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BRASE, Danny L.  
9/5/74

PHARMACY SERVICE  
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
Outpatient Clinic  
Smith Tower, Second and Yesler  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Veteran:

PLEASE NOTE THE CIRCLED INFORMATION BELOW REGARDING PRESCRIPTION

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ NPH U-80 Insulin \_\_\_\_\_.

1. All refills have been exhausted.
  2. No refills have been authorized by your doctor.
  3. This is the last authorized refill of your prescription.
  4. Please contact your doctor for new prescription.
  5. Your prescription is over six months old and may not be refilled.
  6. Narcotic prescriptions may not be refilled.
  7. Your request was submitted too early. Please mail refill request ten days before your present supply of medication is exhausted.
  8. This is your narcotic medication. Your other medication(s) will follow by regular mail.
  9. We do not have a current refillable prescription in your file for
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10. Your doctor may continue your medication by writing a new prescription for up to a one month supply of medication and authorizing up to five refills.
  11. This medication is for treating a non-service connected condition. It cannot be filled at the expense of the government.
  12. Please have your doctor use prescription blanks with not more than one prescription written on each blank.
  13. (other) We can understand and sympathize with your irritation involving the red-tape required to get a non-prescription item such as Insulin. However, as with most matters involving the government, the VA is required to follow certain regulations, which includes the requirement of a prescription for any medication, for record-keeping purposes. For your information, however, the supplies needed for diabetic control, such as syringes, needles, Testapo, etc., do not require a doctor's prescription. Just ask for them on the order form enclosed, when you need them. When you reach the last authorized refill, a sticker will be attached, to remind you to get a new prescription for the next 6 months.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
REGIONAL OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 1288  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801



Date: June 18, 1974  
In Reply 363/136B  
Refer to: C 23 572 631

Danny L. Brase  
P. O. Box 342  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Mr. Brase:

Your letter to the Veterans Outpatient Clinic in Seattle has been forwarded to us for reply.

We can understand your concern regarding the condition of your insulin when it arrives by mail from Seattle. The Pharmacy there has advised us that they send insulin by mail regularly, without refrigeration and without difficulty. Your medicine will be sent by air and should arrive 10-14 days after you order it. In case you do have difficulty at any time, you are authorized to purchase an emergency supply of insulin at your local pharmacy as in the past. However, it has been VA policy for quite some time to furnish routine medications from the nearest VA pharmacy, and indeed it is quite a bit less expensive, as you noted in your letter.

If you have any further questions or problems, do not hesitate to contact the VA at any time. We will make every effort to provide you the maximum medical care benefits to which you are entitled, and to this end we also maintain close contact with Senators Stevens and Gravel concerning these very matters.

Sincerely,

  
ALTON G. MILNER, Chief  
Medical Administration Division

June 9, 1974

Veterans Administration  
Outpatient Clinic (119)  
Room 521 Smith Tower  
2nd & Mesler  
Seattle, Washington 98104

REF: 363/136-B

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter stating that I must buy (order) my regular medication through you or I am subject to being billed for same.

Several questions come to mind when I receive such a notice; the first being why??...why must I procure an easily perishable medication from Seattle of all places and if I have no alternative but to receive it from there, what guarantee do I have that it will be in useable condition when I receive it? Do you ship it to me under refrigeration? In speaking with the local pharmacy, I was advised that shipping insulin through the mail is best avoided for the reasons listed above so maybe you could enlighten me on this matter.

Next, it seems somewhat peculiar that after having gotten this medication and syringes through the local pharmacy for 7 years, I am now required to order it from Seattle! Is this part of the move to cut down Government spending? No self pity intended, but, it is enough of a hassle to continually jab myself with a needle each and every morning without receiving such notices as your letter or is this normal procedure for a government agency which I've always been under the impression as was established to assist Veterans?

I normally order 4 bottles of NPH U-80 Lilly brand Insulin and 4 boxes of U-80 B-D disposable syringes, after seeing the Doctor. I suppose from the contents of this letter, you may be under the impression that I am in complete dis-agreement with having to follow the procedures you had listed on your for letter and if so, that impression would be correct. I hope however, you will take into consideration the concerns I have expressed. I'm sure my local Senator will. I also would appreciate an answer (s). Thank you.

Respectfully,

Danny L. Brase  
Box 342  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

REGIONAL OFFICE

P.O. BOX 1288

JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801



Date: April 17, 1974

In Reply  
Refer to:

363/136-b

BRASE, Danny L.

SS#478-52-9687

Danny L. Brase  
Box 342  
Palmer, Ak. 99645

Dear Mr. Brase:

In reviewing prescriptions for medicine you are taking for your service-connected disability, we find that some of these medications are the same each month.

In the future, please mail all prescriptions for routine medication to Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic (119), Room 521 Smith Tower, Second & Yesler, Seattle, Washington 98104.

For prompt service each prescription should bear your full name, address, and claim number. Allow ten to fourteen days for handling, shipment, and delivery.

Only prescriptions required in case of emergency may be obtained from your local pharmacy at Veterans Administration expense.

Sincerely,

  
ALTON G. MILNER, Chief

Medical Administration Division

8/27/74  
Box 342  
PALMER, AK.  
99645

V. A.  
Rm. 521, SMITH TOWER  
2ND AVE. & YESLER WAY  
SEATTLE, WN. 98104

REF: C23572631

SIRS:

ENCLOSED IS THE RX YOU REQUESTED. DUE TO THE UNNECESSARY DELAY REQUIRED IN OBTAINING AN RX FOR A NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION, MY CURRENT SUPPLY IS NEARLY EXHAUSTED. YOU CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANOTHER BILL FOR AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY WHICH I'LL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN, PRIOR TO THIS ORDER ARRIVING.

IF YOU'LL NOTICE, DR. CUNNINGHAM HAS ISSUED A PRN REFILL. NOW, IF YOU INSIST THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS AT A TIME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN THE NEXT ONE WILL BE DUE.

IT MUST BE MY MIS-UNDERSTANDING OF V.A. POLICY THAT HAS ME CONFUSED AND IRRITATED. WHY IS A 30 DAY ORDER REQUIRED FOR AN ON-GOING MEDICATION SUCH AS INSULIN? I ASSUMED MOST EVERYONE KNEW THAT ONCE SOMEONE HAS ACQUIRED DIABETES (ESPECIALLY OF MY SEVERITY), THAT IT WOULD BE A LIFE-LONG CONDITION. I FAIL TO READILY UNDERSTAND HOW ALL THESE SUPERFLUOUS, ORDERS, RX'S, ETC. IS TRULY A CUT-BACK IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING WHICH IS, WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD, IS THE PURPOSE IN THIS ORDERING THROUGH THE MAIL

*James L. Taylor*  
Donnell B. Taylor

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION  
OUTPATIENT CLINIC (119)  
ROOM 521 SMITH TOWER  
SECOND & YESLER  
SEATTLE, WN. 98104

18 August 74

REF: 363/1366  
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DEAR SIRs:

Per your instructions re: the acquisition of medication for service connected disabilities, please mail promptly:

4 EA. BOTTLES NPH U-80 INSULIN  
(LILLY BRAND ONLY)

4 EA. Boxes DISPOSABLE SYRINGES  
(26 GA. 1/2")

COTTON BALLS & ALCOHOL IF AVAILABLE.

Thank You -

Danny L. Brase

DANNY L. BRASE  
Box 342  
PALMER, ALASKA 99645

8/22/74

Dear Mr. Brase:

We will be happy to supply you with the Insulin you need. However, we must have a written prescription from your doctor for this or any other medication you may be eligible to get for a service-connected disability. The insulin supplies (Syringes, cotton balls, alcohol, etc.) can be provided without a prescription. We are sending them herewith & will send the Insulin as soon as we receive a prescription.

P.S. VA policy is to provide a 30-day supply of medication, which can be refilled each month for 5 months, if your doctor will authorize refills on the

K. Tomms  
OUTPATIENTS PHARMACY  
ROOM 521 SMITH TOWER  
2nd AVE. & YESLER WAY  
SEATTLE, WASH. 98104

# Valley Medical Center

Box 916  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

March 17, 1975

The Honorable Senator Jalmar Kerttula  
Senate Majority Leader  
Alaska State Legislature  
Senate  
Juneau, AK 99801

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10.  
Presently in the Senate by the  
Commerce Committee.

SUBJECT: Certain practices of the  
United States Veterans Administration  
in regards to medications available  
to veterans.

Dear Senator Kerttula:

I am, indeed, in favor of this resolution that would change the present system of the VA to allow members of the VA to obtain medicines at their local pharmacies rather than having them shipped. In the past, many people need medications who are eligible for this service and have to wait an undesirable length of time which is not beneficial to their present health. In fact, many of the drugs are damaged via shipment; and when the medication does arrive, it is ineffective.

I believe that a change in this system would alleviate some of the bureaucracy red tape, expedite matters and also given those people who deserve better care than what they are receiving at the present time under the present policy. I would personally appreciate your efforts on behalf of changing the present situation.

Sincerely,



M. E. Kirkpatrick, P.A.

MEK:vmw

CC: SUSAN SULLIVAN 3-21-75  
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# COMMITTEE REPORT

3/7/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee on HESS has had SJR 11

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

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Members signing the Majority report:

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

POSITION PAPER  
ON  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

A resolution relating to the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

This resolution urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue present funding of the WIC Program which is scheduled to end June 30, 1975.

With United States Department of Agriculture funding, the Department of Health and Social Services is providing highly nutritious supplemental foods for pregnant or nursing women and young children up to the age of four. WIC is the only federal food program directed toward the nutritional needs of this particular group. One hundred fifty persons are currently eligible for WIC which operates in Barrow and Wainwright and will expand to Nuiqsut in March. Communities served by the WIC project are supportive of it and have witnessed the value of the program to the WIC participants. This valuable program is due to be terminated June 30, 1975 since the President's proposed fiscal 1976 budget makes no provisions for it.

The current USDA budget that is administered by the Alaska Division of Public Health amounts to \$59,600 for fiscal 1975.

The Department of Health and Social Services highly recommends passage of this resolution.

Recommended By: Louis M. J. [Signature]  
Acting Director

2/21/1975  
(Date)

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

3-21-75

Members Present:

Beirne	Ostrosky
Davis	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Osterback	Swanson

SJR 13 am by Meland

Senator Meland gave briefing of the bill. The children need special education and there is nothing for them. The residents asked the BIA to keep it open for the time being until something else can be devised for them.

Sullivan How many children are we speaking of.

Meland 100 or more.

Sullivan You are asking for only \$30,000? How are they referred to Wrangell Inst? Through their own village teachers and also through the BIA?

Meland Yes, on line 15, we have taken out the original clause of "have already failed" in their own village. The youngsters come from all over Alaska. After age 18 they go back to their village and usually with some type of skill, typing basic carpentry, basic plumbing etc.

Sullivan I think the key phrase here is that the children need individual attention that is not available in their local communities.

Sullivan As this is a resolution and not a bill I think we should act on this today.

Beirne I don't think we have enough information, we should contact the BIA and ask them of their position on the Wrangell Institute.

Chairman Sullivan asked to contact the BIA and inform them of the resolution and ask if and when they might be willing to testify to the matter.

HB 131

Overstreet I have submitted a position paper previously. The Governor's package would call for the net increase of a 15% average. The range this covers in each district is 4% to 44%. There are problems of escalating prices. The Governor's package can be divided into six sections:

- 1) \$21,750 to 23,500
- 2) 90% to min. of 93% basic need

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- 3) Units would become supplementary.
- 4) Would increase the number and size of area differentials, all schools districts are in favor of these first four components.
- 5) Repeal 874 Law - effects majority of the Districts. It says that the state will make a supplemental appropriation for children that are living on property not taxable by the State.
- 6) Looking ahead a year to 1976, there would be an automatic increase of \$1500 in the instructional area.

Swanson What was the entire figures?

Overstreet \$3,000,00. to cover the entire bill.

Ostrosky 3½ million would be being waved by dropping the 874 and would then be what?

Overstreet The Governor's total packet is 17 million, if 874 is dropped, then it would be 14 million. Our recommendation is to delete the sec of HB 131 that asks for the repeal and ask the Finance Committee to fund that separately.

Beirne Do you have the figures for the District areas?

Overstreet Yes (submitted copies to members)

Mr. Coffee Superintendent of Juneau Schools

The Superintendents of the state recommends: Support increase of value of instructional units. Intent to further increase funding for 76-77 is also supported.. Supplemental funding also has our support. We feel that the formula should stay at 11 to 1. We would prefer 9 to 1 however. We are opposed to repeal of 874. This is an important part of State funding. There should be some action given replacing funding before illiminating it from the budget. We think this bill is a step in the right direction. Juneau's budget for this year is 7.9 million and 8.8 million for next year. \$400,000 regular agreement with non certified workers.

Parr The Revised Foundation Plan-How much will your increase be?

Coffee Part would be 10%, if the 874 is left in the law, it would be a 19% increase in costs.

Nat Cole State Board of Education is in support of the bill.

Swanson What's your recommendation on the repealer?

Cole I have none, after adding up all the costs we had to look for a figure to meet our budgeted dollar so that's what happened.

Van Houte HB 131 goes part of the way in meeting the financial needs. The 874 should not be repealed. I am disappointed that the School Board isn't asking for more. We believe the figure should be 25,000. Also try to retain isolation factor in this bill for the new districts that will be organized with the decentralization of SOS.

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Tom Brown DEpt. of Education, Special Education

I will testify just to the Special education portion of this bill. Under the Gov's bill, 170 units for special education and an additional 80 units put back into the program. This will strengthen the program. (passed out breakdown by districts)

HB 131 will be continued at such time as more information may be presented to the Committee.

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SUMMARY WRANGELL INSTITUTE

(1) Present role of Wrangell:

- Students 13-16 years of age
- 2 or more years academically retarded
- or have minor physical and/or emotional problems
- serving overcrowded schools or no local schools available

(2) Enrollment:

1967-68	232	1971-72	165
1968-69	229	1972-73	145
1969-70	161	*1973-74	109
1970-71	181		

(3) Operating Costs:

	<u>FY73</u>	<u>FY74</u>	<i>FY75</i>
1740	870,050	882,500	<i>932,900</i>
1898	129,561	119,950	
1870	95,130	146,790	
	<u>1,094,741</u>	<u>1,149,240</u>	
Per Pupil Cost	<u>7,709.44</u>	<u>10,353.51</u>	
	Increased FY74 per pupil		2,644.07

(4) Plant Management needs to bring Institute to safety and sanitary standards:

(1) Replace boilers	\$ 75,000
(2) Rehab water system	110,000
(3) New gym facility	300,000
(4) N.Staff qtrs. renovate	150,000
(5) Dorm/School renovate	750,000
(6) Food storage, Maintenance, Office and Shop	180,000

(5) Considerations:

- more local school opportunities
- possible mandatory attendance areas
- high per pupil costs
- condition of facilities
- reduced employment ceiling
- energy conservation

(6) Program review recommendations re staff: (10/29 - 30/73)

- more than adequate
- employee to student ratio 1:2
- per capita costs too high (\$10,353/student)
- rearrangement of staff w/some overall cutback
- reduction in staff could be made without negative effect on program (minimum cut of 10, could be 14)

- 1 secretary
- 4 teachers
- 2 teachers, Guidance
- 1 administrator (Supt. abolished)
- 2 Plant maintenance

- 10 minimum
- 1 Plant maintenance
- 1 teacher
- 1 warehouseman
- 1 secretary

14 total maximum

\* 8 students on current roles from Southeast Alaska

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# COMMITTEE REPORT

4/1/75

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4/1/75

The Committee on ASS has had 500

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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

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\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

\_\_\_\_\_ recommends:

[Signature] Chairman



# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HESS COMMITTEE MEETING

April 11, 1975

Members Present:

Beirne	Parr
Hackney	Sullivan
Ose	Swanson
Osterback	Davis

Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:00. The first order of business was HB 181.

HB 181 = Margaret Wolf, Advisory Board Chairman

Spoke of the history of the H&SS Advisory Board. Spoke in opposition to all encompassing. Would like to see this as the Div. of Family and Children Services Advisory Board. Would like to also suggest a Committee Substitute be drawn up. HB 553 (1974) projected expenses based on current costs, less than \$15,000. The Board exists now but is having trouble being funded by the Dept. because of no mandating legislation.

Swanson What will be the cost?

Wolf \$15,000.

Beirne It is my experience that the Board has been very helpful in Anchorage.

Hackney What kind of problems are brought to the Board's public hearings?

Wolfe In favor of HB 553 (1974) Legislation)

C. Kleinkauf National Assoc. of Social Workers. The Governor's Welfare Advisory Board will become H&SS, Div. of Family & Children Services Board with the enactment of this bill. The Board provides invaluable service such an advisory Board used to be mandatory in order to get federal funds, now it is voluntary but valuable so it should be retained.

Commissioner Williamson Spoke in favor of continuing the existence of the Board with state legislation mandating such board. Expressed that he was seeing HB 553(1974) for the first time and would prepare a position paper on the matter.

Beirne Motion to adopt HB 553(1974) as CS:HB 181 (1975).

Ostrosky Second the motion

Chairman Sullivan asked if there was any objection, none being heard, CS for HB 181 was accepted by the Committee.

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SCR 16 Senator Chance gave briefing of the bill. Emergency medical facilities are necessary in bringing attention to the need for special training to deal with rape victims.

Hackney Motion to move bill out with 'do pass'  
Ostrosky SEcond

Chairman Sullivan, hearing no objection, announced bill out of committee with unanimous consent.

SCR 18 Senator Chance gave briefing of the bill. No aggressive self defense techniques can be taught that aren't applicable to aggressive action.

Ose Motion to move bill out with unanimous 'do pass'  
Hackney SEcond

Hearing no Objection, SCR 18 passes the Committee.

Adjourned.

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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 5/5/75

The Committee on WAYS has had HR 5

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

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\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman



# Alaska State Legislature

## House

JUNEAU ALASKA

HOUSE HESS COMMITTEE  
May 23, 1975

Members Present:

Davis	Ostrosky
Hackney	Parr
Osterback	Sullivan

A brief meeting was held concerning SJR 36. It was called to order at 11:45 am.

Representative Parr explained that the purpose of this resolution is to urge Congress to enact legislation to continue the longevity bonus.

The resolution was passed out with a "do pass" resolution.