This report of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education's Health Manpower Planning Contract describes project activities and assessment methods and models, presents data on employment supply and demand, and provides samples of questionnaires and forms that were used. The department was required under contract to: survey and evaluate pertinent data collection methods that have been used to collect information on non-licensed health professionals; develop and test survey instruments to collect employment and demographic data on non-licensed health professionals; survey and evaluate data collection methods to track graduates of health professions education programs; develop a methodology for tracking of health professions education program graduates; develop and implement a series of health manpower projections for New Jersey; develop a method for periodic assessment of health manpower projections; and coordinate its health manpower analysis activities with the State Health Planning and Development Agency and the State's five Health Systems Agencies. Additionally, the department conducted a detailed analysis of the future scope and cost of health professions education in New Jersey based on the results of the manpower projections and educational programming information. (SW)
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PREFACE

This report was prepared to meet the final reporting requirements of DHEW Contract Number 231-76-0015. During this two year contract, the following personnel were responsible for the successful completion of this contract:

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SUMMARY

Introduction

In 1973, a group of state and local planners from New Jersey began to address the technical aspects of health manpower planning in the State. These people represented various state agencies, collegiate institutions, local Comprehensive Health Planning agencies, and health care providers which were involved in the planning, preparation, or employment of health professionals. The group was convened to address the paucity of useful data specifically dealing with health manpower. Such data were needed to enhance the State's evolving capacity for health manpower planning and educational resource decision-making. To meet data needs, this interagency consortium developed a system for the collection of uniform data sets on licensed health professionals. This data collection activity began in August, 1973 and was completed by mid 1974. (1)

Once the survey was underway, the consortium started to address other areas of health professions education and planning. Its input and advice enabled the New Jersey Department of Higher Education to develop an unsolicited proposal for funding to create a statewide health manpower information system. A two year contract was eventually awarded "to develop a mechanism to link the resource allocation system with the health manpower planning and production systems". (2) In February, 1976, this contract was successfully completed. Subsequently, the Department sought another two year contract to establish additional quantitative techniques for health manpower planning and to continue in its capacity as a major participant in statewide health manpower planning activities. This contract was awarded in April, 1976. Since that time, the Department has developed data collection models to determine the distribution of non-licensed health professionals in New Jersey and the retention of health profession graduates in the State. In addition, it has continued to refine its capacity to coordinate the data, planning, and decision-making sectors of the health professions education system.

Health Professions Education Planning in New Jersey

In 1966, the New Jersey Legislature created the Board and Department of Higher Education. A major duty of the Board specified in the legislation is to "develop and maintain a comprehensive master plan which shall be long range in nature and be regularly revised and updated." (3) It was also empowered to

"establish minimum standards for all public institutions of higher education for degree granting, and approve discontinuance of degrees and educational programs as required". (4) In meeting these responsibilities, the Board established master planning and program review capacities within the Department. Recognizing that health professions education programs were both uniquely specialized and of higher cost than most other collegiate programs, separate planning and coordinating activities for these programs were established.

In May, 1973, the Board approved the Health Professions Education Master Plan, a comprehensive plan which confronted issues of program development and approval, accreditation, clinical training, professional credentialing, development of new professions, and manpower requirements for sixteen health professions in the State. The Master Plan also formulated an advisory network for its implementation and future revision. With the award of the first linkage contract, the Department was able to utilize its health professions education master planning advisory network as a key starting point in the development of an ongoing linkage network in New Jersey.

Health Manpower Planning and Linkages in New Jersey

The process of health manpower planning involves the determination of the future health care system; the translation of that future system into profession-specific demands; the projection of the state's ability to meet these demands under existing educational capacity; and the creation and implementation of health manpower development goals to meet projected manpower needs. Thus, health manpower planning is essentially a technical process the results of which are translated into guidelines for policy and decision-makers.

While the general process of health manpower planning is easy to comprehend, practical application of this process in a manner which is both methodologically appropriate and open to the numerous constituencies which are involved in the health professions is difficult to achieve. In 1974, a national survey of health manpower planning activities at the state level was released. The study specified the process of health manpower planning as one in which the planner gathers information on the stock of manpower resources and the health care providers' demand for health manpower; projects these resources and requirements; and analyzes the balance between resources and requirements as these relate to manpower supply, distribution, utilization, manpower development activities. (5) While this approach was similar to that first attempted by New Jersey in its 1973 Master Plan, the

(4) Ibid, paragraph 4e.
The first linkage contract afforded us the opportunity to further systematize state level health manpower planning and decision-making.

In New Jersey, a unique situation existed in which health manpower planning was centered within the Department of Higher Education, as was the decision-making for health professions education resource allocations. However, in recognition of the passage of P.L. 93-641, the need for development of a health manpower data and analysis capacity within the State Health Planning and Development Agency and the local planning agencies was evident. During the earlier linkage project, these agencies were brought directly into the process of linkage development through the forum of the Interagency Advisory Committee on Health Manpower. The goal of this multiconstituent group was to provide health manpower data as an accurate and accessible resource for policy and decision-makers. This goal was to be accomplished by the establishment of a permanent central source within the state government responsible for the collection and processing of health manpower data and the dissemination of health manpower information. In its two year existence, this committee released a series of seven reports on health manpower in New Jersey. It also guided the Department in meeting the charges of its federal contract. Once this linkage contract was completed, the linkage strategy group (Interagency Committee) and its data collection responsibilities were shifted to the State Agency. The collection of health manpower data has been an ongoing process at that agency since that time. Moreover, the advisory committee has been reconstituted to serve the State Agency in its development of a Comprehensive Health Statistics System, not only for the CHSS manpower component, but for the vital statistics, facilities and patient abstracts components as well.

In completing the linkage contract, it was evident that a number of health manpower areas still demanded attention in New Jersey. The non-licensed health professions, for one, were left unaddressed in the CHSS manpower component. That is, no valid method for the collection of data on these health professionals was available. Also, a method for the tracking of graduates of New Jersey's health professions education programs was needed. Finally, no comprehensive set of future manpower requirements in New Jersey had been developed using the newly collected manpower data. In order to meet these needs, the Department submitted an unsolicited proposal to support the further development of New Jersey's health manpower information, planning and educational system. This proposal was eventually accepted by the Office of Special Programs, Bureau of Health Resources, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which provided New Jersey a two year contract to enhance its health manpower planning capacity.

**Project Tasks**

The health manpower contract specified a series of tasks to be accomplished over the two year project period. The Department
was required to:

1. Survey and evaluate pertinent data collection methods which have been used to collect information on non-licensed health professionals.

2. Develop and test survey instruments to collect employment and demographic data on non-licensed health professionals.

3. Survey and evaluate data collection methods to track graduates of health professions education programs.

4. Develop a methodology for tracking of health professions education program graduates.

5. Develop and implement a series of health manpower projections for New Jersey.


7. Coordinate its health manpower analysis activities with the State Health Planning and Development Agency and the State's five Health Systems Agencies.

8. Continue its involvement with the health manpower data collection and analysis.

**Accomplishments**

Over the two year project, project staff was able to successfully complete most of the tasks specified in the contract. In addition, another activity related to health manpower planning, but not required in the contract, was undertaken during the project period. This was a detailed analysis of the future scope and cost of health professions education in New Jersey based on the results of our manpower projections and educational programming information. Listed below are the major accomplishments of the project during the two year contract:

1. Created a basic methodology for the determination of the size and distribution of the non-licensed health professions workforce premised on currently available data sources.

2. Designed a survey instrument and methodology to collect employment data on non-licensed health professionals.

3. Designed a survey questionnaire to collect uniform demographic data on thirty-one health professions.

4. Developed a survey instrument and data collection method to track graduates of health professions education programs.

5. Developed manpower projections of future supply and demand for twenty-eight health professions in New Jersey.
6. Developed documentation and strategy lines for implementation of these projections.

7. Created an extensive analysis of the impact of federal health manpower legislation (P.L. 94-484) on the future need for physicians in New Jersey.

8. Developed protocols and plans for continuous provision of manpower, population and economic data for assessment of the manpower projections.

9. Developed a plan for the efficient update of the educational program and clinical resource inventory.

10. Began the development of a method to rework the health manpower projections to HSA configurations.

11. Provided continuing technical assistance to HSA's for manpower planning activities, including the development of designation requests for health manpower shortage areas.

12. Achieved long range financial support for continuing health manpower planning initiatives within the Department of Higher Education.

13. Developed an extensive study of the future scope and cost of health professions education programs in New Jersey as such relate to comparative activities in other states, as well as how these costs compare to total expenditures for higher education.

Conclusion

With the completion of this second linkage contract, New Jersey has been able to enhance its ability for health manpower planning and coordination. Within the Department of Higher Education, there is a standing advisory committee concerned with health professions education program planning, and approval. The Department has also worked closely with the Department of Health (State Agency) to ensure their continuing commitment to the collection and dissemination of health manpower data to all users. This project has enabled the Department to create a series of health manpower projections and studies to guide it and its advisory bodies in future planning and resource allocation decisions. We are, therefore, beginning to move forward on new fronts, such as developing a coordinated system for graduate medical education; determining local manpower needs for physicians by specialty; studying the manpower needs for entry level health workers who could be trained in CETA programs; and, determining manpower needs for the State's changing mental health delivery system. The Department has established permanent lines to enable the retention of staff and a decrease in our dependence on grants and contracts for health manpower planning efforts. Accordingly, we are looking forward to completing the above noted projects and maintaining a strong capacity to meet new challenges in the health manpower planning area.
A. TASK 1: Develop, Conduct and Document a Methodology for Collection of Data on Non-licensed Health Manpower

1. STATUS OF THE TASK

The development of a model for the collection of health manpower data on non-licensed health professionals was an ongoing task throughout the project period. From the outset, this task was envisioned as one which should be easily translated for use in other states. It was developed with a recognition that potential using agencies have varying resources available to commit to primary data collection. Accordingly, the model developed allows for the accumulation of health manpower data from existing sources as well as the actual collection of health manpower data at varying levels of resource commitment. Each of the sub-tasks of this project task was successfully completed. Additional information on these sub-tasks can be found in the Nine Month Progress Report and the Twenty-One Month Report.

In order to determine the applicability of data collection methods which have been or are being used in the United States for non-licensed health manpower, a survey of every state health planning and development agency and all linkage projects in the nation was undertaken. We were unable to find a generally applicable method from the information gained from this survey. In fact, we found that few states were involved in the organized collection of data on non-licensed health professionals. The most useful methods used were coordinated by NCHS and BLS. These methods are presented in the general model narrative. The task narrative below also provides the two survey instruments required in the contract. These questionnaires were reviewed and pretested using the Manpower Subcommittee of the Department of Health's Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data. Both questionnaires meet the requirements provided by the contract under sub-tasks (e) and (f) of Task 1. The methodology for administering this non-licensed health manpower model and its questionnaires is discussed in detail on the following pages.

2. NON-LICENSED HEALTH MANPOWER MODEL

a. Introduction

The creation of a sound data base on non-licensed, allied health professionals is often bypassed in health manpower planning efforts. This is a function of both the historic emphasis on the major health professions and the difficulty which exists in collecting hard data on non-licensed professionals. At both the state and federal levels, significant resources are being expanded to create longitudinal data sets on the major licensed professions including medicine, dentistry, nursing, optometry, and veterinary medicine. Most recently, these efforts have centered on the implementation of Cooperative Health Statistics System (CHSS) manpower components in several states. These planning efforts are important, however, the time is approaching rapidly when state and local agencies will need to
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The New Jersey Department of Higher Education's
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address the numerous occupations which support the major health professions. This need is emphasized by a movement towards leveling-off educational support at the federal level for medicine and dentistry and by a continuing policy stressing cost containment in service delivery. In the future, we will have to determine the appropriate mix of assisting and ancillary personnel necessary to meet the demands of the evolving delivery system. The development of a data base on the current utilization of these professionals is the first step in this planning process.

This model will address thirty-one health professions. It does not attempt to cover all the allied professions for a number of reasons. Some allied health professions, such as dental hygienists, physician's assistants and public health sanitarians, are licensed in many states. Collection of data for these occupations can be accomplished during the license renewal process. Also, the occupational groups selected for the model are those for which specialized post-secondary training, either college-based or in-service is required. Another consideration is how these occupations fit into the delivery system. The professions selected are involved in either direct patient care or diagnostic and problem identification areas. Accordingly, the vast majority of the chosen occupations involve assisting, laboratory technology, and therapeutics. Finally, we wanted to include occupational groups which were studied in national manpower survey activities. Of the thirty-one professions selected, twenty-eight can be found in the 1976 and 1977 NCHS Surveys of Hospital Staff.

The thirty-one occupations, their respective Department of Labor Codes, and all major employment sites for the professions are provided in the following section. The service sectors to be covered in the model include administration, clinical laboratories, dental services, dietary services, medical records and communications, occupational therapy, and speech and hearing therapy. There are seventeen major employment sites identified for these non-licensed health professionals. These are:

- Blood Banks
- Colleges and Universities
- Dentists' Offices
- Dental Laboratories
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Hospitals
- Medical Laboratories
- Neighborhood Health Centers
- Non-profit Agencies
- Nursing Homes
- Outpatient Clinics
- Pharmaceutical Firms
- Physicians' Offices
- Private Industry
- Public Health Departments/Agencies
- Rehabilitation Centers
- School Districts
Explanation of each of these employment sites, as well as information as to how to identify individual sites in a state or local planning area will be discussed later.

A three level model is described herein. It is designed to allow for the aggregation of manpower data on non-licensed professions from existant sources, through minimal collection efforts, or through a comprehensive data collection effort. Therefore, an agency can choose that model which meets its resource availability. The remaining discussion of the non-licensed manpower model includes a glossary; a presentation of manpower data sources which are currently available in most states (model level 1); description of a data collection instrument to gain basic employment data on the non-licensed professions (model level 2); and, description of a survey questionnarie to gain uniform demographic information about individual professionals (model level 3).

b. Glossary

Table I, on the following four pages, provides a description of the thirty-one non-licensed health professions which are included in the model. These professions are aggregated by service sector. Nine service sectors are used for this breakout: these include: administration, clinical laboratories, dental services, dietary services, medical records and communications, occupational therapy, speech and hearing, and other services. The Department of Labor Code and major employment sites for each occupation are also provided in Table I. It should be noted that one major employment site for health planners has not been included in the breakout. That is profit-making agencies, such as consulting firms. These agencies are not included as it is not only difficult to locate firms involved in health planning consulting but also their activities usually cross state boundaries, which means that they can not be considered a manpower resource unique to a given jurisdictional area.

On the five pages following Table I, the definitions for each occupation included in the model are provided. The definitions were developed from a number of sources, which are cited in the glossary's first page. Each definition was developed for use in the employment survey described in this discussion. The definitions are functional in nature rather than education-specific. Educational requirements and certification information are also provided. As will be noted in discussion of the employment survey, it is useful to include a differentiation between certified and non-certified individuals in a given occupational category, especially when the data collection effort is to be focused on educational needs. Appropriate delineation of certification status will be shown on the model questionnarie.
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    education: Master level.
    certification: None.

 CLINICAL LABORATORY

Medical Technologist - performs clinical, microscopic and bacteriologic tests and specialized procedures for use in the diagnosis and effective treatment of disease. Makes independent and correlative judgments and may supervise and/or teach laboratory personnel.

    education: A four-year, bachelor's degree including a twelve month structured, American Medical Association approved medical technology clinical internship.
    certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists or the American Medical Technologists Registry (M.T.)

Medical Laboratory Technician - works under the supervision of a medical technologist, physician or scientist performing specialized bacteriological, biological, and chemical tests, requiring limited independent judgment, to provide data for use in the diagnosis and effective treatment of disease.

    education: A two-year, associate level degree, with laboratory training.
    certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (M.L.T.) or the American Medical Technologists (M.L.T.)

Definitions provided were developed from a number of publications including Job Descriptions and Organizational Analysis for Hospitals and Related Health Services (U.S. Department of Labor, 1971); Dictionary of Occupational Titles, 1965, Volume I: Definitions of Titles (U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1975); Health Manpower Linkage Project Final Report (University of Arizona, 1976); Profiles of Seven Allied Health Professions - State of Illinois 1974 (Illinois Board of Higher Education, 1975); Survey of Selected Allied Health Manpower (Iowa State Department of Health, 1975); and, An Inventory of Health Professions Education Programs in New Jersey (New Jersey Department of Higher Education, 1975).
Clinical Laboratory Assistant - works under the direct supervision of a medical technologist, physician, or scientist performing laboratory procedures requiring basic technical skills and minimal independent judgment in chemistry, hematology and microbiology.

education: High school diploma or its equivalent plus completion of a twelve month laboratory training course.
certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (C.L.A.) or the American Medical Technologists (C.T.).

Cytotechnologist - works under the supervision of a pathologist screening slides of body cell samplings in search of abnormalities that are the warning signs of cancer.

education: At least two years of college education followed by a twelve month cytotechnology program.
certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (C.T.).

Histologic Technician - works under the supervision of a pathologist cutting and staining body tissue for microscopic examination.

education: A one-year structured, hospital-based program or a structured element of a two year associate degree program.
certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (H.T.).

Blood Bank Technologist - as a specialist in medical technology, performs both routine and specialized tests in blood bank immunohematology.

education: Structured program open only to certified medical technologists or certain baccalaureate program graduates.
certification: Awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (B.S.).

DENTAL SERVICES

Dental Assistant - assists the dentist in providing patient services. This may include patient preparation, chairside assistance, and dental x-ray procedures.

education: A one-year, post-secondary program (diploma or certificate) or a two-year associate level program.
certification: Awarded by the American Dental Assistants Association.
Dental Laboratory Technician - makes and repairs dental restorations such as dentures, crowns, bridges and inlays, under the direction or according to the prescription of a dentist.

**education:** A one-year post-secondary certificate program, two-year associate degree program, or five-year apprenticeship.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Dental Association.

**DIETARY SERVICES.**

Dietitian - provides nutrition care, counseling, and guidance to patients and other individuals, may be active in administration of food service programs, nutrition therapy, education or research.

**education:** A bachelor's degree plus completion of an American Dietetic Association approved nine-month internship.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Dietetic Association (R.D.).

Nutritionist - organizes, plans, and conducts programs using food and nutrient information for the solution of food problems, control of disease and promotion of health, may specialize in public health, research, or teaching.

**education:** A graduate degree in nutrition required.

**certification:** None required, often member of the American Public Health Association or the American Dietetic Association.

**MEDICAL RECORDS AND COMMUNICATION**

Medical Records Administrator - plans, develops, and manages systems of patient information, administrative and clinical statistical data, and patient medical records.

**education:** A four-year baccalaureate program.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Medical Record Association (R.R.A., formerly R.R.L.).

Medical Records Technician - assists the medical records administrator in coding, analyzing and maintaining medical records, reports, disease indices and statistics in health care institutions.

**education:** A two-year, associate degree program.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Medical Records Association (A.R.T.).

Medical Librarian - administers and maintains a hospital library containing medical books, reports, journals, and bibliographic tools for use of physicians, staff, and students.
education: At least a four-year bachelor's degree.
certification: Awarded by the Medical Library Association.

Health Educator - provides learning experiences which favorably influence understanding, attitudes, and conduct in regard to individual and community health.
education: At least a four-year bachelor's degree in health education.
certification: None at present.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Occupational Therapist - evaluates the self-care, work and leisure time performance skills of well and disabled clients and plans and implements programs and interpersonal activities to restore or maintain these skills.
education: A four-year bachelor's program in occupational therapy.
certification: Awarded by the American Occupational Therapy Association (O.T.R.).

Art Therapist - instructs patients in medically prescribed manual arts activities to prevent deconditioning and to assist in maintaining or improving work skills, within the limits of patients' abilities or disabilities.
education: A four-year bachelor's degree.
certification: None required, may be certified O.T.R. by the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Music Therapist - plans, organizes, and directs medically prescribed musical activities intended to improve or change patients' mental outlook to assist in their rehabilitation.
education: A four-year bachelor's degree in music therapy.
certification: Awarded by the National Association for Music Therapy (R.M.T.)

Recreational Therapist - plans, organizes, and directs recreation programs for patients and other special groups to effect improvement in their physical, mental, and social well-being.
education: A four-year bachelor's degree in recreation therapy.
certification: May register with the National Therapeutic Recreation Society.

Occupational Therapy Assistant - works under the supervision of the occupational therapist in evaluating clients and planning and implementing therapeutic programs.
education: A one year post-secondary certificate program or a two year associate degree program in occupational therapy assisting.
Certification: Awarded by the American Occupational Therapy Association.

SPEECH AND HEARING

Speech Pathologist - diagnoses speech and language disorders and plans, directs, or conducts remedial programs to restore or improve communicative efficiency.

education: Graduate degree in speech pathology and audiology.
certification: Awarded by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Audiologist - specializes in diagnostic, habilitative and rehabilitative services and research related to hearing, such as auditory training and lip reading.

education: Graduate level degree in speech pathology and audiology.
certification: Awarded by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

OTHER SERVICES

Electroencephalograph (EEG) Technician - adjusts, maintains and uses an EEG machine to graphically display impulse frequencies and electrical potential between portions of the brain for use by a physician in diagnosing brain disorders.

education: Six to twelve month in-service training with approved educational component.
certification: Awarded by the American Society of Electroencephalographic Technologists for graduates of twelve month programs.

Electrocardiograph (EKG) Technician - records electromotive variations in the action of the heart muscle, using an EKG machine, to provide data for diagnosis of heart ailments.

education: Up to six months of on-the-job training under the supervision of an experienced technician or cardiologist.
certification: None.

Respiratory Therapist - administers respiratory care under the direction of a physician, evaluating patients progress and making recommendations for respiratory therapy.

education: A two-year, associate degree with clinical training.
certification: Awarded by the American Association for Respiratory Therapists (R.R.T.).
Respiratory Therapy Technician - assists the respiratory therapist in routine treatment of patients requiring non-critical care.

**education:** A one-year, post-secondary program usually offered in hospitals.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Association for Respiratory Therapists (C.R.T.T.)

Nuclear Medicine Technologist - prepares radioactive isotopes for administration to patients; calibrates and operates radioscopic equipment to obtain information for use in the diagnosis of disease.

**education:** A twelve-month program for registered medical technologists and radiologic technologists.

**certification:** Can be awarded by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (M.T.-N.M.T.)

Radiologic Technologist - maintains and safely uses equipment and supplies necessary to demonstrate portions of the human body on x-ray film or fluoroscopic screen for diagnostic purposes.

**education:** A one to two-year program from a community college or hospital.

**certification:** Awarded by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (R.T.)

Operating Room Technician - functioning under the supervision of a registered nurse, assists in all operating room tasks, including patient preparation, operating procedures and proper clean-up.

**education:** A one year, approved post-secondary program.

**certification:** Awarded by the Association of Operating Room Technicians (C.O.R.T.)

Medical Social Worker - assists patients/clients and members of their families with personal and environmental difficulties which could prevent effective treatment of medical or health problems.

**education:** Minimum of a four-year bachelor degree in social work, masters degree preferred.

**certification:** Awarded by the National Association of Social Workers.
c. Existing Data Sources - Model Level One

There are three major sources of data available in most states which can provide useful information on non-licensed health professionals. These are the U.S. Department of Labor's triennial Survey of Occupational Employment, the National Center for Health Statistics' Survey of Hospital Staff, and surveys under the Cooperative Health Statistics System Health Facilities Component. The first two surveys can be used in conjunction with one another to roughly estimate the total non-licensed workforce at the state level. The Department of Labor survey can also be used with CHSS facilities surveys to estimate the approximate size of the non-licensed health professional workforce in a state. The CHSS Facilities Survey also will yield descriptive information applicable to the local planning area. Each of these surveys is described in the following discussion:

1. Department of Labor Occupational Employment Surveys
The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics has been surveying manufacturing sites for a number of years. Recently, these survey activities have been greatly expanded to include numerous non-manufacturing industries, including health services. In 1975, most health service sites were surveyed using OES questionnaires. These sites are identified under the Standard Industrial Codes 801, 802, 803, 807 and 809. They include physicians', dentists', surgeons', osteopaths' and chiropractors' offices; medical and dental laboratories; and sanatoria, convalescent and rest homes, clinics and dispensatories not operated by hospitals, blood donor stations, birth control clinics, optometrists' and podiatrists' offices, group health associations, and trained and practical nursing services. An important exclusion from this survey activity was hospitals. They were not included so as not to be duplicative of NCHS survey activities. Copies of the three OES survey questionnaires used are provided in Appendix I.

The OES survey was undertaken in approximately forty states, with special sampling activities being run in those remaining states which did not have the full survey. Briefly, the full survey activity uses a sampling technique based on listings developed for unemployment compensation laws. Sampling is stratified by the size of a setting, as determined by the number of employees. Seven classes of setting size are used. Questionnaires are sent to all settings in the class covering the largest sites (i.e., all settings with over 100 people). As the number of employees diminishes, the proportion of settings sampled decreases. The last survey on the health service sector was run in mid-1975. These surveys are to be run on a three year cycle, therefore, the next survey of health settings should be made in mid-1978. Rather than attempting to coordinate the
survey activity from its regional offices, the Bureau of Labor Statistics contracts the responsibility to the individual states. Accordingly, data collected for this survey can be solicited from the state's department of labor or economic security.

The OES survey results can be used to estimate the employment of non-licensed health professionals in a number of settings. However, these data are limited in their applicability to quantitative planning needs. First, data are available for the entire state only, thereby minimizing their importance to the local planner. Second, as evident in the survey questionnaires provided, there is no differentiation between full-time and part-time employees. This means that an estimate of full-time equivalents cannot be determined. Third, the respondent is not required to differentiate between employees who are certified in their profession and those who are not. For state level educational planning needs, it is important to know the mix of certified to non-certified professionals and observe any change over time. One final limitation in the survey is that there was no attempt to gain insight into additional demand for these occupational groups. At a minimum, this information could be gained by including a column on current budgeted vacancies for each profession.

2. The DHEW - NCHS Survey of Hospital Manpower In August, 1976, the National Center for Health Statistics initiated its Survey of Hospital Manpower, a data collection activity which was coordinated on a national basis. The survey sought information which would delineate all hospital staff from physicians to non-health workers such as bookkeepers and clerks. Well over forty non-licensed allied health professions were included in this survey. In addition, the questionnaire sought data on non-payroll staff and the utilization of inpatient nursing personnel. The survey format also included in separate glossary for each of the manpower categories. A copy of the questionnaire used in 1976 is in Appendix I.

The survey encountered a great deal of difficulty from the outset. Having been coordinated on a national scale, the survey was attempted without the benefit of a number of protocols which are important to the successful completion of any survey of hospitals in many states, including New Jersey. The lead time with which the survey documentation was sent to the state hospital associations was too short. Moreover, because many states routinely survey hospitals either through CHSS activities or independently, the survey was construed as being duplicative of other data collection activities. The comprehensiveness of the survey...
questionnaire, which requested data on seventy health occupations by credential status and an additional sixty non-health occupations, may have added to the problems which were encountered in getting a sufficient response rate. Limitations on the quality of the results of this survey should exist when it is used for state level data analysis for most jurisdictions.

For 1977, a briefer version of the 1976 questionnaire was developed. The major limitations of this new version are that it does not differentiate between certification status within a profession and it does not reflect current demand for additional staff. However, since the survey is much simpler, not only for the inventory of occupations, but also for the sections on non-payroll personnel and inpatient nursing services, a higher response rate should be gained. A copy of this new version of the Survey of Hospital Staff is in the Appendix I. The results of the 1976 survey should be available in early 1978. Requests for data should be sent directly to the National Center.

Cooperative Health Statistics System Facilities Surveys

One of the four components to the Cooperative Health Statistics System (CHSS) is health facilities. As of October, 1977, twenty-six states and Puerto Rico had contracted with NCHS for health facility components. A core to this data collection activity is an inventory of full-time and part-time employees in each facility. Three classifications of facilities are included in this component, they are hospitals, long term care facilities, and other facilities, such as homes and schools for alcoholics, the deaf, the mentally retarded, and unwed mothers. As the staffing patterns for these facilities vary, the types of professions included in the survey are different for each facility category. In Table II, below, the professions included in each survey are shown.

As Table II indicates, both licensed and non-licensed health professionals are inventoried in this survey. Eleven of the non-licensed professions surveyed in this CHSS component are included in the model. For the professions shown in Table II, total number of full-time staff, total number of part-time staff hours are provided. One major limitation of this survey is that it lumps a number of professions together (i.e., other clinical laboratory personnel). It also does not differentiate by credential status within the professions. However, depending on the success of the state agency in achieving a high response rate, the results of this survey can be used to determine limited staffing patterns in many types of facilities within a state. As these data are coded to CHSS tape standards, data
### Table II - Health Occupations Included in CHSS Facilities Surveys

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files can be accessed geographically to allow for local planning.

Another data collection activity currently being sponsored by the National Center's CHSS program is the Survey of Characteristics of Allied Health Manpower in Hospitals. This survey will be run on a national sample basis and will provide detailed educational, demographic, and employment profiles on a number of professions. This survey will include an actual visit to the selected hospital during which an employee sample will be drawn. Employees selected in the sample will be given questionnaires to complete and return by mail to the individual or agency responsible for the survey. The National Center announced that this survey activity may be demonstrated in a number of states during 1978.

The survey activities documented can provide a good starting point for estimating the size of the non-licensed health manpower workforce in a given jurisdiction. The main advantage of using these sources is that they can provide a reasonable baseline estimate of supply for no cost, without the collection of new data. However, any such estimate cannot be considered statistically exact as the reference date of the actual collection of data does vary from source to source. For those agencies which can afford to go beyond this type of data accumulation and collect their own data, it is still useful to search out these data sources. As in the case with the Bureau of Labor Statistics' OES results, they can show what employment sites should be included for any given occupational category. Once any survey is completed, they also can be used as a yardstick against which survey results can be judged.

d. A Model Employment Survey - Model Level Two

The overriding principle of the health manpower linkage systems developed in a number of states, including New Jersey, is coordination among planning, regulatory, and decision making agencies. Through such coordination, duplication of effort can be minimized and the costs of health manpower planning activities within an agency can be contained. In the process of developing a non-licensed health manpower data model, the possibility for duplication is an important concern. Therefore, prior to developing its own survey activity, an agency should explore all other data collection activities involving the professions and institutions to be studied. At a minimum, this should include the previously noted federally supported surveys. Other survey activities initiated at the state and local levels should also be explored. Once this process is completed, an employment survey such as the model presented here can be started, with appropriate deletions in the questionnaires reflecting those areas where data can be accumulated from an existing source.
The design of a questionnaire for an employment survey should include a cover letter detailing all pertinent information about the survey activity. At a minimum, the cover letter should explain:

1. The purpose of the survey.
2. The identity of the agency collecting the information and their authority/responsibility for doing so.
3. Any endorsements of this survey by constituent groups such as a hospital association. An acknowledgment of other similar surveys which were consulted so as not to duplicate data requests.
4. The basic data being requested.
5. The intended uses for these data after they are collected.
6. Assurances as to confidentiality, intent to release only aggregate data, etc.
7. The date by which you would like to receive a response.
8. Who to contact for further information.

For the second wave of surveys which would be sent to non-respondents, these general areas should be restated as briefly as possible, with an emphasis placed on the importance of the activity. This second letter should also convey that a reply has not been received and that either the initial survey or the response may have been mishandled or lost. It should also express your gratitude for the time and effort spent by the recipient in completing the survey. The third and final wave should have a briefer cover letter explaining your disappointment at not receiving a response to date. It should also indicate the response after the two waves (i.e., "thirty-four of our thirty-eight hospitals have already responded"). If the institutions being surveyed are represented by a state or local association, you should attempt to include a letter soliciting cooperation by the non-respondent from the association.

The actual survey questionnaire should be designed to be as brief as possible. Ideally, a different questionnaire design should be sent to each type of employing institution, so that each occupation included will be relevant to the responding institution. Table III provides a matrix of those professions which should be included for each type of institution to be surveyed. For example, if a survey is to center on medical laboratories, the target non-licensed health professions to be inventoried would be medical technologists, medical lab technicians and assistants, cytotechnologists, histologic technicians, blood bank technologists, and nuclear medicine technologists. If the survey were to target a single profession, such as health educators, questionnaires would be sent to colleges and universities, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, neighborhood health centers, outpatient clinics, public health departments, and school districts. It should be noted that in many cases the institutional categories provided may employ only a small number of the chosen professionals. These sites are included to emphasize that they should be
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**Institution Codes**

1-Blood Banks
2-Colleges and Universities
3-Dentists Offices
4-Dental Laboratories
5-Health Maintenance Organizations
6-Hospitals
7-Medical Laboratories
8-Neighborhood Health Centers
9-Non-profit agencies
10-Nursing Homes
11-Outpatient Clinics
12-Pharmaceutical Firms
13-Physicians Offices
14-Private Industry
15-Public Health Departments
16-Rehabilitation Centers
17-School Districts
surveyed if one wishes to determine the universe of a given non-licensed profession. Frequently, the cost of attempting to survey all potential employment sites is prohibitive. In such cases, it may be more desirable to survey only the major employment sites such as hospitals, HMOs, outpatient clinics and public health departments to gain insight into 80-90% of an occupation's population. It may also be necessary to stratify an institutional category by size or types of service offered.

Table III and the glossary of occupations should be used as the framework for questionnaire design. If the matrix is followed precisely, seventeen different questionnaire formats would be needed. It is much simpler to design a number of surveys which would serve a span of employment sites. A large scale questionnaire should be developed for colleges and universities, health maintenance organizations, public health departments, hospitals, neighborhood health centers and outpatient clinics. A second format would be used for dentists' and physicians' offices, dental and medical laboratories, and pharmaceutical firms. Nursing homes and rehabilitation centers would be surveyed using a third questionnaire design. Finally, blood banks, school districts, private industry and non-profit agencies would each be given separate, one page survey questionnaires. For the purposes of this narrative, only the first survey questionnaire for colleges and universities etc. was designed and pretested. All other survey questionnaires should be designed using the same format, only the span of professions will be different for each. The model questionnaire and its covering letter can be found on the pages following Table III.

While the questionnaire format used in this discussion has been printed on regular paper, agencies expecting to run employment surveys should consider using pressure sensitive questionnaires. These will allow the respondent to keep a copy of the survey response for the record, in case the investigator calls requesting clarification on the response. The questionnaire should also provide for:

1. the identification of the responding institution by name, address and type of facility.
2. the identification of the person completing the questionnaire and to whom further inquiry might be made, including name, title, and phone number.
3. instructions for filling out form.
4. a definition of full-time status by number of hours worked per week.
5. a definition of positions being actively recruited for.
6. a concluding section for comments and requests for data reports once the survey is completed.

When the survey is designed, at least twice as many questionnaire forms as there are institutions to be surveyed should be printed. In order to estimate the number of institutions to be involved.
Dear Hospital Administrator:

At this time, reliable data concerning non-licensed health professionals working in New Jersey are virtually nonexistent. In order to obtain meaningful data on the employment of such professionals, we are requesting your assistance in completing the enclosed survey questionnaire.

The New Jersey State Department of Higher Education, Office for Health Manpower has undertaken a project to develop a non-licensed health professionals survey to collect data on thirty-one allied health professions. This information will be used for local and statewide manpower and educational planning. This project is being funded through a grant provided by-----------------.

As the attached letter(s) indicate, this survey has been endorsed by -----------------. We would appreciate your assistance by completing the enclosed questionnaire. Every effort has been made to insure that this survey has statewide reliability and the support of all appropriate agencies.

In case you have any questions concerning the survey, a name and phone number has been provided on the first page of the questionnaire. An addressed envelope is enclosed for return of the completed questionnaire. We would appreciate return of the survey by --------------. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Lewis Dars, Ph.D.
Director
Office for Health Manpower

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Office for Health Manpower
225 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08623
(609)292-8052

1978 - HOSPITAL SURVEY OF NON-LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

| Name of Hospital: | Address: |
| Person completing questionnaire: | Number of Beds: |
| Name: | Title: |
| Telephone #: | Employment information for week ending: |

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Please review the definitions provided for each occupation listed before you begin to complete this questionnaire.
2. Count each employee only once according to OCCUPATIONAL FUNCTION performed for the largest amount of time.
3. Full-time persons are those individuals working over 35 hours a week.
4. If you have any questions contact

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS:

Report all employees on all shifts on the payroll of the last day of the payroll period specified above, regardless of whether they were at work on that particular day.

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CLINICAL LABORATORY

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<th>Medical Technologist</th>
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<td>Medical Laboratory Technician</td>
<td>under general supervision, performs specialized bacteriological, biological, and chemical tests, requiring limited independent judgment, to provide data for use in the diagnosis and effective treatment of disease.</td>
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<td>under supervision of a pathologist screens slides of body cell samplings in search of abnormalities that are the warning signs of cancer.</td>
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<td><strong>Music Therapist</strong> - plans, organizes, and directs medically prescribed musical activities intended to improve or change patients' mental outlook to assist in their rehabilitation.</td>
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| Recreational Therapist - plans, organizes, and directs recreation programs for patients and other special groups to affect improvement in their physical, mental and social well-being. | -NAT Registered Therapists | -Other Recreational Therapists |

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<td>Electrocardiograph (ECG) Technician - records electromotive variations in the action of the heart muscle, to provide data for diagnosis of heart ailments.</td>
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<td>Respiratory Therapist - administers respiratory care under the direction of a physician, evaluates patients' progress and makes recommendations for respiratory therapy.</td>
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| Respiratory Therapy Technician - assists the respiratory therapist in routine treatment of patients requiring noncritical respiratory care. | -Technicians, Registered CCRRT | -Other Respiratory Therapy Technicians |
| Nuclear Medicine Technologist - prepares radioactive isotopes for administration to patients; calibrates and operates radioscop-equipment to obtain information for use in the diagnosis of disease. | -Technologists, Certified NMT (ASC) | -Other Nuclear Medicine Technologists |

| Radiologic Technologist/Technician - maintains and safely uses equipment to demonstrate portions of the human body on x-ray film or fluoroscopic screen for diagnostic purposes. | -Technologists, Registered RT | -Other Radiologic Technologists/Technicians |

| Operating Room Technician - functioning under the supervision of a professional nurse, assists in patient preparation, operating procedures and proper clean-up. | -Technicians, Certified CCRRT | -Other Operating Room Technicians |

| Medical Social Worker - assists patients/clients and their families with personal and environmental difficulties which could prevent effective treatment. | -Masters degree level Social Workers | -Other Social Workers |
in the survey, each institution must be identified. Many of the institutions can be found through the state licensing authority, which is usually the state department of health. These should include Health Maintenance Organizations, Hospitals, Neighborhood Health Centers, Outpatient Clinics, Nursing Homes, Public Health Departments, and Rehabilitation Centers. In those cases where the state departments of health cannot provide the identifying information, local departments of health and HSA's may have the information. Also, third party payors, or state insurance agencies can be consulted to find those institutions which bill for Medicaid and Medicare services. The state department of labor or economic security can also be consulted to gain listings for SIC codes 801-807 for worker's compensation programs. Colleges and universities and school districts can be identified by state departments of education and county boards of education. Medical and dental laboratories often have licensed directors who also register with state departments of health. Otherwise, locating the state association for these facilities may be necessary. A quick telephone survey of practitioners can also be useful in identifying those laboratories serving a given area. Dentists' and physicians' offices can be identified through the state licensing authority, the use of CHSS manpower survey results, through state insurance departments handling malpractice insurance companies, or by consulting the rosters of state and local professional societies. Non-profit agencies can be identified most readily by conferring with local health officials. Pharmaceutical firms often have state associations, otherwise the state department of labor can be consulted for this information. Private industries are difficult to trace down and usually do not employ sufficient numbers of non-licensed health professionals to warrant surveying. However, identification can be attempted through state departments of labor or economic security.

To run a full scale employment survey across an entire state is a large undertaking. Therefore, SHPDAs should consider contracting the responsibility for these surveys to the local agency, which should find such data useful. The SHPDA could design the survey; identify all institutions to be surveyed by type and HSA area; print a sufficient number of questionnaires; mail the first wave of questionnaires out; and design a manual of instruction for follow-up, verification, the second and third mailing waves, and aggregation of responses. Responsibility for these activities would be given to each HSA within the state. The result of this type of arrangement would be the assurance that each HSA and the state would be using uniform data for manpower planning purposes. Such an approach might well be applied to other data collection activities, thereby fostering greater coordination among these agencies.

e. The Demographic Survey - Model Level Three

Once an employment survey has been completed, a planning agency can ascertain the size, distribution, credential status, and employment status of each non-licensed health profession in
in the surveyed geographic area. It may be found that this kind of information is not sufficiently detailed to meet all planning needs, as the employment survey does not provide basic demographic data on any one professional group. Additional demographic data which an agency might wish to know include age, sex, ethnicity, education and training, type of professional responsibilities, and other socioeconomic characteristics. In order to gain this type of profile data, a separate survey questionnaire must be designed for distribution to individual professionals.

There are two alternative means to administering a demographic survey of non-licensed health professionals, either through their professional associations or their place of employment. A survey conducted through a professional association can provide a good data base on a segment of a professional group. Such a survey can be run directly through the auspices of the professional association using their letterhead and their mailing system for the survey. A survey of two waves is sufficient to gain an adequate response. In developing a questionnaire for such a survey, it should be anticipated that the governing body of the society may wish to include additional questions which are important to their needs. Thoughtful placement of such questions on the questionnaire should not adversely affect the outcome of the survey and may enhance its acceptability to the membership and the association's governing board. The most favorable circumstance to use the professional association for a demographic survey occurs when the vast majority of professionals in an occupation were found to be certified in their profession during the employment survey. However, it should be recognized that a proportion of these professionals may not belong to an association. As the percentage of certified workers in an occupation decreases, the usefulness of the survey of professional associations also decreases. There is also a good probability that the members of a professional association may be a unique subgroup of a profession's population. These people may be more apt to have a credential, to have a higher educational attainment than their co-workers, and, to be involved in continuing education programs. These possibilities should be addressed in any survey of a professional association which is expected to be representative of the entire professional workforce.

The second method to gain demographic information about a non-licensed health professional group is through surveys coordinated through their place of employment. Using the response gained from the employment survey it is possible to determine the distribution of professionals by size and type of institution for each occupational category. Using this type of breakout, it is possible to develop a stratified sampling plan which can be used to distribute the proposed sample evenly across types and sizes of employing institutions and geographic areas. Once the institutions to be sampled are identified, letters of intent should be sent to each, specifying the rationale and time requirements of the survey and requesting a
brief interview with a member of the administrative staff to
determine the best means to distribute the survey once the
sample of health professionals has been drawn. During this
interview, the interviewer should explain each occupational
category to be included in the survey and seek listings of
all employees in each of these categories. If listings are
not available, the interviewer should determine a means to
develop such lists through information provided by the
administrator, department chiefs, etc. Once a listing is
available, a routine sampling list of every n th employee can
be developed. In those instances where five or less employees
are found in an occupational category, a survey of each
employee should be considered. All employees selected for
surveying will be given a questionnaire to fill out and return
by prepaid mail to the surveying agency. The listing of
sampled employees should be retained as a master to be used
as a guide for a second wave of surveys to be sent to non-
respondents. Distribution of the questionnaires should be
attempted using a coordinator who is an employee of the
facility. The most feasible method to accomplish distribution
is by having the coordinator give the questionnaire with a
verbal explanation directly to the employee. If this is not
possible, a good alternative is the use of the payroll
distribution system. In such cases, it is helpful to have a
short explanatory note included with the survey signed by the
administrator.

The actual questionnaire design is an important consider-
ation. If the survey is intended to be used on a periodic
basis to study a sample of the professionals over time, the
questionnaire should include questions concerning name and
mailing address. For one shot surveys, addresses should not
be requested, though name or identifiers must be included for
follow-up or verification procedures. The questions included
in either type of survey should provide the following data:

1. job title
2. data of birth (day, month, year)
3. sex
4. race
5. ethnic background
6. location of birth
7. location of secondary education
8. types of degrees held
9. location of schools granting highest degree
10. professional status (registered or certified, registry
    eligible, no certification)
11. type and location of major employer (for professional
    association surveys only)
12. employment status
13. number of years employed as health professional in
    current field
14. type of occupational activity (by average weekly hours)
There are other questions which might be asked to further probe the educational and occupational backgrounds of the survey respondents, as well as to answer other research questions. The questions outlined above will provide a strong core to any manpower data base. As such, they have been used to create the model demographic survey which can be found on the next page.

f. Conclusion

The general methodology to be used in administering either of these two surveys was described in the discussion of each questionnaire. Briefly, any survey activity which is anticipated should first be described to any other constituencies which could find value in the data or may be undertaking similar data collection activities. At a minimum, this should include the SHPDA, HSAs, hospital and professional associations, state departments of higher education and labor, and licensure authorities. This communication should allow for greater coordination and cooperation in the data collection area. Other on-going survey activities regarding the employment of non-licensed health professionals should be analyzed including the BLS surveys, CHSS facility surveys and NCHS hospital staff surveys. Once these preliminary activities are completed, employment surveys can be undertaken. It is recommended that such surveys be coordinated through the HSAs by a contracting procedure. This will insure that each local agency will be using the same data base in the future and may also result in a higher response rate. Using the results of the employment survey, a sampling procedure for a demographic survey of non-licensed health professionals can be designed. If there are no employment survey data available, a demographic survey can be run through the professional associations. It is, however, more effective to sample the workplace. Sampling should be arranged through an interview procedure with the employer, rather than entirely through the mails. Once this survey is completed and its results aggregated, the agency should have a useful profile of its non-licensed health professionals to be used in conjunction with its labor force inventory for educational and manpower planning purposes.
Dear Health Professional:

The Office for Health Manpower of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education is sampling members of thirty-one allied health professions employed in various settings throughout New Jersey. The information from this survey will be used to assist the State in its educational and health manpower planning activities.

The attached questionnaire has been developed in a standardized form to be applicable to each profession. This is a statistical survey, and all data on the questionnaire will remain confidential.

We are asking you to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it promptly in the envelope provided. This will only take a few minutes of your time and it will provide us with valuable information.

We appreciate your cooperation on this survey. If you have any questions about this questionnaire, please feel free to call us at (609) 292-8052.

Sincerely,

Lewis Dars, Ph.D.
Director
Office for Health Manpower

Enclosures
### 1978 - Survey of Allied Health Professionals

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Office for Health Manpower  
225 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625

#### 1. Health Profession for which you received formal training: (check one)
- [ ] Arts Therapist
- [ ] Blood Bank Technologist
- [ ] Clinical Lab. Assistant
- [ ] Cytotechnologist
- [ ] Dental Assistant
- [ ] Dental Lab. Technician
- [ ] Dietician
- [ ] Electrocardiograph Techn.
- [ ] Electroencephalograph Techn.
- [ ] Health Educator
- [ ] Histologic Technician
- [ ] Medical Lab. Technician
- [ ] Medical Librarian
- [ ] Medical Records Admin.
- [ ] Medical Records Technician
- [ ] Medical Social Worker
- [ ] Nuclear Medicine Technol.
- [ ] Nuclear Medicine Technol.
- [ ] Nuclear Medicine Technol.
- [ ] Occupational Therapy Associate
- [ ] Medical Technologist
- [ ] Respiratory Therapy Tech.
- [ ] Speech Pathologist
- [ ] Speech Pathologist
- [ ] Speech Pathologist

#### 2. Last Name:  
First:  
M.L.  
4. Date of Birth:  
No.  
Day  
Yr.  

#### 3. Home Address: (No. and Street)  
(City, State, Zip Code)

#### 5. Sex:  
[ ] Female  
[ ] Male

#### 6. Location of Primary Employment: (Institution Name)  
(No. and Street)  
(City, County, Zip Code)

#### 7. Setting for Primary Activity:  
[ ] Hospital  
[ ] Nursing Home  
[ ] School  
[ ] College/University  
[ ] Business/Industry

#### 8. Location of Birth:  
[ ] New Jersey  
[ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 9. Where did you attend High School:  
[ ] New Jersey  
[ ] New Jersey  
[ ] New Jersey  
[ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 10. What degrees do you hold?  
[ ] Certificate  
[ ] Associate  
[ ] Bachelor's  
[ ] Doctorate  
[ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 11. Name and Location of School granting highest degree:  
School Name  
Location  
State  
Graduation Year:

#### 12. Professional credential status:  
[ ] Registered  
[ ] Registry Eligible  
[ ] Certified  
[ ] No Certification  
[ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 13. Current Work Status:  
[ ] Full-Time  
[ ] Part-Time

#### 14. Number of years employed in current field:  

#### 15a. Total hours worked per week:

#### 15b. Hours worked per week in Primary Employment Setting:

- [ ] Direct Patient Care  
- [ ] Clerical Duties  
- [ ] Administrative  
- [ ] Research  
- [ ] Teaching  
- [ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 16. Race:
- [ ] White Caucasian  
- [ ] Black or Negro  
- [ ] Asian or Oriental  
- [ ] American Indian  
- [ ] Other: (Specify)

#### 17. Ethnic Background: (if applicable)
- [ ] Mexican American  
- [ ] Puerto Rican  
- [ ] Central or So. American  
- [ ] Cuban  
- [ ] Other Spanish: (Specify)
3. TASK 2: Develop and Document a Methodology for Tracking Graduates of Health Professions Education Programs

1. STATUS OF TASK 2

The development of a methodology for tracking graduates of health professions education programs was a task which was completed during the first half of the projection period. The end product described below was designed as a step by step "procedural manual" which could be used by state-level coordinating agencies or individual academic institutions to gather useful data on graduates of health professions programs.

In order to determine the applicability of data collection mechanisms which have been or are currently being used in the United States for tracking health professions program graduates, a survey of every state-level higher education coordinating agency, every state health planning and development agency, all linkage projects, many individual health professions schools and all New Jersey institutions of higher education was undertaken. We were unable to find a sound, generally applicable methodology for tracking health professions graduates. Although some state-level agencies and most academic institutions make some effort to collect post-graduation data on their graduates in general, few of these efforts were organized, ongoing activities, and none could be adopted in their entirety to meet this project's needs. However, portions of the survey procedures developed by a number of agencies and institutions have been adopted for use in this task and are fully documented within the task narrative.

Each of the sub-tasks of this project were completed, and the results are presented in the following task narrative. The survey instruments required by the contract were reviewed in conjunction with an extensive pre-test of a Departmental post-graduation survey of all graduates of New Jersey colleges and universities. The survey instruments (sub-task (b) and the implementation methodology (sub-task (f)) are discussed in detail on the following pages. The general methodology for storage and access of data (sub-task (e)) is briefly discussed in the following narrative and documented in Appendix II of this report.

2. METHODOLOGY FOR TRACKING HEALTH PROFESSIONS GRADUATES

a. Introduction

For assessing the outcomes of educational efforts, one of the best sources of data available to colleges, universities and state-level coordinating and planning agencies is that which is provided by graduates. Post-graduation experiences
and attitudes provide important indicators of the outcomes of educational preparation, the current marketability of various professional skills and the geographic and career mobility of graduates. The need for this information has become increasingly important in the area of health professions education as both the number of students entering health careers and the cost of educating health professionals have risen dramatically along with the increasing awareness on the part of state-level agencies of the need for health manpower planning.

The purpose of this task is to provide a technical guide for individual academic institutions and state-level agencies wishing to provide information on occupational and educational directions taken by graduates of various health professions programs at different degree levels. This guide suggests survey instruments and information systems procedures to facilitate the acquisition and analysis of these data on a recurring basis. Specifically, this narrative includes:

1. a brief description of research questions that should be addressed;
2. a survey plan and draft instruments;
3. a plan for the administration (assembly and distribution) of the survey, including follow-up procedures;
4. suggestions for measuring non-response bias in the survey results;
5. a general methodology to process, house and access the survey data;
6. a brief discussion of strategies for the state-wide coordination of individual institutional tracking efforts in order to appropriately aggregate institutional data at a state level.

b. Establishing the Purpose of the Tracking Survey:
   Appropriate Research Questions

The first step to be taken is the delineation and clarification of the critical questions to be answered by the survey results. Once this initial step is accomplished, all of the remaining tasks in the survey process are "means to an end" and will follow logically from the purpose of the study identified in this step. Generally, the more objectives a study is to accomplish, the greater will be its complexity and cost. So it is important to set priorities as to the objectives that will be most important to achieve, given certain time and monetary constraints.

The draft surveys which are included in this guide have been designed to provide information that will focus on the research questions specified below.

Many of these questions do not pertain solely to the graduates of health professions education programs. They are core questions which should be included in any graduated student survey. These were culled from an examination of general graduated student surveys which have been conducted in New Jersey and in other states. The specialized questions
Pertaining only to health professions programs graduates could provide additional information useful to health manpower planners and to academic institutions wishing to evaluate the outcomes of individual health professions education programs. The individual researcher may eliminate questions or add others (and corresponding survey items) according to any constraints or differing priorities. However, these suggested questions solicit basic data on the employment status, career development, geographic mobility and educational development of graduates of health professions education programs.

Purpose of Study: To track the occupational and educational development and mobility of graduates of health professions programs and to gather indicators of the outcomes of educational programs through data provided by graduates.

Research Questions:

(1) **Characteristics of Graduates**

What are the characteristics that mark the graduates of each type of program at each degree level in terms of:

- Sex?
- Race?
- Age?
- Past professional experience in major field of study?

(2) **Educational Development**

What percentage of graduates of various programs at various degree levels are pursuing further education for a more advanced degree?

Of those who are pursuing further education:

- Do they do so on a full-time or part-time basis?
- Where is their educational program located?

To what extent is this degree related to their previous field of study?

How do graduates evaluate the contribution of their former educational preparation to current educational activity?

(3) **Occupational Development**

(a) **Employment Status**

- What percentage of graduates are employed?
- Are they employed full-time or part-time?
- Of the graduates employed part-time, what percentage would prefer full-time employment?
- What percentage of graduates are neither employed nor in school and why?

(b) Geographic Mobility
- What percentage of graduates are employed in the State in which they received their degree?
- In what other states are graduates employed?
- Of those graduates of programs to train licensed health professionals, what percentage hold licenses in the state in which they received their degree, and what percentage hold licenses to practice in other states?

(c) Career Track
- What percentage of graduates in various fields and at various degree levels have been certified by an appropriate national professional certifying board or association?
- What percentage of graduates are working in their fields of preparation or a related field and how many are working out of their field and why?
- In what health care settings do employed graduates work?
- Of the graduates who are employed in their fields of preparation, or a related field, how much work-time do they spend on various job activities (e.g., direct patient care, teaching)?
- To what degree are graduates satisfied with their current jobs? What percentage are employed in jobs with definite career potential?

(d) Program Evaluation
- To what degree are graduates satisfied with their academic programs?
- To what extent did the educational preparation received contribute to their career development?

c. Survey Plan and Prototype (Draft) Instruments

Once the purpose of the survey and the research questions to be answered have been defined, the plan of action for conducting the study must be developed. This plan must include
clear definitions of the units of analysis under study and the appropriate survey design. If the researcher decides to perform a sample survey, decisions on the size and kind of sample must also be made.

(1) Units of Analysis

The units of analysis at which this methodology is directed are the most recent year's graduates of any (or all) collegiate health professions education degree programs.

(2) Survey Design

Graduates are asked to furnish data by filling out and returning a mailed questionnaire approximately 18 months after receiving their health professions degree. Respondents to the initial questionnaire will be surveyed again three and a half years later or approximately five and a half years after receiving their degrees.

The first survey can be used alone to provide a cross-sectional study of graduates; a description of the educational and career activities of graduates at one point in time--18 months after receiving their health professions degrees.

The second survey, administered three years later, turns the study into a longitudinal panel study. Panel studies involve the collection of data over time from the same group of respondents. Information collected at different points in time will enable the researcher to report changes in career and educational development and geographical mobility.

Panel studies have one inherent shortcoming which should be noted. This is panel attrition which is the extent of non-response that occurs in the later waves of a study. Some persons interviewed in the first study may be unwilling or unable to be surveyed later on, or the researcher may not be able to obtain the current address of a respondent interviewed some time ago. Since the strength of a panel study depends on the ability to examine the same respondents over time, this advantage is lost among those who do not respond to both surveys.

Therefore, this methodology does not suggest a follow-up study which extends over more than five years from the time of graduation. Panel attrition also points to the necessity of getting the highest response rate possible on

(1) See Earl R. Babbie, Survey Research Methods, pp 64-65.
the first survey since the validity of conducting the second follow-up hinges on the response rate from the first survey.

(3) The Question of Sampling

Since this methodological guide is written primarily for individual colleges, no sampling design is suggested for this survey. For a variety of reasons (small size of many academic programs, desire to keep in contact with each graduate), colleges usually prefer to survey the entire population of graduates in a given year. If, on the other hand, the follow-up study was done on a state level by a state coordinating or planning agency with differing research priorities, a sample survey would be more economical and possibly of higher quality. This sample could be stratified by health professions type and degree level or by institutional sector (e.g., four-year college versus two-year college).

(4) Prototype Surveys

Exhibits 1 and 2 of this narrative present prototype survey instruments for this study. The final questionnaires should be printed in a booklet form on 8 1/2" by 11" pages. Each question and response is numbered so that the survey form is self-coding and keypunching can be accomplished directly from the returned questionnaire with a minimum of editing. A cover letter signed by the president of the college or university should be included to transmit the survey and explain the purpose of the study. Sample draft of these cover letters are included here (Exhibits 3 and 4).

Since the survey is directed at the population of graduates rather than at a small random sample, and its resultant data are to be aggregated at the state level, it is necessary to design a relatively structured and standardized form. The survey forms consists of predominately close-ended, alternative response items. The forms include some reliability checks. The respondent is asked to correct any personal information on the address label and his or her curriculum at the college. This will give the college an opportunity to verify information on its student records. (2)

To assist in the longitudinal follow-up effort, the last item on the 18-month follow-up survey asks the respondent to provide the name and address or someone who would know that individual's address in the future. The procedure is designed to reduce the number of inactive names that occurs over time as graduates change addresses. By retaining this information as a secondary address reference, contact with a graduate after 18 months follow-up is greatly facilitated.

(2) Adopted from E. Timothy Lightfield, "Student Follow-Up in Higher Education: A Systematic Approach."
d. Assembly and Distribution of the Surveys

(1) Materials for the Survey

(a) Population Listings and Computer Printed Address Labels

At the end of the graduation period of study, the institution's Data Processing or Computer Services Office should be asked to provide an alphabetical listing (print-out) of the population of health professions program graduates. The alphabetical listing of these graduates should contain the following information:

- Social Security number (college I.D. or other identifying number)
- Last name, first name, middle name or initial
- Curriculum of Study (Two-digit code)
- Type of Degree Received (One-digit code)

In addition to the alphabetical listing, request should be made for the printing of six sets of pressure sensitive address labels for each student. Each address label should contain the following information:

- Social Security number, college I.D. or other identifying number
- First name, middle initial or name, last name
- Street address
- City, state, zip code
- Curriculum of Study (Two-digit code)
- Type of Degree Received (One-digit code)

The labels should be printed alphabetically or in ascending order by Social Security number.

The same procedures should be followed for the four-year follow-up except that address listings and labels should be prepared from a computer tape of respondents and corrected addresses developed from the 18-month follow-up.

(b) Other Materials for the Survey

Sufficient copies of the survey form should be printed several months in advance of the actual

(3) Ibid.
(4) The exact number of sets of address labels is a function of the number of mailing waves contemplated.
mailings. The follow-up procedures suggested here allow for at least two waves for the distribution of the survey forms. So at least twice the number of surveys and cover letters as the anticipated population of health professions graduates should be printed. In addition to the actual survey forms and cover letters, the following supplies are necessary for administering the survey and should be obtained prior to the anticipated initial mailing date.

- Number 9 self-addressed and stamped business envelopes returnable to the College and specifically to the Research Office - enough for twice the population.
- Number 10 envelopes with return address of the college, and specifically the Research Office - enough for twice the population.
- Rubber hand stamps for each individual health professions program of the college with name and two-digit numeric code number of that program (may be eliminated if Research Office wishes to type or write the curriculum in the designated place on the survey form).

(2) First Wave of Mailings

A pressure sensitive address label from one complete set of labels should be placed on the designated space on the survey form. A like label from the second set of labels should be placed on the Number 10 mailing envelope. According to the curriculum code provided on the address label, the appropriate rubber hand stamp should be used to print out the program name in the space provided below the address label.

This mailing and each successive replacement mailing should consist of the following contents placed in the Number 10 labeled mailing envelope:

- Survey form with address label
- Cover letter
- Self-addressed and stamped return envelope

A record should be made and posted of the exact number of forms distributed and the date of mailings.

(3) Monitoring Returned Questionnaires

When a completed survey form is received by the institutional research office the following steps should be taken:
(a) A check mark should be entered beside the graduate's name on the alphabetical listing of the population.

(b) The date of the return of the form should also be indicated on the alphabetical listing.

(c) Each survey should be assigned an identification number (separate from the graduate's Social Security number or other identifier). This number should be consecutively assigned and written in the upper left hand corner of the first page of the survey form. It should also be recorded on the alphabetical listing of the population of health professions program graduates by the particular respondent's name. Such numbers will be used later on in estimating non-response biases in the survey.

(d) At the same time the recordings are made on the alphabetical listing, the label for that graduate from the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sets of address labels should be removed. This procedure provides a gradually eliminating list of the non-respondents for each wave of the follow-up mailings. Three of those removed labels should be discarded. The fourth should be affixed to a cumulative listing of respondents. Corrections should be made on that list. Also, the telephone number for each graduate from the alpha list should be noted on this respondents list. This list of respondents will be used to prepare an alpha list and address labels for the second longitudinal follow-up survey.

(e) Prepare two return rate tables. The first table should identify the number of questionnaires returned each day from Day 1 (the date the questionnaires are mailed) to the cut-off date for returned questionnaires. The second table should identify the cumulative number of percentage of the questionnaires that were returned, starting with the date that the questionnaires are mailed as Day 1 and ending with the designated cut-off date. The advantages of these two tables are that they allow you to keep track of response rates to the mailed questionnaires and they identify the size of the follow-up mailings that will be necessary.

(4) Return of Non-Completed Survey Forms

Surveys returned because of an inaccurate address are to be logged with the notation "BA" for "bad

address" on the alphabetical listing. Normally, these "return to sender" returns will be made within a few days after the questionnaires are mailed out and usually before the receipt of any completed surveys.

At the same time, the label for the graduate from the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sets of labels should be removed. Three of extra labels should be discarded, the fourth affixed to a cumulative listing of "bad addresses". From this list, searches can be made from area phone books, etc., to determine an alternative address to which questionnaires in the second wave of mailings can be sent.

(5) Follow-Up Procedures (Subsequent Mailings)

In order to increase the response rate to the survey, a set of follow-up procedures including: (a) a reminder postcard, (b) a follow-up letter and questionnaire and (c) a telephone follow-up is suggested.

(a) Second Wave of Mailings—Postcard Reminder

Approximately 10-14 days after the initial mailing of the survey forms, a second wave of mailings is to be sent to all non-respondents to date. The mailing shall consist of a printed postcard stressing the importance of receiving the individual’s response. The postcard should include the telephone number of the Research Office so that the graduate can request an additional copy of the form. The cards can be printed on postcard stock paper and cut to the appropriate size (Exhibit 5).

(b) Third Wave of Mailings

Approximately 10-14 days after the postcard follow-up, a replacement questionnaire is to be sent to all non-respondents to date. The mailing shall consist of a replacement questionnaire, self-addressed return envelope and a special letter of request. The special letter of request should indicate that while the graduate has not yet responded, it is important for him/her to do so. This letter should be printed on college letterhead and individually signed. (Exhibit 6).

The fourth and fifth sets of address labels, with labels from respondents removed, are to be used for this mailing. The same procedures for affixing
the address labels on the survey form and for identifying the curriculum code should be followed.

A record should be made and posted of the exact number of replacement questionnaires distributed and the date of the mailing. Survey forms received after the date of the mailing should be considered a consequence of the third wave of mailings.

(c) Telephone Follow-Up for the 18-month Study
(Optional)

Since the four year follow-up survey hinges on the response rate to the 18-month study, it is suggested that a telephone follow-up of non-respondents be undertaken. The purpose of the telephone follow-up is to ascertain whether the form has been received and to request the cooperation of the graduate in completing the survey form. The purpose of the follow-up is not to gather information from the graduate (i.e., conduct a telephone interview).

The alpha listing which includes a telephone number for each graduate should be used for this purpose. The telephone follow-up should be conducted 7-10 days after the third wave of mailings. Individuals making the telephone contacts should be rehearsed prior to initiation of the telephone follow-up effort. The caller should identify him or herself and the college to whomever answers the telephone and to request permission to speak to the graduate. If the graduate is no longer living at that location, the caller should ask how he or she can contact the graduate. The caller should refer to the graduate by name. When speaking to the graduate, the caller should emphasize the importance of the study and the individual importance of each respondent's completion of the form. If the graduate should indicate that he/she never received the survey, the address should be obtained and a replacement questionnaire forwarded.

Some graduates may not be reached during the day and, thus, it may be necessary to attempt to call during evening hours. At least one day and one evening attempt to contact the graduate by telephone should be made.

(d) Completion of the Process of Administering the Survey

About 14 days after the final wave of mailings and/or telephone contacts, the administration of the
The survey should be considered as completed. The whole process of administering the survey takes approximately six weeks.

The number of returned surveys resulting from each wave of mailing should be counted and recorded along with the total number of "bad addresses". This information should be used to document overall response rates and should be included in the eventual research report.

e. Acceptable Response Rates and Tests for Non-Response Bias

(1) Acceptable Response Rates

An acceptable response-rate is important so valid conclusions can be made about the follow-up survey's results. The body of inferential statistics used in conjunction with survey results assume that all members of the initial sample or surveyed group (in this case, all health professions program graduates) complete and return their questionnaire. Since this almost never happens, response bias becomes a concern. The researcher must test for the possibility that non-respondents differ from respondents in some significant way. If so, there may be severe selection biases which may affect the validity of the survey statistics.

Overall response rate is one guide to the representativeness of respondents. If a high response rate (low non-response rate) is achieved, there is less chance of a significant response bias than if a low rate is achieved. In mail surveys related to post-secondary education, response rates vary from 30% to 30 percent depending on the type of respondent. Despite the variety of response rates reported by mail surveys, the following rule of thumb has been suggested:

...a response rate of at least 50 percent is adequate for analysis and reporting. A response rate of at least 60 percent is good. And a response rate of 70 percent or more is very good. The reader should bear in mind, however, that these are only rough guides, they have no statistical basis, and a demonstrated lack of response bias is far more important than a high response rate.

(5) Ibid., p. 163.
(8) Babbie, op. cit., p. 163.
(2) Computing Response Rates

A common procedure for computing response rates can be used as follows:

(a) Identify the number of health professions program graduates who were mailed surveys in the initial mailing.

(b) Subtract the number of persons who did not receive surveys due to "bad addresses" from the total number who were mailed surveys during the first wave of mailings. This is the net number of persons who received questionnaires.

(c) Divide the number of respondents by this net number. This percentage measures how successful the survey was in getting people to participate. The researcher does not count against him/herself those whom he/she could not contact.

However, it should be pointed out that although this is the accepted practice, it rests on the assumption that non-deliverable questionnaires present a random sample of the initial sample. This may not be the case at all. Persons whose questionnaires cannot be delivered are at the very least, probably more mobile than others in the sample, and mobility may be related to a variety of other variables. (9)

(3) Tests to Measure Non-Response Bias

This guide suggests repeat mailing to non-respondents and a telephone follow-up in order to attain as high a response rate as possible. When every effort has been made to achieve an acceptable response rate, the next step is to roughly measure the extent of non-response bias that may be present so that the results of the survey data analysis can be adjusted if necessary. Two ways of ascertaining the existence and extent of selection bias are suggested here.

(a) Comparing Early and Late Respondents

The first alternative, mentioned earlier, uses the serialized identification number assigned to completed questionnaires as they are received by the College's Research Office. Babbie presented the following example of how these numbers can be useful in estimating non-response bias:

(9) Ibid., pp. 183-189.
... if grade-point averages (GPA) reported by students decrease steadily through the data collection, with those replying right away having higher GPA's and those replying later having lower GPA's then the researcher might tentatively conclude that those who failed to answer at all have lower GPA's yet.\(^{10}\)

For instance a chi-square test can be conducted to test for differences between the first mailing's respondents and those who responded after the telephone follow-up. An alternative would be to use the serialized number itself as a variable to test the correlation between it an a survey variable (e.g., unemployment rates).

At a minimum the following factors should be examined for non-response bias:

- Location of residence (State)
- Main purpose in pursuing health professions degree
- Satisfaction with educational program
- Working status
- Reason for unemployment
- Percentage working in the field of their health profession degree
- Location of employer (State)

While it would not be advisable to make statistical estimates of bias in this fashion, the researcher can take advantage of approximate estimates.\(^{11}\) At the very least, these comparisons should be done before conducting the second alternative suggested here, a telephone survey of a sample of non-respondents.

(b) Procedure for Sequential Non-Respondent Sampling\(^{12}\)

In order to test for differences between respondents and non-respondents for either survey, the following procedure can be used to conduct a telephone survey of a sequential sample of non-respondents. This telephone survey (Exhibit 7) solicits information on a minimum number of important variables: \(^{13}\)

\(^{10}\) Ibid., p. 163.

\(^{11}\) Ibid., p. 163.

\(^{12}\) This procedure was developed by J. Tschechthelin and documented in Maryland Community Colleges, Student Follow-Up Study: First Time Students, Fall 1972, Appendix C.

\(^{13}\) This example is a prototype survey for the 18-month follow-up.
Location of residence (State)
- Main purpose in pursuing health profession degree
- Satisfaction with educational program
- Working status
- Reason for unemployment
- Percentage working in the field of their health profession degree
- Location of employer (State)
- Percentage pursuing/pursued an advanced degree program

The researcher is, of course, free to alter the suggested telephone survey if he or she is interested in examining additional or different variables. At any rate, after the telephone survey is finalized, the following steps should be taken to document non-respondent data and measure the differences between respondent and non-respondent groups:

1. Identify the list of non-respondents (NR's) excluding "bad addresses" using the alphabetical list which also contains telephone numbers. Number each non-respondent on the list from 1 to n.

2. Prepare a "Cumulative Percent Yes" sheet for each of the yes-no items that the NR's will be asked. (Exhibit 8). Follow these steps:

   - Draw a solid line on graph to represent the unadjusted percent yes or positive for that item among the respondents from the survey.
   - Decide what percent error you are willing to tolerate and draw dashed lines corresponding to that tolerance level above and below the solid line representing the percent yes among respondents. Plus or minus ten percent is suggested. See Exhibit 8 example.
   - Randomly select one NR, using a table of random numbers or other random number scheme.
   - Telephone the NR and follow the non-respondent Telephone Interview Form. If the NR is not at home or has moved, call later or get a new number. Answers should not be taken from anyone but the NR. If a complete dead end is reached, discard the NR and select a new one.
   - After about 30 valid NR interviews, record the NR answers on the proper Cumulative Percent Yes sheets, line a. Put "1" for a yes and "-" for a no or other response. Put the cumulative number yes on line b. Compute the Cumulative
Percent Yes by dividing line b by line c (the interview number). Enter this on line d, and plot this Cumulative Percent Yes on the graph. See example.

Check each graph to see if the Cumulative Percent Yes is beginning to stabilize (level off). If it stabilizes at or inside your error tolerance limits you can conclude that your NR's are similar to your respondents' on that item. If the Cumulative Percent Yes stabilizes outside your error tolerance limits, your NR's are apparently different from your respondents on that item.

If the graph is still climbing or falling after 30 interviews, keep calling NR's until the graph levels off. You will probably need at least 50 interviews. This is a practical test, not a hard statistical one. However, the researcher could do a chi-square test with this data to test for significant differences between respondents and non-respondents. The sampling error can also be checked to find the probability that your sample of NR's truly represents the NR group.

f. Data Processing and Storage of Survey Results

(1) Storing Address File of Respondent's for Five-Year Follow-Up Study

Once all the surveys have been received, the address list of respondents with name and address corrections should be completed. This list, along with the respondent's Social Security number or other identifying number should be keypunched and stored on tape by the College's Computer or Data Processing Services. This tape will be used to generate an alpha list and address labels for the longitudinal follow-up study.

(2) Data Processing and Storage of Survey Data

(a) Editing and Keypunching Completed Surveys

The questions and responses on the prototype surveys have been numbered so that keypunchers can punch directly from the questionnaires. Since the punch direct method will be used, questionnaires will have to be edited prior to punching. An editor should read through each questionnaire to ensure that each question has been answered, that there are no multiple answers (change to a single code), that non-responses are properly coded and to clarify any unclear responses.
Following keypunching and verberication a data card deck and duplicate deck should be retained for tape storage and analysis using a computerized statistical package appropriate for survey data analysis.

(b) Codebook Construction

A codebook is a document designed for each survey that describes the location of variables in the survey data file and the keypunching assignments given to specific attributes making up those variables. A codebook performs three essential functions. First, it is the primary guide to editors as they prepare questionnaires for keypunching. Second, it is the basis upon which a computer program can be written to place the data on magnetic tape or disk so that various analyses can be conducted. Third, it is the researcher's guide to locating variables in his/her data file during analysis.

The codebooks developed for the prototype surveys appear in Appendix II of this report. They are designed to complement most well known statistical packages used in analysis of survey data by researchers with little or no expertise in computer programming or data processing.

(c) Storage of Survey Data for Analysis

After the survey data has been keypunched it must be stored on a magnetic tape or disk to facilitate statistical analysis. A number of statistical packages have been developed which will create data files, label data, store it on computer tape or disk and perform a wide range of statistical analyses. One or more of these packages are usually available to collegiate researchers through their institutions' data processing or computer centers. Two recommended packages are:


The software for these programs (especially SPSS) are available at or can be easily acquired by most academic computer centers. These programs are
suggested for two reasons. First, as already noted, they can be utilized by researchers with little or no experience in data processing or computer programming. Second, the data files created by either program can be easily updated to include data from the second, five-year follow-up survey to create a longitudinal data base for analysis.

g. Strategy for State-wide Coordination of Survey Data

The creation of a state-level data base on health professions program graduates cannot be accomplished without the full cooperation of the individual academic institutions offering health professions education programs. This data collection activity must be coordinated with the colleges' general, on-going graduated student survey efforts. If this is not done, duplicate surveys may confuse respondents and result in high non-response rates for both studies. Coordination may be accomplished in two ways:

1. If the academic institutions agree to forego their post-graduation survey of health professions programs graduates, the state-level agency can conduct the tracking survey.

2. This special survey of health professions program graduates can be integrated in some fashion with each college's usual tracking efforts.

There are problems inherent in both approaches.

With regard to the first alternative, many colleges with on-going tracking efforts will be reluctant to abandon their prerogative even if the State-level agency finances the study. Also respondents may be reluctant to complete a survey sponsored by a state level agency rather than the institution from which they graduated. If this route is chosen provisions must be made to insure that the survey is responsive to the data needs and interests of the institutions as well as the state agency. This could be accomplished through an oversight or advisory committee made up of representatives from each participating institution.

Integration of the health professions tracking survey with each institution's on-going survey efforts also presents problems. First, if the data collected in this manner is to be aggregated into a sound state-level data base, each institution must survey their students at the same time, asking the same questions and following the same survey administration procedures. If colleges survey their graduates at different times and in different ways, as most do, they must be persuaded to adopt a uniform
survey and procedures or at least to adopt a set of core questions for health professions graduates into their own general student surveys. This could be accomplished through survey workshops conducted by the State-level agency for each college's placement officers and/or institutional researchers.
MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY: ____________________________

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER. (FOR EXAMPLE 1).

1. What was your main purpose in pursuing the health professions degree you received in 197? Please check the one best answer.

1. To prepare for further education
2. To upgrade or improve skills in my professional field
3. To prepare for immediate first-time employment in a particular health profession
4. For career advancement in my professional field
5. For personal growth and social development
6. Other please specify: ____________________________

2. Considering your purposes and goals in pursuing your 197 degree, how satisfied were you with this educational program?

1. Very satisfied
2. Satisfied
3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Very dissatisfied

3. At the present time what is your working status?

1. Working full-time (at least 35 hrs./wk.)
2. Working part-time (less than 35 hrs./wk.) but seeking a full-time job
3. Working part-time (less than 35 hrs./wk.) and not seeking a full-time job
4. Not working but seeking a job
5. Not working and not seeking a job

4. Are you employed in the health field in which you received your 197 degree?

1. Same field
2. Closely related health field
3. Somewhat related health field
4. Completely different health field
5. Completely different non-health field

PROCEED TO QUESTION 12.
5. In which of the following settings do you spend most of your working time? Please check one.

1. Hospital
2. Nursing home
3. Prison or other institution
4. Private medical/dental laboratory
5. Elementary/secondary school
6. College/university
7. Free standing outpatient clinic
8. Private practitioner's office
9. Health maintenance organization
10. State or local health department
11. Manufacturing firm
12. Other business firm
13. Armed services
14. Other specify:

6. How much of your working time, if any, is devoted to each of the following job activities? Please circle one answer for each activity.

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7. If you are not employed in the same field as your 1976 degree, why?

1. Employed in same field
2. Never planned to work in this field
3. Could not find a job in this field
4. My educational preparation was not adequate for a job in this field
5. Do not have certification or licensure for employment in this field
6. Decided I did not like the work in this field
7. Too little opportunity for advancement in this field
8. Developed a new career interest
9. A better paying job came along
10. Other please specify:
8. Were you employed in your current occupational field before you received your 197_ degree?
   1. Yes
   2. No

9. Where is your present employer located? If you have more than one job, where is your main employer located?
   1. New Jersey
   2. New York
   3. Pennsylvania
   4. Other State

10. How would you best describe your current job?
    1. Temporary job until a better one can be found
    2. Temporary job to earn money to do something else (e.g., travel, go to school)
    3. Job with possible career potential
    4. Job with definite career potential
    5. Other please specify:

11. If you are not working, what is the main reason?
    1. I am employed
    2. Family responsibilities
    3. Going to school
    4. Ill or disabled
    5. Cannot find the kind of job I want
    6. Cannot find any job
    7. Do not wish to work right now
    8. Other reason please specify:

12. Are you currently enrolled in an educational program leading to a degree?
    1. Yes
    2. No

13. What type of a degree are you pursuing?
    1. Certificate or diploma
    2. Associate degree
    3. Bachelor's degree
    4. Master's degree
    5. