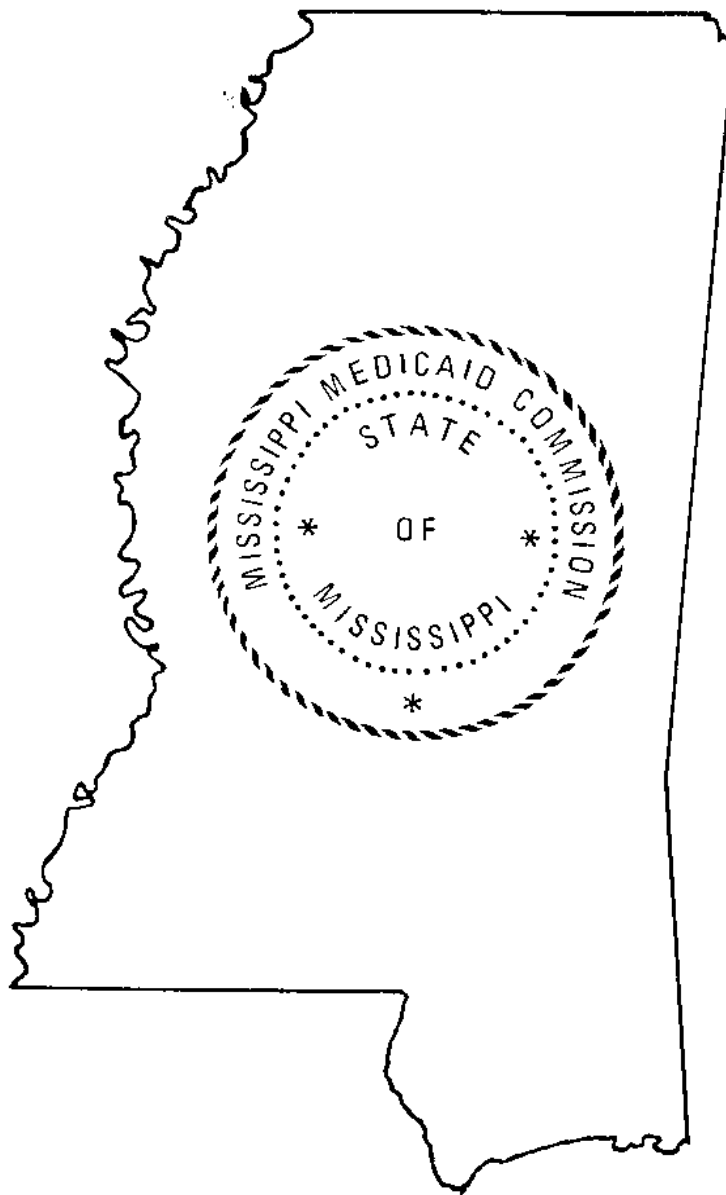


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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We submit herewith the Ninth Annual Report of the Mississippi Medicaid Commission, covering the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1978. It is being submitted in accordance with requirements of Section 43-13-127 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. In it we have attempted to provide a broad range of factual information about Mississippi's Medicaid Program in an effort to keep you and the general public fully informed.

We wish to acknowledge the vital roles played by the State Department of Public Welfare, the State Board of Health, the Mississippi Foundation for Medical Care, and the Medicaid fiscal agent, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., in the ongoing administration of the Medicaid Program. We also wish to acknowledge the health professionals in our State who provide the necessary health services and who offer technical assistance to the Medicaid Commission through its advisory committees.

On behalf of approximately 286,000 Mississippians who are helped through the Medicaid Program, we wish to thank the Governor and the members of the Legislature for continuing to make these services available.

Respectfully submitted,

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INTRODUCTION

Medicaid is a program of medical assistance for the needy administered by the states using state appropriated funds and Federal matching funds within the provisions of Title XIX of the Social Security Act as amended. In Mississippi, the Medicaid Program began on January 1, 1970. The program is administered in Mississippi by the Medicaid Commission by authority of Section 43-13-101 et. seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972. Section 43-13-105 of the Code designated the State Department of Public Welfare as the certifying agency for determining eligibility for Medicaid.

The medical care provided by the state program varies widely from state to state. A few states limit coverage to those services required by the Social Security Act while several states cover all permissible services. During Fiscal Year 1978, Mississippi provided coverage for seven optional services in addition to the eight mandatory services. Services provided in Mississippi were:

Mandatory Services:

- Inpatient Hospital Service
- Outpatient Hospital Service
- Other Laboratory and X-Ray Services
- Skilled Nursing Home Services
- Physicians Services
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services (for age 20 and under)
- Home Health Services
- Family Planning Services

Optional Services covered

- Prescribed Drugs
- Dental Services (Emergency extractions for adults)
- Intermediate Care Facility Services
- Eyeglasses (necessitated by eye surgery)
- Tuberculosis and Mental Institution Services (for age 65 and over)
- Christian Science Sanatoria Care and Services
- Emergency Ambulance Services

MEDICAID ELIGIBLE PERSONS

In the text of this report, the term eligible refers to a person who has been certified by the Department of Public Welfare as having met the necessary requirements to receive Medicaid benefits under one of the following approved categories:

- Aged (65 and over)
- Blind
- Disabled
- Aid to families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
 - Children within the families (AFDC Children)
 - Caretaker relative for the children (AFDC Adults)
 - Child Welfare Service Foster Care Children (CWS Foster Care)

In each instance, the individual must meet the requirements of financial need and relatedness to the category for which he applies. 'Relatedness' also includes the following statutory extensions of coverage:

- Children 18 to 21 years of age who meet all AFDC requirements except age (the caretaker relatives are included in coverage)
- Children who meet eligibility requirements for AFDC except for the "living with" factor and are placed in a private foster home with payment made from AFDC funds.
- Persons who are patients in a medical facility and who, if they left such facility, would qualify for assistance (money) payments under Aged, Blind, Disabled, or AFDC Programs.

Persons meeting all requirements for eligibility except the income limits may become eligible for Medicaid in certain situations through a "spend-down" procedure whereby the excess income is either spent or obligated for medical services.

Mississippi statutes assign the responsibility of determining eligibility for the Medicaid Program to the Mississippi State Department of Public Welfare. Prior to January 1, 1974, this was largely a by-product of the Welfare Department's regular work in processing applications for public assistance grants, and there was little additional cost to the state, since Medicaid eligibility was automatic for those persons found eligible for a money payment. This is still true with respect to the AFDC category and the CWS Foster Care category. However, on January 1, 1974, a Federal program of financial assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled, known as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), was implemented. The provisions of the new program, Title XVI, effected the transfer of financial assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled from the State Department of Public Welfare to the Federal government. However, Public Law 92-603 which amended Title XVI of the Social Security Act gave states the option of continuing to determine Medicaid eligibility for these categories or to provide Medicaid assistance to those receiving SSI. Mississippi chose to continue eligibility determination by the State Department of Public Welfare. The cost for eligibility determination in these adult categories is now reflected in the Medicaid budget.

With 5,482 applications for medical assistance pending at the beginning of Fiscal Year 1978, an additional 59,324 applications were received at the County Welfare offices throughout the year. Of these, 31,245 were approved and 27,303 were denied or disposed of for other reasons. At the end of the year, 6,258 applications were still pending. Eligibility certification is represented by a Medicaid Identification Card, valid for one month only. The Department of Public Welfare mails a new card monthly to each eligible person except to the Foster Care children. Cards for the latter are issued semi-annually. Information contained on the Medicaid card includes the individual's name, unique identification number and current period of eligibility. It must be shown to the provider each time a medical service is requested.

During Fiscal Year 1978, 343,295 persons in Mississippi were eligible for Medicaid benefits for some period of time. The length of eligibility periods for these persons covered all possibilities - from one day to the entire year. Table 1 gives the eligibility count with the corresponding percents for the program categories. In Table 2, the monthly number of eligibles is shown by program category.

TABLE 1
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE AND MONTHLY
AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE WITH PERCENTAGE
DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	FY 1978 Total Number of Eligible Persons	Percent of Total	Monthly Average Number of Eligible Persons	Percent of Total
Total	343,295	100.0	285,849	100.0*
Aged	88,387	25.7	77,594	27.1
Blind	1,799	0.5	1,676	0.6
Disabled	32,295	9.4	26,434	9.2
AFDC Children	169,182	49.3	137,297	48.0
AFDC Adults	50,392	14.7	41,959	14.7
CWS Foster Care	1,240	0.4	889	0.3

*Does not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

TABLE 2
NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID SERVICES BY MONTH AND
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

MONTH	TOTAL	AGED	BLIND	DISABLED	AFDC CHILDREN	AFDC ADULTS	FOSTER CARE CHILDREN
July	290,836	79,997	1,733	27,048	139,126	42,064	868
August	286,490	77,039	1,698	26,391	138,416	42,042	904
September	285,695	76,843	1,688	26,299	138,117	41,895	853
October	284,669	77,547	1,684	26,324	136,346	41,927	841
November	285,229	77,945	1,685	26,329	136,628	41,779	863
December	285,200	77,971	1,686	26,348	136,724	41,661	810
January	290,148	78,663	1,690	26,886	140,481	41,570	858
February	283,924	76,873	1,671	26,247	136,348	41,875	910
March	283,909	76,729	1,660	26,160	136,441	41,990	929
April	284,700	77,083	1,655	26,295	136,438	42,288	941
May	284,785	77,189	1,638	26,382	136,445	42,198	933
June	284,601	77,248	1,626	26,500	136,059	42,216	952
Monthly Average	285,849	77,594	1,676	26,434	137,297	41,959	889

ELIGIBLES BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

The population estimates for July, 1976 (as computed by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce) and the number of persons eligible for Medicaid on June 30, 1978, are listed by counties in Table 3. The 1976 census figures are the latest available. Holmes County had the highest percent of Medicaid eligibles with 35.2 percent, and Jackson County had the lowest percent, 2.7.

TABLE 3
BUREAU OF CENSUS POPULATION ESTIMATES
FOR MISSISSIPPI COUNTIES FOR JULY 1, 1976 AND
NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS OF JUNE 30, 1978

County	1976 County Population ¹	Number of Medicaid Eligibles	Percent of Population
Adams	37,800	5,489	14.5
Alcorn	28,300	2,118	7.5
Amite	13,000	1,250	9.6
Attala	18,500	2,268	12.3
Benton	7,700	1,046	13.6
Bolivar	47,200	9,847	20.9
Calhoun	15,200	1,622	10.7
Carroll	9,100	1,412	15.5
Chickasaw	17,300	2,025	11.7
Choctaw	8,900	1,346	15.1
Claiborne	11,200	1,894	16.9
Clarke	15,500	1,890	12.2
Clay	20,000	2,641	13.2
Coahoma	38,600	7,994	20.7
Copiah	24,900	3,712	14.9
Covington	14,800	2,154	14.6
De Soto	50,500	2,927	5.8
Forrest	62,400	4,683	7.5
Franklin	8,200	1,052	12.8
George	14,300	952	6.7
Greene	8,600	803	9.3
Grenada	20,000	2,749	13.8
Hancock	19,100	1,352	7.1
Harrison	145,300	7,718	5.3
Hinds	231,600	29,435	12.7
Holmes	22,000	7,748	35.2
Humphreys	14,200	3,406	24.0
Issaquena	2,300	492	21.4
Itawamba	17,800	1,175	6.6
Jackson	108,300	2,914	2.7
Jasper	16,400	2,204	13.4
Jefferson	8,800	2,392	27.2
Jefferson Davis	13,000	2,256	17.4
Jones	59,300	4,661	7.9
Kemper	10,100	1,165	11.5
Lafayette	26,500	2,004	7.6

TABLE 3 (Concluded)

County	1976 County Population ¹	Number of Medicaid Eligibles	Percent of Population
Lamar	18,700	1,454	7.8
Lauderdale	71,300	7,348	10.3
Lawrence	11,900	1,342	11.3
Leake	18,000	2,528	14.0
Lee	51,700	3,306	6.4
Leflore	41,300	7,653	18.5
Lincoln	26,700	2,980	11.2
Lowndes	53,400	5,394	10.1
Madison	32,900	6,744	20.5
Marion	24,100	2,514	10.4
Marshall	26,900	5,182	19.3
Monroe	34,100	3,353	9.8
Montgomery	13,000	2,692	20.7
Neshoba	21,700	2,475	11.4
Newton	19,400	1,771	9.1
Noxubee	13,100	2,801	21.4
Oktibbeha	33,000	4,062	12.3
Panola	27,500	4,054	14.7
Pearl River	28,200	2,599	9.2
Perry	10,000	1,241	12.4
Pike	34,000	4,807	14.1
Pontotoc	19,000	1,827	9.6
Prentiss	21,500	1,928	9.0
Quitman	14,000	2,243	16.0
Rankin	59,900	1,820	3.0
Scott	22,300	2,356	10.6
Sharkey	7,600	2,053	27.0
Simpson	20,700	2,008	9.7
Smith	14,900	1,280	8.6
Stone	8,300	705	8.5
Sunflower	35,300	6,052	17.1
Tallahatchie	18,000	4,026	22.4
Tate	20,200	2,855	14.1
Tippah	18,000	2,156	12.0
Tishomingo	16,000	1,070	6.7
Tunica	10,800	2,515	23.3
Union	20,500	1,663	8.1
Walthall	12,800	2,443	19.1
Warren	49,100	5,296	10.8
Washington	71,300	11,497	16.1
Wayne	17,600	2,567	14.6
Webster	10,000	1,159	11.6
Wilkinson	10,100	1,898	18.8
Winston	19,200	2,730	14.2
Yalobusha	12,100	1,608	13.3
Yazoo	27,500	5,118	18.6

¹County population rounded to the nearest hundred

MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

During Fiscal Year 1978, 285,625 different persons benefited from one or more of the medical services covered by the Medicaid Program. This was a decrease of 4,104 persons or 1.4 percent from Fiscal 1977. The monthly average number of recipients shows a 0.3 percent increase over Fiscal 1977. The distribution among the program categories remained relatively the same for the unduplicated totals. However, the monthly averages show a drop of 0.8 percent for the Aged and a gain of 1.4 percent for the AFDC Children.

Table 4 illustrates the recipient distribution by program category while Table 5 shows the monthly recipient count by program category.

TABLE 4
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AND MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER
OF RECIPIENTS WITH PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	FY 1978 Total Number of Recipients	Percent of Total	Monthly Average Number of Recipients	Percent of Total
Total	285,625	100.0*	133,696	100.0
Aged	82,644	28.9	54,116	40.5
Blind	1,542	.5	912	.7
Disabled	29,774	10.4	19,035	14.2
AFDC Children.....	128,093	44.9	38,885	29.1
AFDC Adults	42,638	14.9	20,482	15.3
CWS Foster Care	934	.3	266	.2

*Total not 100 percent due to rounding.

TABLE 5
NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING ONE OR MORE MEDICAL SERVICES
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Month	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	AFDC Children	AFDC Adults	CWS Foster Care
July	123,452	53,982	871	18,601	30,289	19,498	211
August	136,944	56,838	978	20,018	37,180	21,687	243
September	127,036	53,984	889	18,555	33,952	19,421	235
October	129,790	52,400	897	18,934	37,622	19,681	256
November	137,177	54,427	960	19,225	41,731	20,570	264
December	121,104	48,182	828	17,964	35,828	18,079	223
January	135,996	52,792	925	19,184	41,422	21,389	281
February	139,147	52,982	938	19,358	44,102	21,448	315
March.....	141,153	55,071	888	18,848	44,907	21,155	281
April	146,516	60,065	943	19,410	44,190	21,590	316
May	134,835	54,993	931	19,150	38,671	20,788	302
June	131,208	53,677	890	19,173	36,730	20,478	260
Monthly Average	133,696	54,116	912	19,035	38,885	20,482	266

UTILIZATION RATE

In Fiscal Year 1978, the average monthly utilization rate increased slightly from the 45.0 percent rate of Fiscal Year 1977 to 46.8 percent. This was an increase of 1.8 percentage points. The lowest utilization was in July, 1977.

