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BUREAU OF HEALTH RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT

TO: RMP COORDINATORS, RAG CHAIRMEN, GRANTEEES, REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
and REGIONAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: Compliance with Court Order

In accordance with the February 7, 1974 Order of Judge Thomas A. Flannery, in the Case of National Association of Regional Medical Programs v. Weinberger, the following actions are taken:

1. The RMPS documents listed below are hereby rescinded:
  - a. Telegram of February 2, 1973, signed by Harold Margulies, M.D., announcing the phaseout of the RMP program;
  - b. Letter of February 22, 1973, signed by Harold Margulies, M.D., refining and clarifying the above telegram and specifying requirements for phaseout plans;
  - c. Telegram of July 5, 1973, signed by Herbert B. Pahl, Ph.D., concerning RMPS support through September 30, 1973, and limitations on expenditure of the awarded \$6.9 million Fiscal Year 1973 balance;
  - d. Letter of September 7, 1973, signed by Herbert B. Pahl, Ph.D., specifying RMPS application instructions for Fiscal Year 1974;
  - e. All RMPS written communications stating or implying that the amount of Federal funds available for obligation and expenditure under Title IX of the Public Health Service Act are less than the full amount appropriated or otherwise made available by Congress for Fiscal Years 1973 and 1974;

- f. All other RMPS written communications or portions thereof that are contrary to the letter or intent of the Court Order.
2. Any requirement, either expressed or implied, that the use of Title IX funds is restricted to the five "Priority and Option" areas enumerated in the September 7, 1973 application instructions is specifically rescinded.
3. The June 30, 1974 termination date for expenditure of PHS Title IX funds is specifically rescinded.
4. The RMP Mission Statement approved by Council on May 11, 1971 and issued on June 30, 1971 is reinstated.

Nothing in this notice of rescission changes the amount awarded or budget period of any RMP grant, or the conditions of any contract, or removes any RMP National Advisory Council-recommended condition of a grant award. Ordinarily, Regional Medical Programs may exercise reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying the above instructions. Where there is substantial doubt with respect to the meaning or applicability of these in specific cases, the Regions are expected to contact the Director, Division of Regional Medical Programs for necessary clarification.