseases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke Amendments of 1965".*

Heart Disease  
Cancer, and  
Stroke Amen-  
ments of 19  
58 Stat. 68  
42 USC 201

SEC. 2. The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C., ch. 6A) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new title:

### "TITLE IX—EDUCATION, RESEARCH, TRAINING, AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF HEART DISEASE, CANCER, STROKE, AND RELATED DISEASES

#### "PURPOSES

"SEC. 900. The purposes of this title are—

"(a) Through grants, to encourage and assist in the establishment of regional cooperative arrangements among medical schools, research institutions, and hospitals for research and training (including continuing education) and for related demonstrations of patient care in the fields of heart disease, cancer, stroke, and related diseases;

"(b) To afford to the medical profession and the medical institutions of the Nation, through such cooperative arrangements, the opportunity of making available to their patients the latest advances in the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases; and

"(c) By these means, to improve generally the health manpower and facilities available to the Nation, and to accomplish these ends without interfering with the patterns, or the methods of financing, of patient care or professional practice, or with the administration of hospitals, and in cooperation with practicing physicians, medical center officials, hospital administrators, and representatives from appropriate voluntary health agencies.

#### "AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

"SEC. 901. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, \$90,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, and \$200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, for grants to assist public or nonprofit private universities, medical schools, research institutions, and other public or nonprofit private institutions and agencies in planning, in conducting feasibility studies, and in operating pilot projects for the establishment, of regional medical programs of research, training, and demonstration activities for carrying out the purposes of this title. Sums appropriated under this section for any fiscal year shall remain available for making such grants until the end of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made.

"(b) A grant under this title shall be for part or all of the cost of the planning or other activities with respect to which the application is made, except that any such grant with respect to construction of, or provision of built-in (as determined in accordance with regulations) equipment for, any facility may not exceed 90 per centum of the cost of such construction or equipment.

"(c) Funds appropriated pursuant to this title shall not be available to pay the cost of hospital, medical, or other care of patients

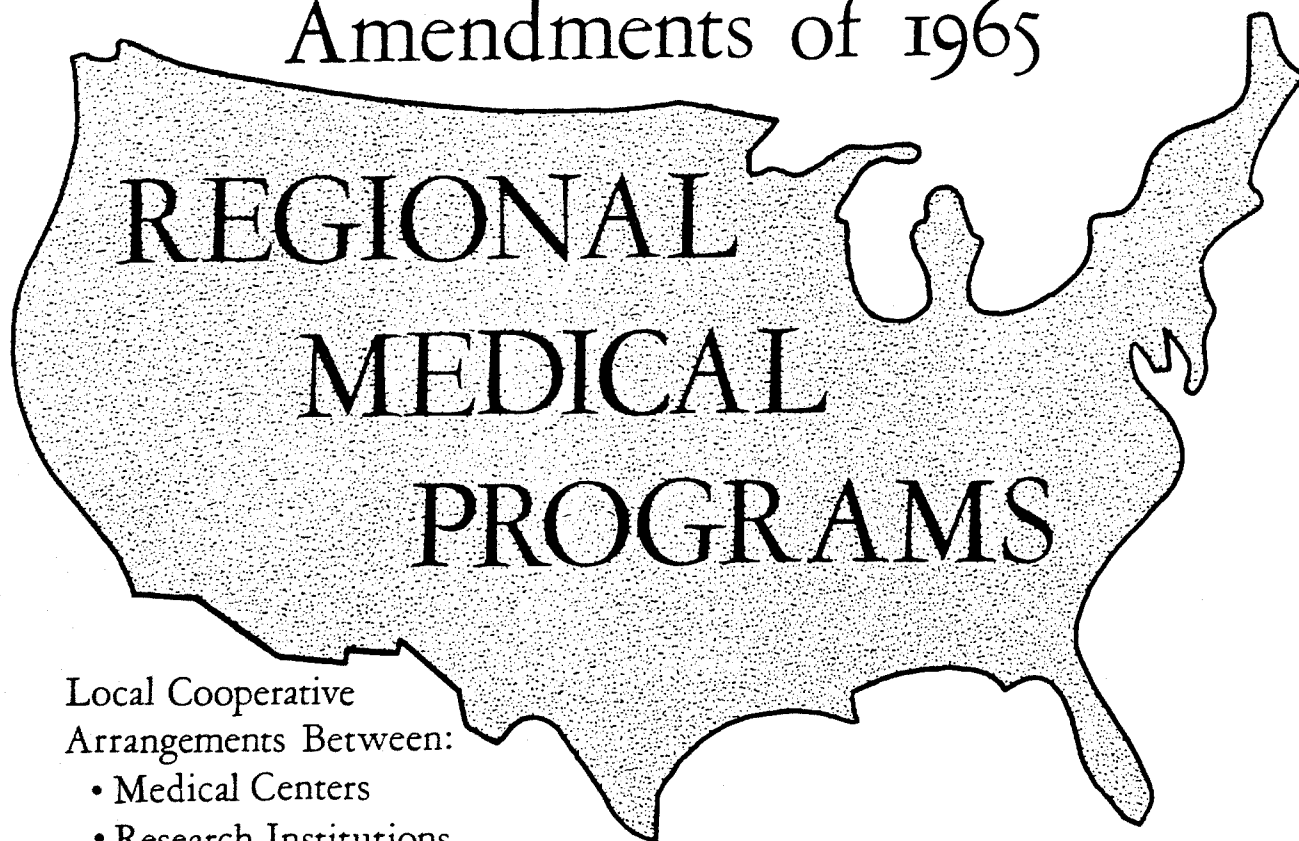
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