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Dear Colleague:

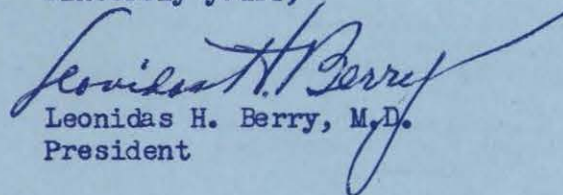
The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare through its Office of Equal Health Opportunity (OEHO) is taking very positive steps to assure hospital compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Specifically, no hospital or health facility which discriminates on the basis of Race, Creed, or Color shall receive Federal funds. This includes Medicare funds, Hill-Burton funds for new construction, program expansion, etc.

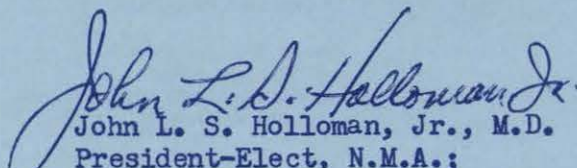
Compliance Consultants and Investigators are actively at work in the field to make certain that the hospitals in your community are in compliance. As a practicing physician, you may have intimate knowledge of discriminatory practices in your local hospitals and health centers. This information is of tremendous value to the Investigator, and will help to secure equal health opportunities for all people.

We have requested that the Office of Equal Health Opportunity send you copies of the Assurance forms, Medical Facilities Compliance Reports and other pertinent information which was mailed to hospital administrators. These forms will acquaint you with the program and will facilitate your assistance to the Investigator who may visit you for expert advice concerning hospital non-compliance in your community. This information may be given anonymously, if desired.

This letter comes in addition to previous letters from your Association officers regarding Equal Health Opportunity. We earnestly urge your full and enthusiastic support of this program.

Sincerely yours,

  
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