Table 6 gives the monthly utilization rates and the average monthly rates. Using the total number of eligibles and the total number of recipients, Table 7 shows the wide range of utilization among the program categories in Fiscal Year 1978.

TABLE 6

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS, NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AND UTILIZATION RATE BY MONTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Month	Number of Eligible Persons	Number of Recipients	Utilization Rate
July	290,836	123,452	42.4
August	286,490	136,944	47.8
September	285,695	127,036	44.5
October	284,669	129,790	45.6
November	285,229	137,177	48.1
December	285,200	121,104	42.5
January	290,148	135,996	46.9
February	283,924	139,147	49.0
March	283,909	141,153	49.7
April	284,700	146,516	51.5
May	284,785	134,835	47.4
June	284,601	131,208	46.1
Monthly Average	285,849	133,696	46.8

TABLE 7

TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS, TOTAL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AND UTILIZATION RATE BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Number of Eligible Persons	Number of Recipients	Utilization Rate
Total	343,295	285,625	83.2
Aged	88,387	82,644	93.5
Blind	1,799	1,542	85.7
Disabled	32,295	29,774	92.2
AFDC Children	169,182	128,093	75.7
AFDC Adults	50,392	42,638	84.6
CWS Foster Care	1,240	934	75.3

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

FEDERAL/STATE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Mississippi Medicaid Program is administered by the Medicaid Commission using funds appropriated by the State and Federal matching funds. Federal matching rates vary considerably depending upon their use in providing medical services for eligibles or in meeting administrative costs of the program. The variation in matching rates is illustrated in Chart 1.

During Fiscal Year 1978, the total administrative expense was \$9,079,118, with the Federal government paying \$4,359,067 or 48.01 percent. This total included all state agency cost, all cost of processing and paying claims by the Medicaid Fiscal Agent, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc., and all of the Department of Public Welfare's cost in eligibility determination for the adult categories.

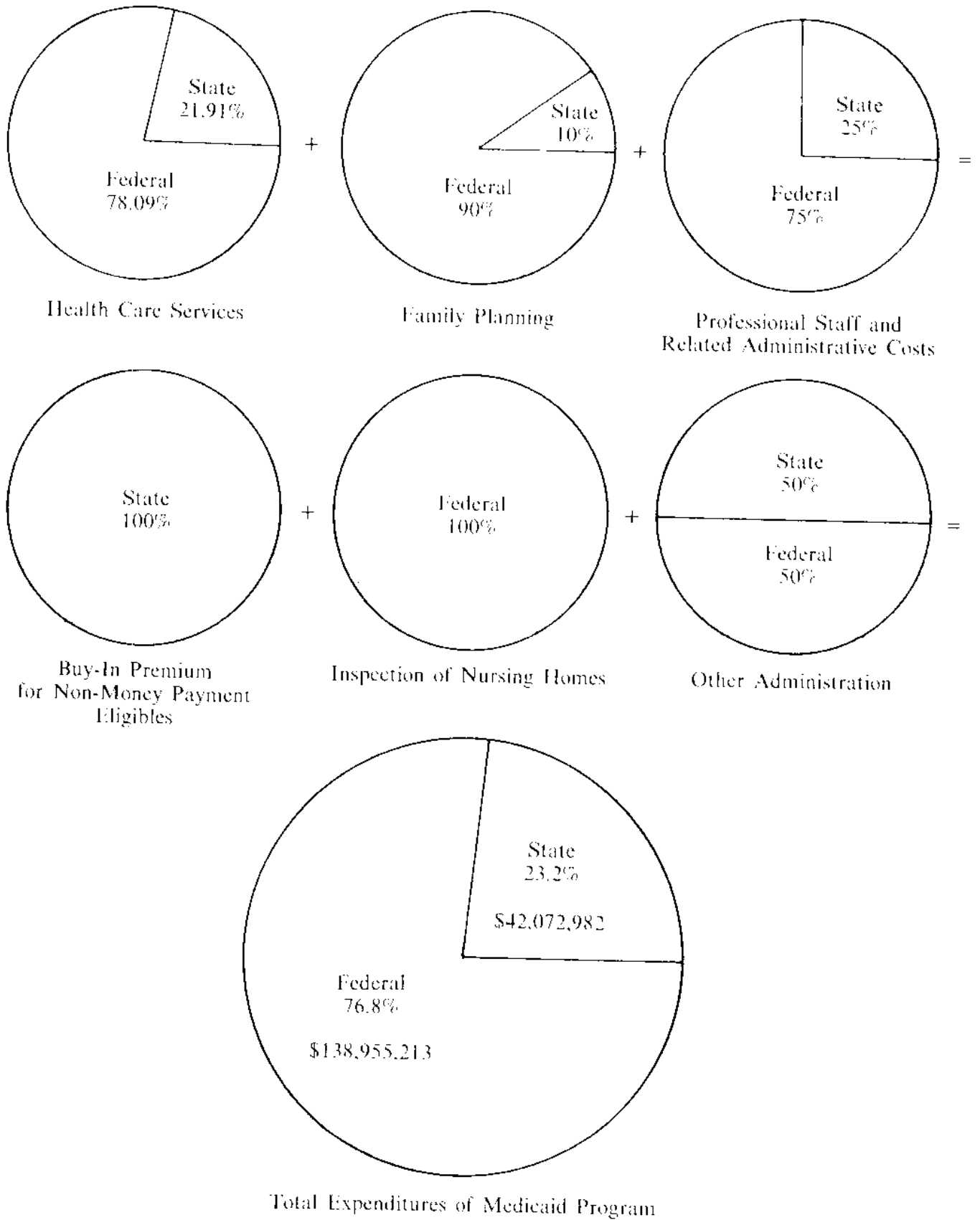
During Fiscal Year 1978, the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) for most medical services in Mississippi was 78.09 percent. A state's FMAP is a calculated percentage based on the state's per capita income. This percentage is redetermined every two years.

Exceptions to the 78.09 percent FMAP for medical services were: Family Planning Services at 90 percent Federal Money; Buy-In, Part B, for non-money payment individuals at 100 percent state money and the service-related inspection of nursing homes at 100 percent Federal money.

In accordance with the Social Security Act and Mississippi Medicaid Law, payment for services under Medicaid is always secondary to other third party liability. At the time of a recipient's admission to a hospital and at each of his visits to a doctor's office or other service provider, a determination is made as to whether the recipient has third party coverage. Since Medicaid liability is always secondary, any third party payments up to the amount expended by Medicaid are required to be refunded to the Medicaid program. A total of \$931,581 was collected in third party payments and was used to reduce the cost of medical services from \$171,949,077 to \$171,017,496.

The total Medicaid expenditures represent the cost of program administration and the cost for health care services. This \$181,028,195 total is comprised of \$138,955,213 Federal money and \$42,072,982 State money.

CHART 1



SOURCE OF FUNDS BY TYPE OF EXPENSE AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

PROGRAM INTEGRITY

The Mississippi Medicaid Commission is responsible for conducting on-site investigations of providers and for monitoring both provider and recipient utilization in the Medicaid Program. The Medicaid Commission is required, under both state and Federal laws, to conduct periodic checks of provider records in order to verify actual receipt of services for which payment has been made and to investigate any cases suggestive of program abuse or misuse.

The existence of the Program Integrity Division continues to serve as an invaluable deterrent to potential fraud and abuse of benefits in the Medicaid Program. Activities in this area continue to expand and keep pace with the growth of the program.

With the assistance of a computerized surveillance and utilization reporting system, the Commission is able to maintain practice and service profiles on all providers of service and on recipients who participate in or receive services through the Medicaid Program. These profiles provide indicators of possible fraudulent activities or abuse of Program benefits and are an important source of information upon which the Program Integrity Division bases its investigations. Examples of the recipient, ratio of laboratory procedures to medical visits for a physician, the average length of stay of recipients for a hospital, and extractions per recipient for a dentist. Exceptional reporting techniques are used to identify the unusual or exceptional profiles.

Reports of any investigations which reveal a significant irregularity are made to the Commission at its monthly meeting. During Fiscal Year 1978, the Program Integrity Division conducted on-site investigations of 280 providers of Medicaid services. This resulted in one provider being terminated from the Medicaid Program, four providers being placed on probation and \$69,818.98 refunded to the Commission. In an effort to control recipient abuse and over utilization of Medicaid services, recipient investigations were begun in Fiscal Year 1978.

CLAIMS PAYMENTS

For Fiscal Year 1978, 5,934,184 claims were received by the Medicaid Claims office. This represents an increase of 270,992 claims or 4.8 percent from Fiscal Year 1977. Table 8 lists the number of claims received by month for each type of service covered under the Medicaid Program for Fiscal Year 1978.

Based on recent Federal and State audits of the Medicaid Program, "clean" claims (those properly filed) are being paid within 10 - 15 days from date of receipt at the Medicaid Claims office. There are, of course, exceptions to this where eligibility questions exist or where additional information may be needed, but these represent a very small percentage of the total.

The Commission's contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield provides for reimbursement of administrative expenses based upon actual audited reasonable cost. Cost reimbursement principles used for this purpose are those established under the Medicare Program.

The fiscal agent contract was for a two-year period ending on June 30, 1978 and was extended for six (6) months until December 31, 1978. Monthly advances of administrative funds were made to Blue Cross and Blue Shield based upon a reasonable projection of administrative costs over the annual period. The monthly advances were subject to adjustment based upon actual cost experience.

Requests for bid proposals to serve as fiscal agent were advertised during the year. Through the competitive bidding process Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Mississippi, Inc. won the bid and will continue as fiscal agent for a three (3) year period beginning January 1, 1979.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield is a non-profit medical and hospital service corporation organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The company serves, in addition to Medicaid, as the Federal government's intermediary for Part A of Medicare and also serves as one of the contractors for the Federal Employees Insurance Program. In addition, the company insures many other persons through its private business.

**TABLE 8
NUMBER OF CLAIMS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF SERVICE
BY MONTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978**

Type of Service	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	TOTAL
Total	435,561	514,639	521,402	416,201	500,677	428,627	495,374	521,194	597,308	487,969	466,328	548,304	5,934,184
Physician Services	60,795	71,151	63,853	65,615	67,862	61,270	63,995	69,295	79,521	57,805	51,034	82,659	794,855
Physician Crossover	46,834	23,299	51,223	24,449	26,485	19,710	12,786	18,266	102,657	64,387	40,806	30,802	461,704
Inpatient Hospital	6,242	7,849	5,167	5,361	5,078	4,185	4,857	5,447	5,919	4,881	3,872	5,048	63,906
Outpatient Hospital	12,042	14,611	15,677	14,101	13,463	13,938	14,906	12,025	17,891	12,527	10,570	17,032	168,783
Hospital Crossovers	12,441	13,387	13,383	12,666	11,942	11,917	9,132	13,009	14,943	19,825	12,607	11,547	156,799
Skilled Nursing Homes	7,241	8,375	6,375	7,070	6,998	6,776	6,968	7,040	7,244	6,985	7,403	7,408	85,883
Drugs	266,293	349,557	341,127	260,481	341,924	287,634	358,232	369,723	338,782	293,602	314,612	360,297	3,882,264
Home Health Services	296	760	223	228	500	335	462	517	489	423	430	542	5,205
Home Health Crossovers	154	167	98	33	26	35	92	152	694	340	217	222	2,220
Dental Service	5,449	5,136	5,840	5,647	5,303	4,888	3,224	5,683	5,986	5,206	3,987	6,873	63,222
Eyeglasses	65	60	72	64	162	102	78	171	102	69	41	51	1,037
Emergency Ambulance	489	422	420	718	800	567	633	515	1,982	1,351	612	941	9,450
ICF - MR	280	308	418	491	484	453	527	550	557	611	617	613	5,909
Intermediate Care Facility	1,304	1,692	1,481	1,369	1,443	1,732	1,734	1,857	2,121	1,926	2,021	2,139	20,819
Family Planning-Medical	2,738	2,561	2,901	1,667	2,318	2,552	775	3,215	2,558	2,692	669	2,555	27,201
Family Planning-Drugs	4,490	6,197	4,630	4,843	5,820	4,340	6,075	4,886	4,700	4,790	5,194	5,078	61,043
Periodic Screening	4,779	5,119	4,271	7,014	5,710	3,698	6,716	4,410	6,024	5,651	7,855	7,282	68,529
EPSDT Dental	2,369	2,575	3,155	3,100	2,823	3,169	3,188	3,113	3,835	3,569	2,757	5,077	38,730
EPSDT Eyeglasses	751	879	753	769	953	812	742	758	1,179	892	691	1,696	10,875
EPSDT Hearing Aids	10	7	14	3	10	23	13	5	10	7	19	27	148
SNH Pre-Evaluation	499	527	321	512	573	501	239	757	514	430	314	415	5,602

EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF SERVICE

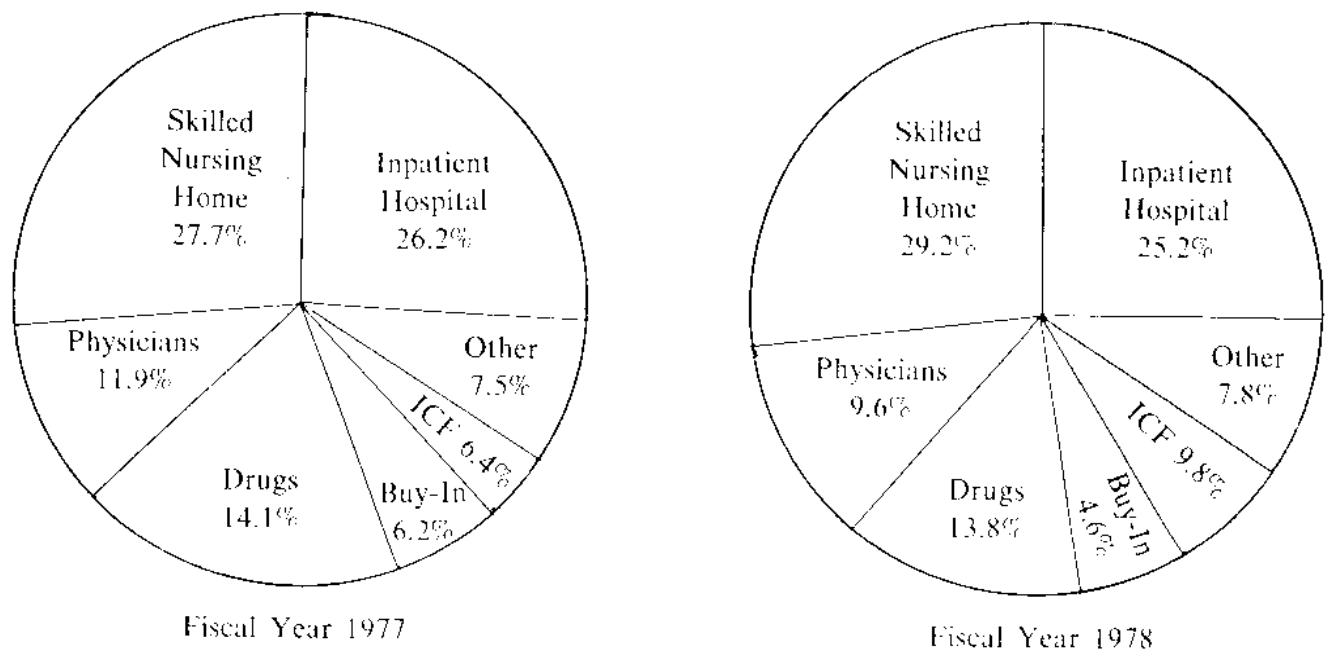
Total medical expenditures for Fiscal Year 1978 amounted to \$171,949,077. This was an increase of \$37,942,185 over Fiscal 1977, and represented a larger rate of increase, 28.3 percent, than the 9.7 percent in the previous fiscal year.

The medical service which accounted for the largest expenditures were Skilled Nursing Home Services with \$50,158,723, and Inpatient Hospital Services with \$43,339,062. Combined, these two services accounted for slightly more than one-half of each Medicaid service dollar spent. Drugs remained third in total funds expended with \$23,724,564.

Chart 2 compares the percentage distribution of expenditures for the major medical services during Fiscal 1977 and 1978. Two services, Physicians and Drugs, show a drop in the percentage distribution in the chart. In actual dollars spent, however, Drugs increased \$4,778,429 and Physicians' Services increased \$536,506. The large increase in drug payments was due primarily to dropping the \$0.50 co-payment January 1, 1978. Other relevant factors were the changes in drugs covered and the restrictions on prescription refill.

Table 9 shows the actual amount spent in each medical service with the percent increase or (decrease), and Table 10 gives the average spent per recipient in each service. In Table 10, the total expenditures for Buy-In, Part B Medicare has been separated into (a) the amount paid for the average number of monthly premiums, i.e., recipients, and (b) the amount paid for the 8,467 persons accreted to the Buy-In billing list during the year. Whereas the monthly premium cost is \$7.70 per month, the average back charges for Fiscal Year 1978 accretions amounted to \$87.69. Section 1843 of Title XVIII, the Social Security Act, allows for back premium payments when necessary for the individuals' correct coverage period.

CHART 2



PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF SERVICE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977 AND FISCAL YEAR 1978

TABLE 9
EXPENDITURES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES BY TYPE OF SERVICE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1977 AND FISCAL YEAR 1978

Type of Service	Fiscal Year 1977 Expenditures	Fiscal Year 1978 Expenditures	Percent of Increase or (Decrease)
Total.....	\$134,006,892	\$171,949,077	28.3
Inpatient Hospital	35,061,884	43,339,062	23.6
Outpatient Hospital	3,953,633	5,143,553	30.1
Laboratory & X-Ray	216,160	285,401	32.0
Skilled Nursing Home	37,139,939	50,158,723	35.1
Physicians	15,921,120	16,457,626	3.4
EPSDT	3,228,023	4,539,740	40.6
Home Health	256,554	400,453	56.1
Emergency Ambulance	295,066	336,339	13.9
Prescribed Drugs	18,946,135	23,724,564	25.2
Dental Care	1,200,905	1,472,742	22.6
Eyeglasses.....	33,214	38,768	16.7
Intermediate Care Facility	8,558,082	16,934,982	97.9
Family Planning	931,702	1,199,053	28.7
Buy-In, Part B Medicare.....	8,264,475	7,918,071	(4.2)

TABLE 10
EXPENDITURES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES BY TYPE OF SERVICE
NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS FOR EACH SERVICE, AND
AVERAGE SPENT PER RECIPIENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Type of Service	Total Expenditures	Number of Recipients	Average Spent per Recipient
Total.....	\$171,949,077	285,625	\$ 602.01
Inpatient Hospital	43,339,062	61,519	704.48
Outpatient Hospital	5,143,553	99,629	51.63
Laboratory & X-Ray.....	285,401	18,032	15.83
Skilled Nursing Home	50,158,723	9,551	5,251.67
Physicians.....	16,457,626	233,799	70.39
EPSDT ¹	4,539,740	65,439	69.37
Home Health	400,453	2,334	171.57
Emergency Ambulance ²	336,339	9,005	37.35
Prescribed Drugs	23,724,564	237,898	99.73
Dental Care	1,472,742	39,774	37.03
Eyeglasses	38,768	487	79.61
Intermediate Care Facility	16,934,982	3,314	5,110.13
Family Planning	1,199,053	24,711	48.52
Buy-In, Part B Medicare (a) ³	6,724,256	72,773	92.40
Buy-In, Part B Medicare (b) ⁴	1,193,815	8,467	87.69

¹Only persons under 21 years of age are eligible.

²Number of Ambulance Services' paid claims, not number of recipients.

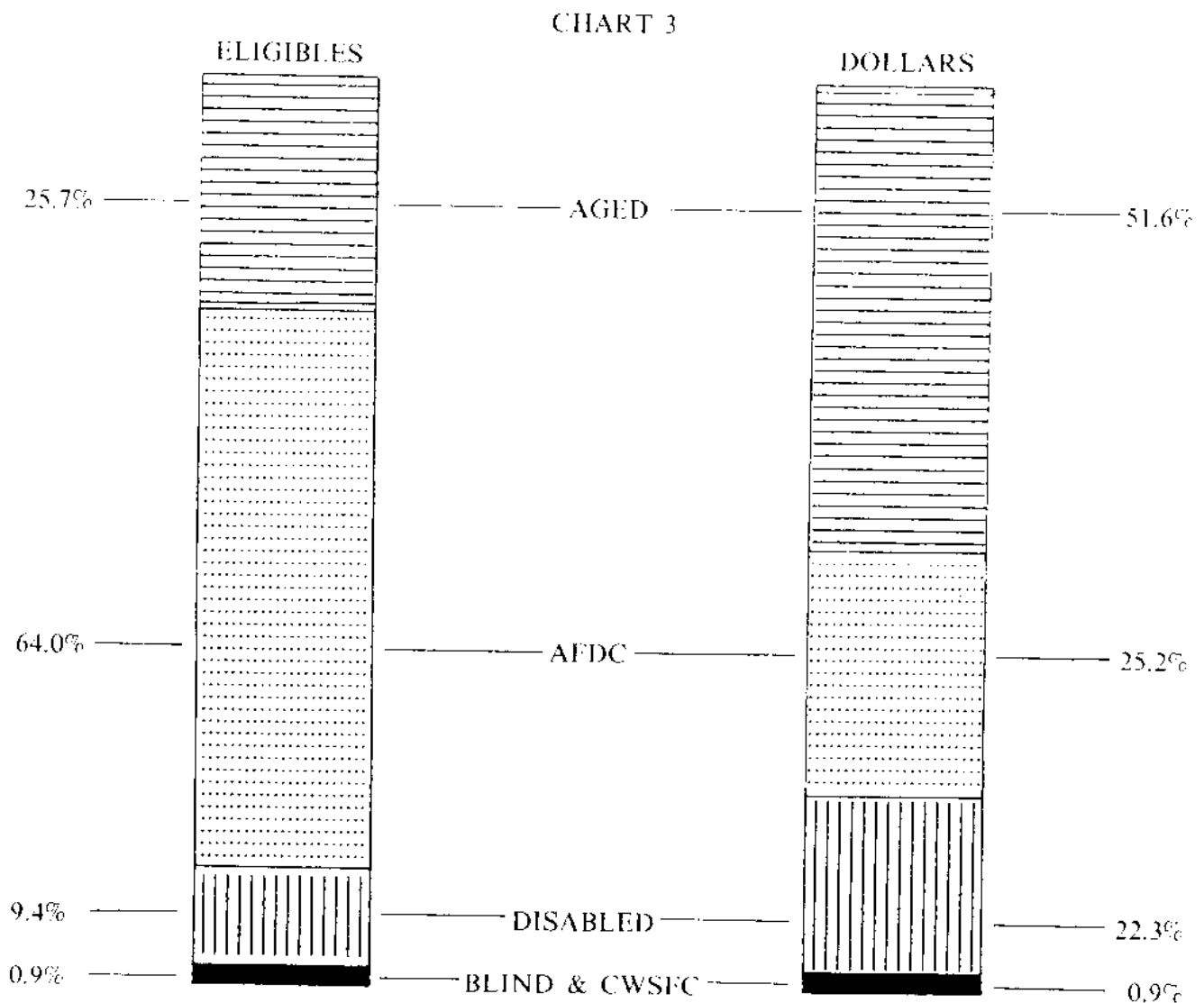
³Average number of monthly Buy-In premiums paid.

⁴Total number of Fiscal 1978 Accretions with back premium charges.

EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM CATEGORY OF ELIGIBILITY

More than half of the total expenditures for medical services in Fiscal Year 1978 was spent for the Aged Category. While only 25.7 percent of the persons eligible were in the Aged Category, the expenditures for these persons amounted to 51.6 percent of the total. Over \$50 million were paid for nursing care and drugs, approximately \$8 million for Buy-In, Part B premiums, and another \$5 million for physician's services for the Medicaid elderly persons. All programs categories increased in both total expenditures and the average cost per eligible person during Fiscal Year 1978.

A comparison of the expenditures of each program category is presented graphically in Chart 3. In Table 11, these amounts are shown with the average cost per eligible. Table 12 lists the medical services expenditures which exceeded one million dollars in the year. EPSDT benefits are only provided for individuals through age 20; and Buy-In, Part B premiums are paid only for those eligible persons age 65 or who otherwise qualify for care.



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 PERSONS ELIGIBLE AND DOLLARS SPENT BY PROGRAM CATEGORY
 FISCAL YEAR 1978

TABLE 11

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLES, AVERAGE SPENT PER ELIGIBLE, AND PERCENTAGE BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Expenditures	Percent of Total	Total No. of Eligibles	Percent of Total	Average Per Eligible
Total	\$171,949,077	100.0	343,295	100.0	\$ 500.88
Aged	88,725,724	51.6	88,387	25.7	1,003.83
Blind	1,203,644	.7	1,799	0.5	669.06
Disabled	38,344,644	22.3	32,295	9.4	1,187.32
AFDC Children	25,276,514	14.7	169,182	49.3	149.40
AFDC Adults	18,054,653	10.5	50,392	14.7	358.28
CWS Foster Care	343,898	.2	1,240	0.4	277.34

TABLE 12

EXPENDITURES FOR MAJOR MEDICAL SERVICES BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Type of Service	Total	Aged	Blind	Disabled	AFDC Children	AFDC Adults	CWS Foster Care
Inpatient Hospital ..	\$43,339,062	\$ 8,927,847	\$476,730	\$14,995,315	\$10,184,680	\$8,624,473	\$130,017
Outpatient Hospital ..	5,143,553	1,080,146	30,861	1,244,740	1,717,947	1,049,285	20,574
Skilled Nsg. Home ..	50,158,723	44,865,702	250,794	4,714,920	300,952	25,079	1,276
Physicians	16,457,626	5,365,186	131,660	3,340,898	4,246,068	3,331,384	42,430
EPSDT	4,539,740	-----	-----	-----	4,252,840	-----	286,900
Prescribed Drugs	23,724,564	13,523,001	189,797	5,148,230	2,253,834	2,562,253	47,449
Dental Care	1,472,742	226,802	11,782	216,493	581,733	432,986	2,946
Intermediate Care ..	16,934,982	10,008,574	101,610	6,208,920	592,724	16,935	6,219
Buy-In, Part B	7,918,071	7,515,842	-----	402,229	-----	-----	-----

PAYMENTS MADE TO PROVIDERS BY COUNTY

The total paid to providers of medical services is shown for each county in Table 13. The recipients served by the providers during Fiscal Year 1978 were not necessarily residents of that county, but the providers were. The County data given consists of the total number of providers within each county to whom payments for medical services were made; the total number of Medicaid persons served by those providers; and the total payments made to those providers.

TABLE 13

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEDICAID PROVIDERS, NUMBER RECIPIENTS SERVED WITHIN COUNTY AND TOTAL PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS BY COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

County	County Providers	Recipients Served	Total Payments
ADAMS.....	99	22,847	\$2,771,545.28
ALCORN.....	54	4,972	1,452,000.62
AMITE.....	10	1,852	105,940.22
ATTALA.....	28	5,912	1,201,106.70
BENTON.....	2	65	4,305.69
BOLIVAR.....	78	43,434	4,413,959.90
CALHOUN.....	25	6,425	676,099.70
CARROLL.....	10	2,477	115,579.47
CHICKASAW.....	37	9,280	1,194,222.23
CHOCTAW.....	12	4,146	511,251.75
CLAIBORNE.....	10	5,618	319,835.42
CLARKE.....	17	6,079	1,251,307.61
CLAY.....	24	6,490	570,126.21
COAHOMA.....	66	26,271	2,595,660.59
COPIAH.....	34	13,981	1,032,228.67
COVINGTON.....	22	7,559	1,094,296.63
DESOTO.....	31	8,441	698,490.38
FORREST.....	175	32,575	5,946,783.38
FRANKLIN.....	17	4,638	703,630.32
GEORGE.....	23	4,663	749,523.60
GREENE.....	13	2,689	343,011.32
GRENADA.....	48	14,292	2,870,668.58
HANCOCK.....	23	4,630	670,654.46
HARRISON.....	223	27,714	4,554,525.38
HINDS.....	769	223,051	23,001,277.60
HOLMES.....	29	26,514	1,876,917.27
HUMPHREYS.....	20	18,080	1,271,974.82
ISSAQUENA.....	0	0	00
ITAWAMBA.....	21	3,786	1,146,891.01
JACKSON.....	131	8,888	2,082,262.23
JASPER.....	19	9,578	925,096.96
JEFFERSON.....	19	7,838	599,646.39
JEFFERSON DAVIS.....	14	7,225	605,088.23
JONES.....	120	21,923	4,702,068.24

TABLE 13 (Continued)

County	County Providers	Recipients Served	Payments
KEMPER.....	10	2,833	165,729.54
LAFAYETTE.....	60	6,060	2,885,099.40
LAMAR.....	14	4,602	357,550.84
LAUDERDALE.....	176	25,509	5,191,600.37
LAWRENCE.....	14	5,290	1,239,318.29
LEAKE.....	25	8,444	932,992.55
LEE.....	144	21,662	3,413,474.86
LEFLORE.....	72	34,138	4,255,497.77
LINCOLN.....	58	12,637	2,354,895.10
LOWNDES.....	74	13,579	1,863,299.76
MADISON.....	48	20,663	2,647,433.93
MARION.....	33	7,614	1,580,502.57
MARSHALL.....	34	14,452	1,628,427.24
MONROE.....	54	14,481	2,372,113.47
MONTGOMERY.....	23	10,086	1,356,116.86
NESHOBA.....	31	7,885	1,043,608.77
NEWTON.....	29	6,712	1,394,476.57
NOXUBEE.....	16	10,136	834,238.99
OKTIBBEHA.....	50	14,629	2,903,909.64
PANOLA.....	46	14,479	1,350,778.28
PEARL RIVER.....	47	11,071	1,838,725.13
PERRY.....	13	5,518	402,462.25
PIKE.....	78	23,595	3,240,007.85
PONTOTOC.....	23	5,875	921,701.83
PRENTISS.....	29	6,173	1,633,637.82
QUITMAN.....	11	7,926	359,524.82
RANKIN.....	58	6,478	1,492,976.36
SCOTT.....	28	7,859	1,245,638.16
SHARKEY.....	12	6,720	411,292.47
SIMPSON.....	42	9,511	2,411,653.82
SMITH.....	15	4,405	372,000.85
STONE.....	14	2,884	856,385.03
SUNFLOWER.....	49	18,559	2,029,332.16
TALIAHATCHIE.....	17	8,872	714,513.82
TATE.....	24	10,283	579,694.17
TIPPAH.....	26	9,250	1,720,621.48
TISHOMINGO.....	26	5,507	686,758.55
TUNICA.....	10	6,543	415,733.77
UNION.....	30	7,420	1,061,474.49
WALTHALL.....	21	9,193	1,527,455.42
WARREN.....	126	20,054	3,038,373.85
WASHINGTON.....	129	38,127	4,894,801.06
WAYNE.....	24	9,564	993,248.70
WEBSTER.....	11	5,243	696,505.42
WILKINSON.....	25	7,142	643,213.63
WINSTON.....	28	8,505	1,386,513.81
YALOBUSHA.....	21	4,198	599,894.93
YAZOO.....	26	12,438	1,829,457.76

PAYMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

Table 14 gives the recipient count and the amount expended on their behalf. Recipients are listed by the county of residence and are unduplicated only within each county, not within the State. Medicaid recipients who resided in more than one county during the year are therefore included more than one time in the table.

TABLE 14

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AND AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES ON THEIR BEHALF FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

County	Recipients	Expenditures	County	Recipients	Expenditures
Adams	5,698	\$ 2,693,557.62	Leflore	8,577	\$ 3,921,688.07
Alcorn	2,413	1,718,296.54	Lincoln	3,237	2,608,153.47
Amite	1,408	509,223.98	Lowndes	5,061	2,067,218.64
Attala	2,495	1,374,852.15	Madison	6,602	3,201,145.42
Benton	1,128	359,380.17	Marion	2,907	1,933,103.05
Bolivar	10,381	4,102,280.47	Marshall	5,015	1,924,953.88
Calhoun	1,890	940,907.76	Monroe	3,730	2,270,199.89
Carroll	1,575	546,388.89	Montgomery	2,967	1,541,470.02
Chickasaw	2,303	1,281,155.18	Neshoba	2,572	1,844,992.32
Choctaw	1,533	793,225.72	Newton	1,998	1,400,323.31
Claiborne	2,117	552,428.79	Noxubee	2,830	905,988.20
Clarke	2,177	1,473,582.77	Oktibbeha	4,339	2,908,994.20
Clay	2,777	879,659.57	Panola	4,225	1,468,344.54
Coahoma	8,153	3,156,105.77	Pearl River	3,269	2,164,231.40
Copiah	3,930	1,683,679.12	Perry	1,476	564,225.56
Covington	2,299	1,256,246.03	Pike	5,241	3,065,222.53
DeSoto	2,985	1,041,689.57	Pontotoc	2,005	1,277,104.79
Forrest	5,233	4,421,837.91	Prentiss	2,172	1,562,970.01
Franklin	1,225	792,710.36	Quitman	2,326	690,610.67
George	1,136	810,742.07	Rankin	2,079	1,960,969.82
Greene	1,065	516,952.36	Scott	2,671	1,540,533.03
Grenada	3,108	2,338,603.25	Sharkey	2,095	607,348.33
Hancock	1,609	888,084.43	Simpson	2,389	2,322,156.13
Harrison	8,169	4,766,094.60	Smith	1,528	739,469.68
Hinds	28,613	13,903,882.79	Stone	881	864,949.12
Holmes	7,894	2,503,383.83	Sunflower	6,388	2,463,459.69
Humphreys	3,793	1,224,414.28	Tallahatchie	3,952	1,384,368.96
Issaquena	485	140,140.11	Tate	3,109	1,089,653.48
Itawamba	1,398	1,283,735.73	Tippah	2,366	1,716,654.72
Jackson	3,269	2,055,239.91	Tishomingo	1,296	633,234.52
Jasper	2,470	1,157,520.36	Tunica	2,440	630,902.98
Jefferson	2,667	883,923.13	Union	1,986	1,064,566.22
Jeff Davis	2,568	1,254,530.98	Walthall	2,666	1,696,451.66
Jones	5,351	4,468,901.02	Warren	5,209	2,959,700.31
Kemper	1,100	339,426.45	Washington	11,494	4,804,010.14
Lafayette	2,077	2,020,564.85	Wayne	2,736	1,240,306.52
Lamar	1,840	878,330.92	Webster	1,351	771,383.41
Lauderdale	6,950	4,633,080.41	Wilkinson	2,077	720,187.56
Lawrence	1,740	1,120,337.75	Winston	3,066	1,616,194.44
Leake	2,718	1,320,172.57	Yalobusha	1,791	1,073,077.32
Lee	3,955	2,536,640.74	Yazoo	5,030	2,322,955.60

PAYMENTS MADE TO STATE HEALTH AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

State health agencies and institutions received \$14,616,548 for services provided to Medicaid recipients during Fiscal Year 1978. This was an increase of approximately 30.3 percent over the previous fiscal year.

The University Medical Center received 54.6 percent of the total paid State institutions. The major part of the \$7,972,881 paid to the Medical Center was for hospital services, accounting for \$7,909,257. The balance of \$63,624 was paid for medicine prescribed for Medicaid patients treated in the outpatient clinic.

The Mississippi State Board of Health, through its county offices, contributed greatly to three Medicaid services: Family Planning, Home Health, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment. Payments for services provided amounted to \$1,975,105.

The Medicaid staff worked closely with all state health agencies toward reaching the objectives of fiscal coordination intended under the Medical Assistance Act. The amounts paid to individual agencies and institutions are shown in Table 15.

TABLE 15

AMOUNT OF MEDICAID PAYMENTS MADE TO STATE HEALTH AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS BY SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Name of Agency or Institution	Total Amount of Payment	From Federal Funds	From State Funds
Total	\$14,616,548	\$11,476,170	\$3,140,378
East Mississippi State Nursing Home.....	1,479,494	1,155,377	324,157
Ellisville State School.....	1,757,049	1,372,080	384,969
Kuhn Memorial Hospital.....	248,804	194,291	54,513
Matty Hersee Hospital.....	489,729	382,429	107,300
Mississippi Crippled Children's Center.....	86,207	67,319	18,888
Natchez Charity Hospital.....	145,220	113,402	31,818
North Mississippi Retardation Center.....	235,572	183,958	51,614
South Mississippi State Hospital.....	226,487	176,864	49,623
State Board of Health.....	1,975,105	1,604,467	370,638
University Medical Center.....	7,972,881	6,226,023	1,746,858

SERVICES

PHYSICIANS' SERVICES

During Fiscal Year 1978, a total of 2,732 physicians participated in the Medicaid Program. This included 1,977 Mississippi physicians and 755 out-of-state physicians. The largest specialty group was the Family Physician with almost half of the total number. Medical services rendered or ordered by all participating physicians for Medicaid recipients included:

369,422 laboratory procedures
 216,321 injections
 89,515 radiology procedures
 38,891 surgical procedures

More Medicaid persons, 233,799 individuals, were recipients of Physicians' Services than any other medical service. The over-all utilization rate increased from 66.7 percent in Fiscal Year 1977 to 68.1 percent in Fiscal Year 1978.

TABLE 16
NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE, NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
AND UTILIZATION RATES FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Number of Eligibles	Number of Recipients	Utilization Rate
Total	343,295	233,799	68.1
Aged	88,387	70,636	79.9
Blind	1,799	1,314	73.0
Disabled	32,295	25,417	78.7
AFDC Children	169,182	99,269	58.7
AFDC Adults	50,392	36,478	72.4
CWS Foster Care	1,240	685	55.2

During Fiscal 1978, \$16,457,626 were expended for Physicians' Services in addition to the \$7,918,071 paid for Part B Premiums under Medicare. Distribution by program categories shows the Aged Category with 32.6 percent of the total expenditures. A large part of the \$5,365,186 in this group was for deductible and coinsurance payments under Part B of Medicare. The children in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children who received physicians' care accounted for one-fourth of the total money paid, but the 25.0 percent actually represents an increase of 0.8 percentage points from Fiscal 1977. In Table 17, expenditures are shown for the program categories.

TABLE 17

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES WITH PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES BY PROGRAM CATEGORY
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Expenditures	Percent
Total	\$16,457,626	100.0
Aged	5,365,186	32.6
Blind	131,660	0.8
Disabled.....	3,340,898	20.3
AFDC Children.....	4,246,068	25.8
AFDC Adults	3,331,384	20.2
CWS Foster Care	42,430	0.3

When the persons over 64 years of age who are caretaker relatives and covered under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Category are added to those in the Aged Category, the expenditures for this age group represent 33.8 percent of the total. However, the largest amount expended, by age groups, was for the recipients ages 21-64. This adult group, composed of individuals in the Blind and Disabled Category and the majority of the adult caretakers in the AFDC Category, accounted for 39.9 percent or \$6,566,593. Table 18 shows the amounts paid and the percentage distribution for the four age groups.

TABLE 18

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES WITH PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES BY AGE GROUPS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Age in Years	Expenditures	Percent
Total	\$16,457,626	100.0
Under 6	1,382,441	8.4
6-20.....	2,945,915	17.9
21-64.....	6,566,593	39.9
Over 64	5,562,677	33.8

There were slightly less than one million physicians' visits during Fiscal Year 1978. The average number of visits per recipient ranged from a low of 3.0 to a high of 8.6, while the average number per eligible ranged from 2.3 to 7.9 visits. In Table 19, the average number and the total number of visits for each program category are given. In Table 20, physician visits are shown by the place of visit.

TABLE 19

NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS' VISITS, AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITS PER ELIGIBLE AND AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITS PER RECIPIENT BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category ¹	Number of Physicians' Visits	Number of Eligibles	Average Visits per Eligible	Number of Recipients	Average Visits per Recipient
Blind	9,160	1,799	5.1	1,542	5.9
Disabled.....	256,045	32,295	7.9	29,774	8.6
AFDC Children	381,586	169,182	2.3	128,093	3.0
AFDC Adults	257,541	50,392	5.1	42,646	6.0
CWS Foster Care	2,798	1,240	2.3	926	3.0

¹Aged Category omitted since only coinsurance and deductibles are paid for the majority of visits made by persons in the Aged Category.

TABLE 20

TOTAL NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS VISITS BY PLACE OF VISIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Place of Visit	Number of Visits	Percent
Total	934,603	100.0
Physician's Office	697,923	74.7
Hospital Inpatient	201,523	21.6
Hospital Outpatient	25,436	2.7
Skilled Nursing Home	6,398	0.7
Recipients Home	1,100	0.1
Intermediate Care Home.....	2,034	0.2
Elsewhere.....	189	*

*Less than 0.05%

PRESCRIBED DRUGS

Medicaid eligible persons received 3,758,069 prescriptions during Fiscal Year 1978. This represents an increase of 134,769 prescriptions or 3.7 percent from Fiscal Year 1977.

Drug recipients numbered 237,898, representing a utilization rate of 69.3 percent. The average number of prescriptions per recipient was 15.8 and the average number of prescriptions per eligible was 10.9.

Tables 21 and 22 show the number of prescriptions and the average number of prescriptions per Medicaid eligible and drug recipient by program categories in Fiscal Year 1978.

TABLE 21

**NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS, NUMBER OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE, AND
AVERAGE NUMBER PRESCRIPTIONS PER ELIGIBLE PERSON
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978**

Program Category	Number of Prescriptions	Percent of Total	Number of Eligibles	Percent of Total	Average Rx Per Eligible
Total.....	3,758,069	100.0	343,295	100.0	10.9
Aged	2,069,013	55.1	88,387	25.7	23.4
Blind	30,183	0.8	1,799	0.5	16.8
Disabled.....	745,250	19.8	32,295	9.4	23.1
AFDC Children	485,291	12.9	169,182	49.3	2.9
AFDC Adults	425,363	11.3	50,392	14.7	8.4
CWS Foster Care.....	2,969	0.1	1,240	0.4	2.4

TABLE 22

**NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS, NUMBER OF DRUG RECIPIENTS AND
AVERAGE NUMBER PRESCRIPTIONS PER DRUG RECIPIENT
BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978**

Program Category	Number of Prescriptions	Percent of Total	Number of Recipients	Percent of Total	Average Rx Per Recipient
Total.....	3,758,069	100.0	237,898	100.0	15.8
Aged	2,069,013	55.1	76,850	32.3	26.9
Blind	30,183	0.8	1,386	0.6	21.8
Disabled.....	745,250	19.8	27,042	11.4	27.6
AFDC Children	485,291	12.9	95,391	40.0	5.1
AFDC Adults	425,363	11.3	36,598	15.4	11.6
CWS Foster Care.....	2,969	0.1	631	0.3	4.7

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Medicaid nursing home patients are classified as needing skilled care, intermediate care or special care for the mentally retarded. Nursing homes are certified to render one or more of the above levels of care and one designated as Skilled Nursing Homes, Dual Nursing Homes, Intermediate Nursing Homes and Intermediate Nursing Homes for the Mentally Retarded. A Dual Nursing Home cares for both skilled and intermediate patients and complies with Federal Regulations governing both levels of care.

During Fiscal Year 1978, Skilled and Dual nursing homes rendered 2,646,898 days of care to 9,551 Medicaid patients. The total Medicaid cost of the care was \$50,158,723 which averages out to \$18.95 per day for patients in skilled and/or dual homes.

The per diem payment rates for skilled and dual homes during Fiscal Year 1978 were as follows:

DATES	SNE RATES	DUAL RATES
7-1-77/9-30-77	20.50	
10-1-77/12-31-77	21.50	21.00
1-1-78/6-30-78	24.50	24.25

The difference between the average Medicaid payment (\$18.95) and the above rates is due to the application of Medicaid Income to the nursing home bill. Basically, Medicaid Income consists of all of a patient's income above \$41.50 and their income must be applied to the nursing home bill. The Medicaid payment is reduced by the amount of Medicaid Income.

Intermediate nursing homes rendered 668,230 days of care to 2,670 Medicaid patients. The total Medicaid cost of the care was \$11,800,933 which averages out to \$17.66 per day for patients in intermediate care nursing homes.

The per diem payment rates for intermediate care nursing homes were as follows:

DATES	RATES
7-1-77/9-30-77	18.35
10-1-77/12-31-77	19.00
1-1-78/6-30-78	21.75

The reasons for the difference between the average Medicaid payment (\$17.66) and the above rates are the same as for the skilled and dual homes.

Intermediate nursing homes for the mentally retarded rendered 187,511 days of care to 644 Medicaid patients. The total cost to the Medicaid program was \$5,134,049 which averages out to \$27.38 per day for patients in intermediate care nursing homes for the mentally retarded.

Over all the Nursing Home Program provided 3,502,639 days of care to 12,865 Medicaid patients at a cost of \$67,093,705 to the Medicaid program. Payment were made to a total of 115 Skilled and Dual Homes, 22 Intermediate Homes and 7 Intermediate Homes for the Mentally Retarded, 20 Skilled Homes out-of-state, 16 Intermediate Homes out-of state.

TABLE 23

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AND NUMBER OF DAYS OF CARE FOR NURSING HOME FACILITIES BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Skilled & Dual Nursing Homes		Intermediate Care Facilities		Intermediate Care Facilities-MR	
	Recipients	Days of Care	Recipients	Days of Care	Recipients	Days of Care
Total	9,551	2,646,898	2,670	668,230	644	187,511
Aged	8,602	2,377,738	2,155	544,427	71	20,825
Blind	32	10,824	5	1,702	10	2,791
Disabled	843	240,122	478	116,513	495	146,557
AFDC Children.....	67	17,027	29	5,024	65	16,828
AFDC Adults	6	1,139	2	436	2	403
CWS Foster Care	1	48	1	128	1	107

INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

During Fiscal Year 1978, there were 51,820 hospital discharges with 309,984 days of inpatient hospital care covered by Medicaid. The average length of stay was 6.0 days, the same as in the previous year. For the relatively small number of persons covered in the Aged category who do not qualify for Part A of Medicare, Medicaid pays for their hospital services. Elderly recipients had the longest average length of stay for each period of hospitalization. Table 24 shows the number of recipients of Inpatient Hospital Services benefits with the number of discharges and days of care during Fiscal Year 1978. Those persons who have hospital coverage under Part A of Medicare are not included in the table. Medicaid paid their hospital deductible charges which amounted to \$3,934,026 during the fiscal year.

A total of 181 hospitals participated in the Medicaid Program including 120 Mississippi hospitals and 61 out-of-state hospitals.

TABLE 24

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS, NUMBER OF DISCHARGES, TOTAL DAYS OF HOSPITAL CARE AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAM CATEGORY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978

Program Category	Number of Recipient*	Number of Discharges	Days of Care	Avg. Hosp. Length of Stay
Total	35,568	51,820	309,984	6.0
Aged	2,789	4,627	40,847	8.8
Blind	320	494	3,596	7.3
Disabled	7,836	14,405	116,377	8.1
AFDC Children.....	14,080	17,578	78,496	4.5
AFDC Adults	10,413	14,543	69,717	4.8
CWS Foster	130	173	951	5.5

*Not included are Medicaid recipients covered under Part A of Medicare

OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

A total of 167,673 outpatient hospital visits was provided to 99,629 recipients during Fiscal Year 1978. The average of 1.7 visits per out-patient recipient shows an increase of 0.1 percent from the average number in Fiscal 1977, however, expenditures for Outpatient Hospital Services rose from \$3,953,633 in Fiscal 1977 to \$5,143,553 in Fiscal 1978, representing a 30.1 percent increase.

Outpatient visits were made to 175 different hospitals, 117 in-state and 58 out-of-state during the fiscal year.

DENTAL SERVICES

Limited dental care was provided to 39,774 persons during Fiscal Year 1978 with expenditures amounting to \$1,472,742. A total of 147,324 procedures (primarily extractions) was provided at an average cost of \$9.72 per procedure. This represents an increase of 28.2 percent over last year's cost per procedure and an increase of 22.6 percent from last year's total dental expenditures.

A total of 412 in-state dentists and 13 out-of-state dentists participated in the program during the fiscal year.

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Expenditures for Family Planning Services amounted to \$1,199,053 in Fiscal Year 1978 with the Federal government paying 90 percent and Mississippi paying 10 percent of the total. Payments were made to private physicians, pharmacies, and family planning clinics located throughout the state. A total of 24,711 different persons received Family Planning Services during the year, 16,304 persons receiving medical care and 15,996 persons receiving family planning drugs.

EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services (EPSDT) furnishes a unique opportunity for providing health care to the Medicaid eligible children of Mississippi. This program requires the screening of children 21 years of age and under for physical, mental and developmental defects and provides for the necessary health care to correct or ameliorate those defects. Treatment for visual, hearing and dental problems is also provided. Thus, EPSDT introduces eligible children into the health care system and makes services available before health problems become chronic and expensive to treat.

Good health is not the only factor for the development of a productive adult who is independent of public assistance. However, poverty and untreated health defects often lead to dependency and the perpetuation of the welfare cycle. A DHEW estimate of an individual cost of \$200,000 for a life-time welfare recipient makes the importance of the EPSDT program significant.

During Fiscal Year 1978, a total of 68,934 children received screening services. Among those screened, 58,953 children, or 86 percent, were found to have at least one abnormal condition, and 12,717 children, or 18 percent, were found to have never had a physical examination before. Referrals for follow-up care are as follows:

Dental	61,654
Vision	10,252
Hearing	964
Sickle Cell	24,787
Other Problems	35,085

Such significant figures pointedly illustrate the merits of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Services for the children of Mississippi.



APPENDIX

Section 43-13-127 of the Mississippi Code 1972 requires a listing of hospitals and nursing homes to whom payments in excess of \$25,000 were made, and all other providers to whom payments in excess of \$10,000 were made. The following is a list of the providers receiving in excess of the specified amounts for Fiscal Year 1978:

ADAMS COUNTY

Glenburney Nursing Home	621,449.25
Jefferson Davis Memorial.....	419,861.21
Natchez Comm. Hospital	347,613.46
Trace Haven Nursing Home	339,337.00
Natchez Charity Hosp. Emg.....	145,219.69
Gilbert Rexall Drug Store	72,313.40
E. J. Flechas M.D.	53,154.46
Natchez Super Drugs #2	50,978.16
Wilson Drug Store	47,937.92
George J. Camatsos M.D.	47,561.90
Judson Lloyd M.D.	47,006.62
Pickle Rexall Drug Store.....	40,770.69
Benny A. Wright D.D.S.	28,157.00
Dempsey T. Amacker M.D.	27,132.92
Charles B. Gross D.D.S.	26,825.00
Medical Arts Pharmacy.....	25,603.35
J. W. Iles M.D.	24,982.92
Haneys Drugs	23,129.91
Morgantown Pharmacy.....	22,374.83
Mable T. Garner M.D.	21,996.72
Howard Medi Save Pharmacy	21,299.86
Lessleys Pharmacy Inc.	20,627.96
Homer A. Whittington M.D.	19,557.60
Paul A. Doherty O.D.	16,118.24
T. L. Purvis Jr. M.D.	14,061.56
D. H. Mutziger M.D.	13,469.48
W. E. Godfrey M.D.	13,180.20
Louis C. Lehmann M.D.	12,848.10
G. Swink Hicks M.D.	12,075.46
Lee George Campbell D.D.S.	10,777.00

ALCORN COUNTY

Care Inn Corinth.....	574,861.55
Magnolia Hospital.....	275,993.29
Whitfield Nursing Home	252,594.82
Wilson Drug Company	60,462.95
Whitfield Pharmacy	39,114.27

Magnolia Pharmacy	28,158.32
C. Spencer Lee D.D.S.	24,625.45
Connors Drug Store	24,181.11
Smith Drug Company	21,583.17
Robertson Drug Co.	17,264.83
James Bennett Apothecary	16,357.79
Rieger Gibson Pharmacy	14,353.45
Super D Drug Store #17	12,739.78

AMITE COUNTY

Liberty Drug Store.....	47,300.15
P and S Pharmacy Inc.	19,072.94
Nick V. Musso Jr. D.M.D.	13,413.00
Albert R. Lee M.D.	12,826.23

ATTALA COUNTY

Attala County Nursing Ctr.	752,783.65
Montfort Jones Mem. Hosp.	138,009.54
Sullivan's Discount Drugs.....	60,886.96
Pickles Drug Store	52,275.87
Boyd's Drug Store Inc.	33,993.25
John Moody Burge Jr. D.D.S.	27,076.39
Rea's Attala Disc. Drugs.....	16,465.55
James D. Neaves D.D.S.	16,194.00
City Drug Store.....	15,676.20

BOLIVAR COUNTY

Bolivar County Hospital.....	828,964.44
Shelby Drug Company	689,412.34
Care Inn Cleveland	442,482.56
Oak Grove Retirement Home	332,741.08
Haire Drug Center	197,916.37
Robert C. Tibbs II M.D.	166,723.83
J.E. Warrington M.D.	152,876.02
Kelly Buckley-Buckley PHA	151,582.51
Shelby Community Hospital	132,957.15
Bolivar County Hosp. S.N.F.	127,806.90

Richard Waller M.D.	112,838.62
Mound Bayou Comm. Hospital	82,552.99
Medical Arts Pharmacy	79,089.55
Gene L. Coopwood D.D.S.	72,560.60
R.T. Hollingsworth M.D.	*55,179.44
Donald J. Blackwood M.D.	48,108.30
Lewis Drug Store	46,333.97
Delta Drug Store	45,672.84
Paul Warrington M.D.	42,062.33
Carl H. Barbour D.D.S.	41,446.20
James G. Adams M.D.	36,257.77
P. Patel M.D.	36,047.33
Eugene E. Tibbs M.D.	35,488.15
John T. Milam M.D.	32,574.38
Simmons Drug Co. Inc.	32,569.18
Robert Hollingsworth M.D.	29,784.20
J. G. Peeler Jr. M.D.	29,462.28
Delta Com. Health Ctr. Phar.	28,496.30
Merton C. Toler M.D.	26,266.72
Arthur W. Lindsey Jr. M.D.	22,972.00
James R. Taylor D.M.D.	19,093.00
Willie B. Lucas M.D.	18,905.45
Family Medical Clinic	17,013.36
J. Abide M.D.	16,226.08
John T. Gibson D.D.S.	15,578.00
Samuel D. Austin M.D.	15,573.15
Hugh C. Smith Jr. D.D.S.	14,198.00
Paul Discount Drugs	14,041.12
G.W. Green M.D.	*13,929.80
Georg W. Green M.D.	11,626.38

CALHOUN COUNTY

Calhoun County Nsg. Home	194,427.02
Hillcrest Hospital	106,553.69
Calhoun Co. Medical Fac.	101,876.40
Peoples Drug Store	27,430.80
G and S Pharmacy	25,172.20
Plunks Pharmacy	24,830.55
Chandler Drug Company	21,788.60
City Discount Drugs	19,724.21
Guy Farmer M.D.	19,336.94
Crockers Pharmacy	19,191.53
Thomas P. Waits D.D.S.	19,145.60
Bruce Drug Store	14,752.94
Lester D. Webb M.D.	12,151.52
Charles H. Crocker M.D.	12,037.30

*This payment represents reimbursement for drugs dispensed.

CARROLL COUNTY

Montgomery Drugs	40,269.12
Vaiden Drugs	30,231.21
David Meadows M.D.	21,256.50
Millard S. Costilow M.D.	15,211.82

CHICKASAW COUNTY

Houston Hospital	326,764.44
Shearer Richardson Home	280,888.62
Okolona Comm. Hospital	95,738.96
Estes Walgreen Drg.	48,400.11
Houston Drug Company	39,172.09
Flog Dyer E.C.F.	37,553.93
John D. Dyer M.D.	37,489.59
Stewart-Harris Inc.	37,001.25
Okolona Comm. Hosp. S.N.F.	35,468.79
Joseph H. Shoemaker M.D.	26,133.20
Houses Pharmacy	24,745.05
Okolona Drug Company	23,762.49
Houlka Pharmacy	21,342.87
Super G Discount Drugs	15,058.30
John E. Harris M.D.	13,627.05
Charles Secreste M.D.	13,578.42
John E. Powell M.D.	13,134.59
Herman K. Smith D.D.S.	12,713.00
Joe Carter Nichols	12,466.60
B. L. Hammack M.D.	11,868.20
Philpot Memorial Lab.	11,315.39

CHOCTAW COUNTY

Choctaw County Nsg. Home	207,039.93
Choctaw County Hospital	81,355.05
Moore Drug Company	60,109.27
Crowder Drug Store	49,065.75
Edward Pennington M.D.	34,467.68
Hodges Pharmacy	23,736.90
William B. O'Kelly M.D.	23,349.80
George Bounds M.D.	17,894.90
James B. Bryant D.D.S.	10,305.00

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

Claiborne County Hospital	102,972.91
Savrite Drugs Port Gibson	65,218.07
McDaniel Pharmacy	52,978.64
Roy M. Barnes M.D.	51,709.71
David M. Segrest M.D.	30,064.16
E. L. McAmis M.D.	11,556.51

CLARKE COUNTY

Archusa Convalescent Ctr.	726,723.49
Watkins Memorial Hospital	226,579.66
H. J. Fletcher-Hammack Dgst.	80,957.61
Quitman Drugs	49,691.18
Crumbley Drug Store	49,194.13
James C. Graham M.D.	28,772.18
Walter D. Gunn M.D.	25,608.79
Samuel Marcus Allen M.D.	12,882.07
John W. Watkins M.D.	10,497.24
Medicare Serv. and Supply	10,209.67

CLAY COUNTY

Ivy Memorial Hospital.....	210,033.88
Crestwood Manor	111,052.72
Rose Drug Company Inc.	81,685.18
Robert T. Lott M.D.	51,943.54
Charles J. Nail Jr. D.D.S.	25,916.00
Plaza Drug Company	17,006.33
Gibson Pharmacy	16,988.39
H. D. Posey D.D.S.	11,924.00

COAHOMA COUNTY

Northwest Ms. Reg. Med. Ctr.	1,037,944.29
Delta Manor Nsg. Ctr. ICF MR.	476,108.24
Greenbough Nursing Home	219,557.05
R. Ted Roberts D.D.S.	82,868.00
Julius L. Levy M.D.	82,836.39
Haggard Drug Store Inc.	77,693.92
Williams Rexall Drugs	45,527.84
Economy Dgs. of Clarksdale	40,949.94
Henderson Rexall Drugs.....	39,763.64
Henry A. McCrory M.D.	31,416.40
Donald R. Ellis M.D.	31,372.40
W. F. Clark M.D.	25,785.08
Glen L. Wegener M.D.	25,338.80
John Sullivan D.D.S.	23,803.00
Frank T. Marascalco M.D.	23,350.50
Westgate Drugs Inc.	20,387.72
George C. Furr M.D.	18,920.16
Medi Save Pharmacy	18,448.26
Melvin Ehrich M.D.	16,398.35
Van R. Burnham M.D.	16,323.93
Wiley L. Fowler D.D.S.	15,589.00
Tom S. Cooper M.D.	15,484.75
Claude Montgomery Jr. D.D.S.	14,533.50
Whitman B. Johnson M.D.	14,506.61

Edgar W. Turner D.D.S.	13,119.00
William B. Bobo M.D.	12,662.62
McGee Taylor Medical Clin.	12,143.37
Malcolm D. Bailey Jr. D.D.S.	11,512.00
Clarksdale Surgical Clin.	10,900.19
Rodney W. Baine M.D.	10,148.25
Edwin M. Hemness M.D.	10,080.30
Clinic Discount Drugs	10,071.90

COPIAH COUNTY

Pine Crest Care Ctr.	233,435.44
Hardy Wilson Mem. Hospital.....	188,762.51
Allreds Pharmacy	97,480.81
Biggs Drug Store Inc.	78,071.44
Super D #123	51,394.34
City Drug Store, Hazlehurst	48,260.34
Robert M. Akin M.D.	41,462.77
City Drug Store, Crystal Springs	31,746.05
James R. Stingiley M.D.	24,074.54
William M. Dabney M.D.	21,936.94
Hazle Drug Store	20,058.60
Miss. Discount Drugs Inc.	19,729.39
Economy Drug Co.	18,614.86
Jerry B. Gullede M.D.	18,271.75
Lamar Puryear M.D.	18,129.55
John H. Long M.D.	15,844.11
Fred McDonnell M.D.	15,366.44
Buy Lo Drugs Inc.	12,396.06
Thomas F. McDonnell M.D.	10,802.21
L. O. Turner M.D.	10,696.32
Loren D. Breland M.D.	10,690.24

COVINGTON COUNTY

Woodland Hills Nsg. Home	384,908.25
Covington County Hospital	303,922.19
C & C Drugs Inc.	58,746.03
Carrs Discount Drugs	49,078.79
Clayton Drug Store Inc.	43,045.08
Cranfords Drug Store	37,501.13
Powell Drug Store	32,558.07
Harlan B. Rogers D.D.S.	28,736.00
Joseph E. Johnston M.D.	25,367.60
Weston E. Folse M.D.	22,596.62
Charles C. Tyler P.A.	18,127.04
Billy J. Mayfield D.D.S.	16,329.00
Whites Discount Drugs	16,184.05
Charles P. Crenshaw Jr. M.D.	16,095.78

DESOTO COUNTY

Southaven Health Care Ctr.	366,008.47
Hernando Pharmacy	55,948.29
William Fonderburks Drugs	47,212.30
Robert B. Seymour D.D.S.	45,799.00
Wadsworth Clinic P.A.	24,573.55
Hamilton Pharmacy	21,274.03
Hoovers Drug Store	19,073.73
Michael L. Smith M.D.	14,413.95
Malcom D. Baxter M.D.	13,806.70
DeSoto Discount Drugs	12,874.55
Southaven Hlth. Care Pharm.	12,099.92
Henry M. Wadsworth Sr. M.D.	10,090.35

FORREST COUNTY

Forrest County General	1,055,156.65
Conva Rest	900,277.17
Hattiesburg Conv. Center	756,323.04
Happy Acres Conv. Home Inc.	627,361.50
Green Forest Conv. Home	490,042.71
Methodist Hospital	394,420.41
Conva Rest, Petal	266,784.05
Convarest Pharmacy	91,161.12
Hattiesburg Clinic P.A.	74,552.59
Mullican Pharmacy	66,917.45
Hub City Pharmacy Inc.	55,478.62
South Ms. Home H. Rehab. Ag.	55,419.93
John H. James M.D.	55,006.62
Bennett Van York DDS	49,206.30
Love Drug Company Inc.	45,969.54
Gambles Drugs Inc.	45,279.63
Petal Drug Company	30,134.85
Path Lab Ltd.	29,326.74
Carl R. Hale M.D.	27,527.57
Home Health Care of Miss.	26,595.03
Billy L. James M.D.	26,732.96
Gibsons Pharmacy	26,384.54
Charles E. Greer D.D.S.	26,231.00
Grover W. Smith D.D.S.	22,919.50
Hattiesburg Clin. Lab. P.A.	22,232.48
Gibson Pharmacy 3	19,587.55
Marcus L. Hogan III M.D.	17,377.40
D. G. Kobs Jr. M.D.	16,642.74
James M. Martin M.D.	16,534.17
Standard Drug Store	16,280.69
Frank B. Collins M.D.	14,620.16
Phillip W. Roger M.D.	14,588.01
Owl Drug Store	14,581.11

John L. Pendergrass M.D.	14,310.50
Hattiesburg Clinic P.A.	13,772.08
Home Health Multi County	13,683.92
Smith Drug Co.	13,396.92
Dan Reikes M.D.	13,029.73
Minor L. Griffin Jr. D.D.S.	12,590.00
John R. Jackson Jr. M.D.	12,005.70
Ronald R. Lubritz M.D.	11,904.23
Terry Albert Lambert D.D.S.	11,394.00
Green Eye Clinic P.A.	11,389.13
David M. Owen M.D.	11,388.56
James E. Spence M.D.	10,521.69

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Myrick Meadville Nsg. Home	370,495.38
Franklin County Hospital	115,303.57
Peoples Drug Store	61,468.90
Bude Clinic	22,818.55
Super Save Drugs	19,485.23
Dillon & Smith Pharmacy	19,282.94
Meadville Rexall Drugs	18,823.23
W. B. Larkin Jr. M.D.	18,595.90
Elmo Gabbert M.D.	14,197.81
Edward J. Schmidt M.D.	10,140.10

GEORGE COUNTY

Glen Oaks Nsg. Home	395,442.46
George County Hospital	126,717.55
Als Pharmacy	53,108.24
The Main Drug Company	53,087.45
Hospital Rexall Pharmacy	22,299.88
Community Med. Ctr.	10,842.72

GREENE COUNTY

Greene Co. Hosp. S.N.F.	106,216.25
Greene County Hospital	79,043.43
McLain Drug Store	48,253.62
Dietz Drug Store	31,936.10
Hodges Pharmacy	18,133.04
George W. Howell M.D.	18,040.26
Gilberto Patino M.D.	16,531.46

GRENADA COUNTY

Care Inn Grenada	810,633.22
North Ms. Retirement Home	757,811.54
Grenada County Hospital	609,136.93

Care Inn Grenada	72,298.08
Marascalcos Sav Mor Drugs	70,564.03
E. S. Richardson D.D.S.	66,727.00
Dyres Prescription Shop	54,189.92
D. L. Harrison Jr. M.D.	49,813.74
Brister Pharmacy	49,678.12
McClure Drug Company	47,529.82
Chaney's Rexall	45,223.63
Dyre Kent Drug Co.	40,005.80
Thomas S. Glasgow M.D.	36,195.49
Robert B. Townes Jr. M.D.	29,683.29
Kanwall Maniktahla M.D.	18,041.16
Guy R. Braswell M.D.	16,009.36
Gaines L. Cooke M.D.	15,517.54
Mike C. Campbell M.D.	15,396.85
William B. Hunt M.D.	14,703.75
John D. Harper D.D.S.	12,314.60
Clinton H. Whittington D.D.S.	12,225.00
R. C. Purohit M.D.	11,526.71
Gibson Pharm Grenada Inc.	10,198.54

HANCOCK COUNTY

Gulf View Haven Inc.	384,379.52
Hancock General Hospital	118,334.76
Gulf Thrifty Drugs Inc.	28,279.64
Quality Drugs Inc.	28,274.19
William E. Calvert M.D.	14,842.81
Fahey Drug Company	12,480.23
S. A. Chevis M.D.	10,968.73

HARRISON COUNTY

Memorial Hospital	945,417.41
Miramar Lodge Nursing Hm.	817,794.51
Driftwood Nursing Center	513,900.12
Howard Memorial Hospital	487,506.33
Dixie White House Nursing	269,977.74
Gulf Coast Community Hosp.	263,794.35
Garden Park Comm. Hospital	193,860.01
Oak Place Pharmacy Inc.	92,418.78
French Drug Co. Inc.	82,048.08
T-D Drugs Inc.	53,869.53
Joseph R. Mitchell M.D.	29,211.31
Emi Yamashiro M.D.	27,757.50
Fred H. Walker M.D.	27,157.30
Kimbrough Quint Drug Co.	26,189.93
Gerald W. Segraves D.D.S. P.A.	23,851.00
Day Drug Company Inc.	22,951.33
Daniel D. Conwill D.D.S.	22,434.00

Unicare Home Health Inc.	21,497.83
Broad Avenue Pharmacy	21,235.09
J. O. Tate D.D.S.	20,336.00
Taylor Harris Drug Store	16,349.78
John W. Godsey M.D. P.A.	14,677.88
Robert J. Schmidt M.D.	14,023.64
Economy Drugs	13,484.13
Felix H. Dunn M.D.	12,547.88
Medical Arts Pharmacy	12,383.27
Henry K. Hillman M.D.	11,931.62
Covichs Pharmacy	11,010.53
Katz and Besthoff #207	10,940.07
R. A. Mitchell M.D.	10,928.36
Mullers Pharmacy Inc.	10,714.66
Patrick L. Pierce M.D.	10,517.47
T. D. Pharmacy	10,322.25
Griffons Pharmacy	10,035.26

HINDS COUNTY

University Hospital	7,972,811.00
Ms. Baptist Medical Center	1,339,574.32
Hinds General Hospital	1,278,271.57
Dept. of Public Health	1,975,105.00
Saint Dominic Mem. Hosp.	933,653.72
Care Inn Clinton	818,678.62
Clinton Country Manor	801,417.38
Crossgates Manor Nsg. Home	600,814.59
Inglewood Manor Nsg. Home	469,222.87
Mississippi Nursing Home	437,506.65
Lakeland Nursing Center	435,672.61
Ms. Methodist H & Rehab Cr.	362,413.75
Albermarle Health Care	327,113.74
Carters Guest Home Inc.	314,744.89
Community Nsg. Home	269,581.89
Whispering Pines Nsg. Home	267,784.37
Crawford Nursing Home	211,854.57
Magnolia Home for Conv.	200,091.57
Cottage Grove Rest Home	168,413.65
Compere Nursing Home	146,941.22
Main Drug Store Inc.	109,614.18
Southwest Drugs No. 20	98,088.88
Beech Haven Rest Home Inc.	88,093.74
Ms. Crippled Childrens Ctr.	86,207.00
T. P. Discount Pharmacy	79,477.69
Jackson-Hinds Health Cntr.	77,973.40
Robert Smith M.D.	70,277.69
William F. Hand Jr. D.D.S.	69,695.00
Southwest Drug Co. Inc.	65,804.36
Northgate Pharmacy	63,882.47

Kidney Care Inc.	63,482.60	Hollmans Pharmacy	17,036.70
Harvey C. Sanders M.D.	59,384.13	Afzal Ahmed M.D.	16,901.04
Raymond Drug Store	58,072.17	Thomas Herrin M.D.	16,765.74
Southwest Drug Co. Inc.	56,127.13	Michael E. Jabaley M.D.	16,681.49
Howard Medi Save Pharmacy	54,656.31	Patricia H. F. Norman M.D.	16,503.80
Metro Medic Ambulance Ser.	44,023.31	E. H. Finch D.D.S.	16,420.00
Ferry Discount Drugs	42,628.64	Jackson Medical Assoc. P.A.	16,246.25
Cent. Miss. Cli. Lab	40,483.25	John P. Buckley M.D.	16,016.46
Super D Drugs #26	38,091.80	Metro Discount Drugs	15,774.60
Jackson Hinds Health Cntr.	35,467.73	Mooreco Drug	15,633.52
Edwards Pharmacy	33,505.59	Bratley Medical Lab	15,621.40
Delors E. Magee M.D.	33,418.76	Somprasong Songcharoen M.D.	15,332.56
STA Home Home Health Agcy.	30,711.40	Univ Ob-Gyn. Asso. Ingram	15,214.00
John D. Bower M.D.	29,942.91	Utica Drug Company	15,120.84
Carrol F. Landrum M.D.	29,752.40	Jackson Heart Clinic P.A.	14,597.60
Medical Plaza Pharmacy	29,382.52	James Anderson M.D.	14,463.40
C.J. Moran Jr. M.D.	27,793.35	Mr. Billups H. Allen	14,304.53
Drug Center	27,634.12	Mississippi Disc. Drugs #3	14,246.82
Baldwin Ambulance Service	27,622.95	Elgene G. Mainous D.D.S.	14,226.50
Super D Drugs #101	27,234.59	Robert J. Irwin M.D.	13,644.64
Super D Drugs #28	27,005.81	Fred L. McMillan M.D.	13,409.66
Thomas A. Baines M.D.	26,392.36	Richard C. Boronow M.D.	13,270.95
Davidson Pharmacy	26,292.99	Charles R. McCollum Jr. M.D.	13,089.36
Albert B. Britton Jr. M.D.	26,137.15	Donald R. Montgomery D.D.S.	13,020.80
Seshadri Raju M.D.	24,521.05	William F. Lynch Jr. M.D.	12,844.50
Hinds Urology Clinic P.A.	23,758.15	O. B. Hickerson M.D.	12,682.97
C. Edmondson Jones Sr. D.D.S.	23,654.00	Bradford Brent Drugs Inc.	12,619.01
Super D Drugs #33	23,066.90	Clarence J. Kees M.D.	12,571.35
Gill Drugs Inc.	22,817.02	Frederick Heckler M.D.	12,458.00
John Elton Rawson M.D.	22,797.00	Harmon Drug Store	12,357.88
David L. Jones D.D.S.	22,777.00	Richard Miller M.D.	12,282.80
Univ Ob-Gyn Asso. Ruvinsky	22,186.00	Parkins West End Phar	12,265.83
Reuel May D.D.S.	21,921.08	Raul E. Valenzuela M.D.	12,106.38
Sheldon M. Graves D.D.S.	21,630.60	Super D Drugs #122	12,064.90
Howard Medi Save Pharmacy	21,558.23	Helen B. Barnes M.D.	12,057.10
Starkey Lee Hudson M.D.	21,136.63	Robert A. Sanford M.D.	12,032.20
Thrifty Drug Store #1	21,069.86	Ernest D. Reynolds M.D.	11,725.16
William A. Neely M.D.	20,025.30	Thomas L. Kilgore Jr. M.D.	11,721.43
Willie Grady O'Reilly D.D.S.	19,535.60	George W. Wharton M.D.	11,614.95
R. Arnold Smith M.D. P.A.	19,250.03	Dongs Pharmacy	11,566.68
Revco Drug Store No. 1531	19,132.79	Roy Wilson M.D.	11,551.20
James D. Hardy M.D.	19,054.88	James R. Galyean III M.D.	11,529.78
Fred A. Crawford M.D.	18,569.81	Samuel B. Johnson M.D.	11,154.15
Univ. Ob-Gyn. Asso. Wiser	18,454.00	Woods Discount Pharmacy	11,094.44
J. C. McGehee M.D.	*18,381.81	Miller Mart Disc Drugs	11,055.60
Univ. Ob-Gyn. Asso. Rahman	18,049.00	Brents Drugs	10,831.45
Capital Drug Company	17,801.84	John K. Minyard Jr. M.D.	10,772.54
John W. Evans M.D.	17,617.54	Richard L. Blount M.D.	10,696.86
James D. Mitchell M.D.	17,476.34	Myron W. Lockey M.D.	10,391.86

Lakeland Nsg. Cntr. Inc.	10,387.61
C. E. Farmer M.D.	10,363.08
Monica Joan Collins M.D.	10,325.50

HOLMES COUNTY

Holmes Co. Comm. Hospital	536,290.04
Peoples Rexall Drug Store	157,380.43
Henrich Drug Store	110,173.43
John G. Downer M.D.	93,467.64
District Two Comm. Hospital	88,051.53
B. Wigginton-Pickens Pharm.	79,814.60
Goodman Pharmacy	75,474.69
Howell and Heggie Drug Co.	59,456.38
Sidney A. Johnson M.D.	57,232.68
Coy E. Patton D.D.S.	47,411.40
Hugh L. Gowan M.D.	36,263.94
Haire Drug Center Tehula	32,287.60
Charles W. Campbell M.D.	30,603.50
Roy L. Smith M.D.	29,272.87
Paul B. Brumby M.D.	26,983.10
Fedricks Pharmacy	25,917.98
Fergusons Drugs	23,829.73
Brumby and Campbell	22,610.29
Richard C. Godfrey D.D.S.	22,093.00
Twin County Ambulance Ser.	18,733.34
Gordon D. Russell D.D.S.	17,198.10
Tehula Clinic	11,914.64

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

Belzoni Hospital	280,531.06
Belzoni Pharmacy	193,730.20
Humphreys Co. Mem. Hospital	187,381.86
A. E. Wood Jr. M.D.	85,059.67
Turners Drug Store Inc.	83,696.98
Gortons Pharmacy	66,606.42
Stubbs Drug Store, Belzoni	56,688.73
Tate Haymon D.D.S.	56,652.20
Walter M. Gorton M.D.	52,005.97
Toxey E. Hall M.D.	38,099.22
Stubbs Drug Store, Isola	30,426.55
Samuel C. Sugg M.D.	26,832.37
Thomas J. Barkley M.D.	24,328.26
James Houston O.D.	17,923.80

ITAWAMBA COUNTY

Daniel Nursing Home	795,511.34
Itawamba County Hospital	89,334.32
Senter Drug Co.	44,870.31

S.W. Pharmacy Inc.	41,305.15
Fulton Drug Company	39,364.01
The Apothecary Shop	36,822.34
Billy T. Collum M.D.	22,854.35
Charles D. Johnson D.D.S.	21,527.00
G.A. Tubb M.D.	13,345.10

JACKSON COUNTY

Plaza Nursing Center	601,630.32
Singing River Hospital	543,506.58
Ocean Springs Nursing Ctr.	320,233.73
Gulf Coast Nsg. Home Inc.	307,502.27
Medical Arts Pharmacy	29,348.78
Reuben P. Morris M.D.	16,766.36
Pas Point Discount Drugs	16,638.05
Lovelace Drug Store Inc.	14,145.78
Sav Rex Pharmacy	13,922.67

JASPER COUNTY

Jasper General Hospital	336,317.15
Jasper County Nursing Home	173,490.38
Teds Discount Drugs	79,298.59
Standard Drug Store	71,722.45
Barnett Pharmacy	54,474.75
William Rupert Eure M.D.	37,504.55
Adron K. Lay M.D.	33,025.15
Heidelberg Pharmacy Inc.	23,832.28
Oscar J. Briseno M.D.	22,942.00
Samuel M. Massey D.D.S.	19,610.20
Jerald S. Hughes M.D.	18,191.00
The Medicine Shoppe	17,347.52
Hughes Hadley Clinic	15,975.70
William H. Parker M.D.	10,720.39

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson Co. Hospital	245,910.05
Sav-Rite Drugs of Fayette	79,015.59
Bankston Rexall Drugs	66,187.97
Shanti Pandey M.D.	53,254.06
Charles Humphrey M.D.	40,013.57
Mable T. Garner M.D.	21,996.72
James S. Mangum D.D.S.	18,650.00
Evers Health Ctr. Pharmacy	15,340.50
Medgar Evers Home Health	10,985.20
James R. Todd M.D.	10,151.00

JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY

Jefferson Davis Co. E.C.F.	291,423.78
Jefferson Davis Co. Hosp.	224,602.13
Hudson Drugs	111,138.38
Palace Drug Store	55,946.74
Stamps Drug Store	48,399.89
Myron L. Arrington M.D.	38,924.44
David B. Cloyd D.D.S.	38,220.00
Anse B. Howard III M.D.	32,408.37
James R. Dumas D.D.S.	30,821.20
City Drug Store	27,175.66
Dinesh K. Goel M.D.	25,884.61
Frank L. Leggett M.D.	22,039.20
Bassfield Medical Center	10,852.23

JONES COUNTY

Ellisville State Nsg. Home	928,726.77
Pecan Grove I.C.F. M.R.	811,963.80
Hearthside Haven	762,822.47
Jones County Comm. Hosp.	487,947.12
Nucare Inc.	370,734.33
Jones County Rest Home	366,358.54
South Ms. State Hospital	226,487.00
Read Drugs	79,895.08
Thomas F. Leggett Jr. D.D.S.	63,695.00
Carter Drug Co.	40,856.53
Laurel General Hospital	39,082.12
Therrell Drug Store Inc.	32,690.03
Ward's Pharmacy	32,290.04
Dons Drugs	30,179.49
Johnston Drug Store	27,936.96
Sumrall Drug Store	26,674.19
Ellisville Municipal Hosp.	26,553.82
Dikets Professional Drugs	25,496.08
James V. Morrison Jr. M.D.	21,626.86
Ernest E. Ellis M.D.	19,211.77
Rayford J. Harris D.D.S.	17,287.00
Lakeview N.H.	16,358.43
Blackledge Disc. Drugs Inc.	16,141.23
Thomas Pharmacy	15,979.79
Rex W. Collins M.D.	15,906.29
James Chapman Waites M.D.	14,225.46
Wells Discount Drugs	13,768.66
C. D. Bouchillon III M.D.	12,152.75
Phil O. Nelson Jr. M.D.	11,825.96
Victor Applewhite M.D.	11,089.24
Robert R. Applewhite M.D.	10,537.84
B. R. Patel M.D.	10,282.58

KEMPER COUNTY

Kemper County Hospital	60,149.43
Vandevender Drug Store	39,179.59
Adams Drug Store	15,038.67
Dan Fulton Jr. D.D.S.	11,375.00

LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Woodlane I.C.F. M.R.	933,628.29
Gracelands Inc.	811,136.02
Oxford Lafayette Co. Hosp.	305,225.54
North Ms. Retardation Ctr.	235,572.00
Golden Years Retirement	162,801.52
Oxford Lafayette Co. S.N.F.	135,356.08
Gathright Reed Drug Co.	46,215.48
Blaylocks Drug Store	24,946.49
Oxford Medical Ctr. Phar.	21,054.33
James W. Rayner M.D.	20,774.12
Chaney's Eastgate Pharmacy	18,812.89
Walters Discount Drugs	13,861.69
Prescription Center Inc.	13,244.43
Walker Swaney D.D.S.	13,243.00
Leslie Drugs Inc.	11,908.35
Wayne Lamar M.D.	11,607.32
E.C. Stone M.D.	10,733.14

LAMAR COUNTY

Citizens Drug 2	68,134.82
Lumberton Citizens Hosp.	58,973.88
Hudson Rexall Drugs	39,830.31
Johns Discount Drugs Inc.	37,207.91
Sumrall Drug Store	34,111.28
Lumberton Drug Store	23,187.32
William H. Vann Jr. D.D.S.	21,485.00
Johns Discount Drugs Inc.	21,181.63
Bob Henry Parker D.D.S.	19,919.80
Lloyd Z. Broadus M.D.	18,363.88
Warren B. Dale Sr. M.D.	17,490.69
Angus M. McBryde M.D.	11,682.67

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

East Ms. St. Nursing Home	816,921.06
East Ms. Int. Care Facility	593,911.15
Meridian Nursing Center	463,852.88
Myrick Meridian Nsg. Home	386,204.56
Matty Hersee State Hosp.	489,729.00
St. Joseph Hospital	337,296.57
Queen City Nursing Center	297,529.82

F. G. Riley Memorial Hosp.	251,760.15
Golden Sunset Guest Home	230,196.49
Rush Foundation Hospital	185,822.00
Jeff Anderson Mem. Hosp.	174,934.05
Tutor Drug Inc.	110,098.11
Don Waldrons Mr. Disc. Drug	94,507.38
Rayner Drug & Gifts Inc.	75,025.36
East Ms. State Hospital	68,661.79
Eugene Hunter D.D.S.	39,289.00
Wendell H. Cook M.D.	33,882.92
Eckerds Drug Store #134	31,968.58
Tutor Sims Drugs	30,793.17
Tutors Pharmacy	28,147.68
Meridian Path Lab	26,898.91
W. R. Holladay M.D.	26,786.36
Internal Medicine Assoc.	23,959.40
Charles M. McKay D.D.S.	22,887.00
Octavius D. Polk M.D.	17,164.08
Howard Medi Save Pharmacy	17,106.14
Rush Foundation Hosp. Phar.	15,616.80
Fielder Brooks Pharm.	14,235.73
Anderson Pharmacy	13,152.10
Joel T. Callahan M.D.	13,086.27
Howard Medi Save Pharmacy	12,797.02
Med Art Surg Group Ltd.	11,828.92

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Lawrence Co. Medic Center	396,727.81
Lawrence County Hospital	184,281.57
Hudson Pharmacy	127,656.73
Brantley B. Pace M.D.	102,556.04
Hudson Pharmacy #2	37,167.22
Jimmys Discount Drugs	33,706.88
Daniel G. Martindale D.D.S.	24,596.00
John W. Waller M.D.	22,433.01
Lees Drug Store	16,251.74

LEAKE COUNTY

Leake County E.C.F.	188,593.67
Thaggards Hospital Inc.	144,077.52
Hospital Discount Drugs	106,011.64
Walnut Grove Pharmacy	81,979.25
Leake County Mem. Hospital	59,458.45
H. M. Fairchild M.D.	55,949.04
City Drug Store	55,370.13
Leake Drug Company	52,838.57
Carthage Discount Drug Co.	37,272.39
A. L. Thaggard Jr. M.D.	23,202.90

Frank W. Bowen M.D.	18,884.30
E. L. Carruth M.D.	16,555.20
J. R. Mayfield M.D.	16,544.80
The Prescription Shop	16,091.15
Lamar Thaggard M.D.	11,684.97

LEE COUNTY

North Ms. Medical Center	1,199,615.95
Tupelo Manor Nursing Home	819,133.64
Cedars Health Center	502,080.41
Roys Prescription Shop	64,689.86
T. S. Pharmacy	43,920.54
McDuffie Drug Co.	37,146.35
Thurmond Beasley D.D.S.	32,738.50
East Heights Pharmacy	32,616.41
Medical Arts Pharmacy	27,745.76
S. Jay McDuffie M.D.	23,185.86
Harvey M. Campbell D.D.S.	20,783.00
Thomas-Kineannon-Elkin Co.	20,522.56
Urology Associates	20,464.56
Medical Center Drugs	19,904.28
James H. Neely M.D.	19,701.93
Internal Medicine Asso.	19,456.06
Bruce M. Coleman D.D.S.	16,982.00
Edmondson Drug Store	16,890.17
Kirk Caldwell Hilbun	15,523.24
Tupelo Ortho Cli P.A.	14,948.39
Vernon A. Chase M.D.	14,329.03
Pages Pharmacy Inc.	13,765.36
Super D Drugs Inc. #14	13,563.96
James T. Trapp M.D.	13,265.19
John M. Blakey M.D.	13,207.45
Johns Pharmacy	12,546.97
Community Discount Drugs	11,268.08
Tupelo Anesthesia Group	10,576.38
John M. Ford M.D.	10,359.92

LEFLORE COUNTY

Greenwood Leflore Hosp	1,292,952.76
Care Inn Greenwood	737,711.05
Golden Age Nursing Home	541,904.09
Pemberton Manor Nsg. Home	350,642.63
Chaney's Pharmacy	200,235.26
Crick Med. Clinic Pharmacy	160,002.13
Gene E. Crick M.D.	77,126.98
Thomas C. Boring Jr. D.D.S.	66,062.00
Milton T. Person M.D.	65,679.05
Durhams Drug Store	53,715.48

Chaney's Court Sq. Pharmacy	42,939.53
Barrett Hodges Drugs Inc.	42,042.72
S. M. Cornwall D.D.S.	40,001.60
George J. Nassar M.D.	34,594.16
S. R. Evans Jr. M.D.	34,406.81
Raymond W. Browning M.D.	33,027.18
John Hey M.D.	32,281.30
Clyde Smith M.D.	30,168.36
Fred M. Sandifer Jr. M.D.	30,120.11
Crosstown Pharmacy	27,183.09
Economy Drugs	26,204.20
Edwin M. Meek Jr. M.D. P.A.	25,807.80
Allen Findley O.D.	20,667.92
Eugene F. Webb M.D.	16,747.92
Solomon Holman M.D.	16,075.00
Tallazoo Ambulance Serv.	16,033.67
William L. Thompson D.D.S.	15,643.00
Horace T. Whitaker M.D.	15,094.93
Carl Bernet Jr. M.D.	14,810.80
R. H. Flowers M.D.	14,698.51
Eckerd Discount Drugs Inc.	14,263.88
James S. Robbins M.D.	14,152.04
Robert M. Fedric D.D.S.	13,823.00
J. F. Lucas Jr. M.D.	13,153.86
Fred M. Sandifer III M.D.	12,619.50
William B. Jones M.D.	10,257.63

LINCOLN COUNTY

Cartwheel Lodge	836,052.45
Brook Manor Nsg. Center	370,973.93
Haven Hall Nursing Center	364,749.11
Kings Daughters Hospital	327,088.09
Silver Cross Home	294,865.84
Sav On Drugs East	34,742.53
Bane Drug Center	30,964.71
Cases Pharmacy	29,213.49
Brandt Larue Baker D.D.S.	28,999.00
Brookhaven Drugs	27,177.58
Joseph C. Hillman M.D.	21,684.38
Walley-Field Drug Store	21,588.16
Super D Drugs #31	21,410.51
Albert L. Lott M.D.	17,220.04
Jewell J. Breeland Jr. M.D.	16,254.77
Silver Cross Home	15,934.47
Medi-Care Pharmacy	14,579.47
Bakers Pharmacy	13,803.52
Dan T. Keel M.D. P.A.	12,926.69
Louie F. Wilkins Jr. M.D.	12,307.00
Mark P. Smith O.D.	11,949.91

Jim C. Barnett M.D. P.A.	11,872.73
Joseph P. Crawford M.D.	10,544.90
M. H. Brown M.D.	10,434.14

LOWNDES COUNTY

Aurora Australis Lodge	669,026.95
Golden Triangle Reg. Med.	341,098.70
Magnolia Manor	260,135.79
The Columbus Hospital Inc.	144,052.67
Magnolia Manor	53,929.96
Hawkins Rexall Drugs Inc.	26,726.73
Richard L. George M.D.	24,227.45
Jo Newell Robinson M.D.	22,138.20
Emmett J. Stringer D.D.S.	21,694.00
Reeces Drug Store	21,286.64
Southern Drugs	18,003.56
Alford Drug Company	17,562.34
B. L. Sullivan M.D.	16,135.91
Super X Drugs of Texas Inc.	15,789.49
Bernard Ellis M.D.	15,781.13
Ms. Corp. Services Inc.	14,944.36
Charles B. Dahlke M.D.	14,711.79
J. M. Griffith M.D.	13,361.62
Columbus Pathology Lab	10,839.27
Laws Drug Store	10,698.00

MADISON COUNTY

Canton Nsg. Ctr. I.C.F. M.R.	1,194,279.91
Madison County Nsg. Home	323,511.28
Willard F. Bond Home	269,300.19
Madison General Hospital	206,003.65
Guys Drug Store	64,432.16
Miss. Discount Drugs Inc.	59,774.10
Hudsons Pharmacy	56,324.88
Allens Drug Store	55,462.76
Terrel O. Bailey M.D.	53,717.26
Flora Discount Drugs	34,361.70
Noble Drug Company	29,671.51
Charles H. Heywood M.D.	28,336.55
Joe W. Terry M.D.	26,795.45
Madison Yazoo Leake F.H.C.	36,236.47
Moshys Drug Store	19,903.65
A. P. Durfey Jr. M.D.	18,550.40
E. G. Spivey Jr. D.D.S.	18,276.00
Jacobs Drugs	17,746.29
Mitchell B. Wells D.D.S.	16,984.00
Canton Discount Drugs	16,408.58
George D. Allard M.D.	15,495.27

Allan P. Durfey M.D.	14,726.71
George A. Carmichael M.D.	11,061.40
Earnest L. Rankin M.D.	10,231.52

MARION COUNTY

Floadrian Manor	735,359.49
Marion Co. General Hosp.	222,413.36
Cedars Convalescent Ctr.	165,323.68
Cook & Fortenberry	59,668.03
James B. Conerly D.D.S.	53,494.50
Shepards Pharmacy	42,069.54
Sav On Drugs Of Columbia	41,286.96
Walker Brothers Druggist	38,793.85
Taylor's Pharmacist	34,908.82
Family Clinic	31,250.10
The Harris Drug Company	27,551.74
Discount Drugs	25,510.78
Joseph S. Haney Jr. M.D.	10,265.26

MARSHALL COUNTY

Care Inn Holly Springs	758,719.74
Marshall County Hospital	362,680.39
Tyson Drug Company	144,268.08
Seale Drug Company Inc.	94,773.77
Medical Center Pharmacy	44,803.56
Scott Robinson Drug Store	43,590.91
Marion V. Green M.D.	28,880.54
Presley A. Autry D.D.S.	18,156.00
Herbert S. Phillips M.D.	16,906.40
Joseph A. Hale D.D.S.	16,831.00
Sam P. McClatchy M.D.	16,229.20
Brook V. Monaghan M.D.	13,898.09
William H. Booth M.D.	13,006.77
Edward B. Bond D.D.S.	10,830.00

MONROE COUNTY

Hillcrest Manor Inc.	781,081.87
Aberdeen Monroe Co. Hosp.	397,299.69
Amory Manor Nursing Home	358,626.79
Gilmore Memorial Hospital	141,278.81
The Prescription Center	92,720.27
Nancy A. Jamchuk M.D.	55,666.55
Antonio Jamchuk M.D.	49,407.57
Foster Pharmacy	39,009.92
Peoples Drug Co.	37,738.16
Hudson Drugs Inc.	37,026.52
W.T. Oakes M.D.	29,209.89

Senters Drug Store	28,460.32
Robert E. Coghlan M.D.	25,277.22
McDuffie Pharmacy	23,434.18
Hospital Pharmacy	22,730.18
Hall Pharmacy	17,315.84
Greenhaw Pharmacy	16,405.48
Harco Super Drug	15,523.34
James K. McCown D.D.S.	15,196.00
East Drugs	14,364.70
John N. Turnage M.D.	11,356.23
Cutliff Drug Co.	11,320.64
G&Y Drug Store	10,045.34

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Winona Manor	435,515.55
Tyler Holmes Mem. Hospital	301,352.18
Kilmichael Drug Store	105,601.59
Moormans Drug Store	84,070.95
Kilmichael Hospital	84,051.85
L.C. Henson M.D.	73,355.35
McDougals Drug Store	59,635.20
William A. Middleton M.D.	48,821.63
Robert E. Kemp D.D.S.	32,894.20
Bozones Pharmacy	32,744.72
Plaza Drug Store	24,590.23
David Meadow M.D.	19,840.54
Millard S. Costilow M.D.	13,661.02

NESHOBA COUNTY

Neshoba Co. Nursing Home	330,016.85
Neshoba Co. Gen. Hospital	274,724.67
Hamill Drug Store	50,789.32
Browns Discount Drugs	39,750.19
Thompson Drug Store	38,309.79
Billy Gene Molpus D.D.S.	37,454.00
Augustus P. Soriano M.D.	34,304.06
Stribling Drug Store	30,311.89
Robert L. Moore Jr. M.D.	27,747.40
Gibsons Phar. of Phila. Inc.	19,174.24
C. N. Cannon M.D.	18,942.58
Rudolph A. Posey Sr. D.D.S.	18,912.00
Adkins Pharmacy	13,430.50
F. M. Blackwell M.D.	13,157.42
Yates Drugs	12,793.47
J. H. Leigh M.D.	11,615.62
Sidney W. Bondurant M.D.	11,171.20

NEWTON COUNTY

Hilltop Manor.....	385,531.10
Conva Rest of Newton.....	402,669.41
Laird Hospital Inc.....	184,359.46
Newton Hospital.....	115,135.46
Wheeler Drug Store.....	42,959.31
Harry E. Moore-Moores Phat.....	40,693.22
McBeath Drug Store.....	36,853.26
Hilltop Manor N.H. Pharm.....	29,378.66
Austin P. Boggan M.D.....	27,545.57
Alexanders Pharmacy Inc.....	25,798.83
Williams Drugs.....	21,272.26
John G. Alexander M.D.....	20,295.87
Billy R. Shows M.D.....	19,467.64
Upton Drugs.....	17,678.33
Rex A. Warnick D.D.S.....	14,721.60

NOXUBEE COUNTY

Noxubee General Hospital.....	332,413.36
City Drug Store.....	102,666.84
Patrick H. Gill M.D.....	64,452.64
B. O. Pharmacy.....	62,542.52
Larry Morris M.D.....	54,744.81
James C. Ratcliff M.D.....	52,423.31
Glen Pugh M.D.....	49,729.41
Williams Drug Store.....	36,142.84
Brooksville Pharmacy Inc.....	26,525.96
Owings Drug Company.....	21,329.10
John A. Nicholas D.D.S.....	19,065.80

OKTIBBEHA COUNTY

Rolling Hills Nsg. Ctr.....	1,140,362.69
Starkville Manor.....	763,324.34
Oktibbeha County Hospital.....	284,099.99
George Leroy Howell M.D.....	138,163.85
Wier Drug Co.....	97,862.09
Booth Pharmacy.....	43,703.73
Kermit D. Laird M.D.....	38,946.32
Southdale Drugs.....	38,585.78
Wise Drug Store.....	38,097.15
Douglas L. Conner M.D.....	35,203.82
Allen Drugs.....	33,392.89
Fieldco Discount Drgs. Inc.....	27,174.86
Harrison C. Walker D.D.S.....	25,311.00
John F. Eckford M.D.....	23,178.86
Dempsey C. Strange M.D.....	13,297.07
Sue Haley Simmons M.D.....	12,872.32

George G. Walker M.D.....	12,845.35
L. H. Brandon Jr. M.D.....	12,219.57
Thomas W. Rankin D.D.S.....	11,025.00
State Discount Drugs Inc.....	10,269.37

PANOLA COUNTY

N. Panola Reg. Hosp. & Nsg. C.....	582,273.17
South Panola Comm. Hosp.....	168,562.62
Michael E. Shaheen M.D.....	77,577.52
Mettetal Pharmacy.....	43,996.19
Haltom Davis Drug Co.....	40,788.46
City Drug Store.....	40,668.98
William A. Spencer M.D.....	32,828.96
Sullivans Drug Store.....	31,723.54
Larry W. Herring D.D.S.....	31,258.00
Saverex Drugs.....	27,416.99
Parkview Pharmacy.....	27,001.26
Mettesave Discount Drugs.....	25,581.29
Henry D. Stone M.D.....	25,137.39
Crenshaws Pharmacy.....	21,576.76
David E. Pruitt D.D.S.....	21,402.00
City Drug Store Inc.....	19,942.51
Bailey Walgreen Agency.....	16,736.21
George C. Carlson M.D.....	15,784.89
E. A. Steward M.D.....	14,782.03
Ben J. Moore.....	12,748.16
Nathaniel C. House M.D.....	11,531.18
W. A. Spencer M.D.....	11,068.52

PEARL RIVER COUNTY

Picayune Conv. Home.....	581,216.79
L. O. Crosby Memorial Hosp.....	333,215.95
Pearl River Co. Nsg. Home.....	225,028.94
Pearl River Co. Hospital.....	134,698.55
Medical Center Pharmacy.....	94,048.64
Pearl River Drug Co.....	68,604.84
Picayune Drug Co.....	41,706.67
Walker Pharmacy.....	31,921.09
Willie F. Stringer M.D.....	31,659.75
Cole Walgreen Drugs.....	31,520.12
Ronald L. Rennie M.D.....	19,913.43
Gibson Pharmacy Inc.....	19,016.10
Leo E. Gibson M.D.....	17,952.84
D. L. Bolton M.D.....	16,245.12
Thomas McRaney M.D.....	14,941.42
Vans Pharmacy.....	13,597.14
James L. Schrock D.D.S.....	13,211.00
Don C. Rudeen M.D.....	11,878.69
Eckerd Drugs #532.....	11,704.00

PERRY COUNTY

Perry Co. General Hospital.....	167,906.59
Whites Discount Drugs.....	38,977.41
Carleys Drug Store.....	35,924.12
William E. Moak M.D.....	33,013.16
Stricklands Pharmacy.....	28,128.27
Edwin H. Cole M.D.....	26,697.06
Beaumont Drugs.....	19,639.85
Harmon A. Foster M.D.....	15,946.38
Boutwell Apothecary.....	13,732.01

PIKE COUNTY

S.W. Miss. Regional Med. Ctr.....	740,339.10
Southwest Extended Care.....	742,834.22
McComb Ext Care Nursing.....	725,192.63
So. Pike County Hospital.....	109,049.72
Gillis Drug Store Inc.....	68,259.44
Corner Drug Store.....	56,234.95
Sav-On-Drugs #1.....	51,581.44
Herrington Rexall Drugs.....	51,190.75
Sav-On-Drugs Inc. #2.....	50,684.15
Wendell B. Holmes M.D. P.A.....	48,384.12
Finch & Lewman Inc.....	37,939.84
King M. Baker Disc. Drugs.....	31,425.84
Victor L. Walsh D.D.S.....	27,659.00
State Pharmacy.....	25,623.94
John W. Boyd M.D.....	23,557.97
H. L. Lewis III M.D.....	22,511.71
James W. Pressler M.D.....	21,593.92
Edsel F. Stewart M.D.....	18,944.73
Tom Carey M.D.....	18,891.20
Henry J. Sanders M.D.....	18,829.94
Ralph L. Brock M.D.....	17,003.42
Thomas L. Moore M.D.....	16,110.52
Harry C. Frye Jr. M.D.....	15,830.38
Shelby Smith M.D.....	15,568.02
Bert Edwin Bradford M.D.....	14,970.80
Causey and Sanders Pharm.....	14,585.01
Magnolia Discount Drugs.....	14,569.15
Julian T. Janes Jr. M.D.....	13,697.09
William H. Meyer M.D.....	13,463.69
B. L. Crawford III M.D.....	12,647.20
Benton E. Hewitt M.D.....	12,152.74
James M. Howard M.D.....	11,342.92
George H. Leggett III D.D.S.....	11,334.00
Terry E. Westbrook M.D.....	11,068.62
Jep S. Brock D.D.S.....	11,046.00
William T. Mayer M.D.....	10,833.08

C. Foster Lowe M.D.....	10,564.61
Howard Brothers Pharmacy.....	10,294.72

PONTOTOC COUNTY

Sunshine Rest Home.....	179,650.89
Pontotoc Community Hosp.....	150,719.89
Gracelands of Pontotoc.....	163,436.26
Pontotoc Community Nsg.....	87,595.31
Drs. Speck & Medlin P.A. D.G.S.....	*57,619.62
Ramsey-Young Pharmacy.....	43,915.57
Furr Drug Company.....	35,178.58
Montgomery Drug Company.....	33,830.66
Whitworth Ashmore Drug.....	32,187.44
Day Drug Co.....	25,280.78
Speck and Medlin P.A.....	15,007.16
John M. Patterson M.D.....	13,901.80
William B. Howard M.D.....	12,753.53
Paul L. Whiteside M.D.....	10,543.58

PRENTISS COUNTY

Aletha Lodge Nsg. Home Inc.....	430,571.93
Northeast Miss. Hospital.....	316,338.06
Oakview Rest Home.....	203,857.42
Cox Blythe Drug Co.....	75,105.66
Houston Drug Store.....	59,689.38
Toms Drug Store.....	49,569.50
Tigrett Drug Center.....	35,628.16
Smith Drug Company.....	29,507.68
Booneville Discount Drugs.....	19,843.11
Denvil F. Crowe M.D.....	16,940.71
Baldwin Discount Drug Inc.....	15,052.97
Joseph L. Hurst M.D.....	14,029.08
Paul C. Ellzey M.D.....	13,676.88
R. M. Brown M.D.....	12,947.08
Webster Cleveland Jr. M.D.....	11,768.33
Samuel C. Galloway M.D.....	11,684.35

QUITMAN COUNTY

Stones Drug Store.....	73,623.10
James O. Goldman D.D.S.....	71,013.60
City Drug Store.....	44,892.13
Dons Pharmacy Inc.....	40,809.70
Lewis H. Cook M.D.....	30,937.91
Marshall B. Lynch M.D.....	29,456.13
Sledge Drug Store.....	22,929.27
Clarence S. Phelps M.D.....	22,797.76
Goly R. Henry Jr. D.D.S.....	12,539.50

RANKIN COUNTY

Jacquith Skilled Nsg. Home	412,319.15
Briar Hill Rest Home Inc.	274,945.92
Rosewood S.N.F.	230,053.24
Rankin General Hospital	200,556.01
Brandon Disc. Drugs Inc.	63,539.72
Richard E. Schuster M.D.	53,705.40
Rankin Discount Drugs	34,620.16
Rhodes Robby Drugs Inc.	28,629.07
Paul E. Edwards Jr. M.D.	14,939.00
Miss Pharmacy Consultants	13,811.86
Crossgate Manor	13,296.55
Perrys Drug Store	12,522.69
Murphys Rexall Drugs	12,101.22

SCOTT COUNTY

Scott County Nursing Home	680,352.01
S. E. Lackey Mem. Hospital	110,787.08
Scott County Hospital Inc.	89,308.90
Dedeaux Pharmacy	47,884.36
Gibson Pharmacy	39,661.46
Russells Drug Co.	38,984.91
Webbs City Drug	36,469.00
John Paul Lee M.D.	30,973.86
Ott Drug Company	28,538.05
Howard D. Clark M.D.	25,650.24
Reds Woodland Pharmacy	22,781.65
Jessie W. Austin M.D.	21,432.58
Carleton Drug Store	21,409.50
Harold Leo Russell Sr. D.D.S.	17,648.00

SHARKEY COUNTY

Sharkey Issaquena Hosp.	202,348.94
Atehleys Village Pharmacy	59,572.28
Robert H. F. Lynch M.D.	57,216.84
Anguilla Drug Co.	25,941.09
Henry B. Goodman M.D.	22,211.84
Economy Drug Company Inc.	18,808.92
Windhams Disc. Pharmacy	14,413.41

SIMPSON COUNTY

Hillcrest Health Ctr. Inc.	761,505.53
Mendenhall Nursing Home	390,078.98
Millcreek Rehab. I.C.F.-M.R.	462,587.40
Magee General Hospital	219,806.89
Simpson General Hospital	80,709.44

McGuffee Drug Inc.	70,855.98
Gene Polks Pharmacy	67,822.39
Choctaw Discount Drugs	62,687.53
Service Drugs	36,903.57
Magee Discount Drug Store	33,413.66
Mendenhall Drug Company	23,465.02
James O. Stephens M.D.	21,205.13
Frank C. Wade M.D.	20,938.20
W. G. Munn M.D.	20,428.51
Jack L. Herring M.D.	12,951.59
Styrons Disc. Rx. Shoppe	12,712.88
Leonard A. Bible M.D.	12,075.48
Charles Pruitt III M.D.	11,013.73
Patrick Pasco D.O.	10,998.88

SMITH COUNTY

Smith County Gen. Hospital	128,952.40
Little Pharmacy	36,170.58
Wm. Douglas Owen M.D.	32,358.35
Farmers Drug Co.	26,839.74
Gibson Discount Drugs	25,352.58
Mize Discount Drug Store	22,739.68
Robert E. Jennings M.D.	20,238.50
Verlon E. Hughes D.D.S.	19,050.00
John R. Harper M.D.	18,691.51
Peoples Discount Drugs	18,476.59
Fords Rexall Drugs	17,552.82
Jacob H. Shoemaker D.D.S.	11,058.00
Vance Baucum M.D.	10,743.95

STONE COUNTY

Azalea Gardens Nsg. Center	619,218.15
Stone County Hospital	110,834.89
Whites Pharmacy	35,471.56
Wilson's Pharmacy	31,853.95
Wiggins Clinic	18,122.46
Ray Lionel Cooley D.D.S.	12,809.00
Hubert F. Campbell M.D.	10,800.55

SUNFLOWER COUNTY

Care Inn Indianola	427,316.86
North Sunflower Co. Hosp.	298,104.66
South Sunflower Co. Hosp.	248,637.13
Gilbows Pharmacy	174,015.02
Travis Q. Richardson M.D.	142,574.46
Martins Pharmacy	67,807.90
C. Philip Land D.M.D.	67,573.20

Joseph A. Hull M.D.	56,552.83
W. Tom Martin D.D.S.	44,389.00
J. T. Parker-Parkers Phar	40,795.69
Whites Drug Store	39,544.87
Caldwell Drug Co. Inc.	36,689.25
Edwards Rexall Drugs	32,774.22
Rawls Drug Store	30,792.39
Albert M. Phillips M.D.	27,470.79
Spencers Drugs	24,634.67
Guy H. Robinson M.D.	21,754.39
Donald Drug Company	20,841.43
H. R. Collins-Collins Dgst.	20,571.57
Horne Drug Store	18,713.01
Lee Pharmacy Inc.	18,642.75
W. H. Rose M.D.	18,272.54
Robert N. Hurt M.D.	17,814.92
Charles M. Dorrrough Jr. M.D.	17,607.83
Jack W. Crowell M.D.	17,200.28
John G. Egger M.D.	16,223.44
David L. Rogers O.D.	10,936.52

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY

Tallahatchie Gen. Hosp.	201,846.34
Tall. Gen. Hosp. Nsg. Home	153,084.86
Charleston Drug Company	80,619.98
William R. Bolen D.D.S.	69,248.80
Woods Drug Store Inc.	54,403.04
Theodore T. Lewis M.D.	49,756.57
Paul R. Googe M.D.	35,751.55
W. and D. Pharmacy, Webb	34,677.16
W. and D. Pharmacy, Sumner	31,553.50
C. W. Taintor M.D.	28,739.05
Monroe E. Smith D.D.S.	24,816.00
Alexander W. Hulett M.D.	24,732.56
Gerald A. Smith M.D.	14,094.52

TATE COUNTY

Senatobia Community Hosp.	170,436.27
Varner Drug Co. Inc.	60,667.89
J. R. Flowers-Flowers Dgst.	53,163.56
Hugh M. Montieith III D.D.S.	43,436.60
John D. Rogers D.D.S.	37,966.00
Ethelyn Smith M.D.	34,983.94
City Drug Co. Inc.	32,014.52
Mays Pharmacy	29,117.45
Coldwater Pharmacy	27,549.71
John C. Powell M.D.	22,248.22
E. Side Walgreen Agency	13,226.32

TIPPAH COUNTY

Ripley Manor Nursing Home	795,619.41
Tippah County Hospital	439,244.66
City Drug Co. Inc.	150,184.56
James Discount Drugs	84,018.77
Lockes Drug Store	70,783.16
Horton Taylor M.D.	28,474.52
T. L. Ketchum M.D.	25,643.03
Orville P. Stone M.D.	20,431.49
Charles M. Elliott M.D.	18,645.64
Tommy T. Simpson M.D.	15,003.23
William E. Johnson D.D.S.	13,477.00
Walnut Drug Store	11,912.79
Marian Hill D.D.S.	10,576.00

TISHOMINGO COUNTY

Tishomingo County Hosp.	307,123.65
Tishomingo Co. Hosp. S.N.F.	61,058.65
Super B Drugs	50,715.41
Yarber Drug Store	37,294.80
Rushing Drug Co.	31,878.35
Kelly S. Segars M.D.	30,971.46
Curtis Bros. Drug Store	27,243.91
Iuka Discount Drugs	26,173.60
Kenneth Draper M.D.	23,367.57
Ben Earl Kitchens M.D.	17,784.89
Bobby F. King M.D.	14,667.69
Gatlins Pharmacy	10,030.01

TUNICA COUNTY

Tunica County Hospital	140,683.21
Tunica Pharmacy Inc.	82,317.21
Lawson E. McClung M.D.	67,305.94
Tunica Quality Drugs	41,989.51
City Drug Store	36,110.89
Thomas L. Turpin D.D.S.	24,220.50
Thomas K. Chandler M.D.	15,177.96
M. L. Patel M.D.	14,330.10

UNION COUNTY

Roselawn Retirement Home	420,956.78
Union County General Hosp.	319,571.12
Hospital Pharmacy	64,764.79
Catt Drugs	32,684.23
Gray Drug Company	28,124.87
Eastgate Pharmacy #1	23,960.68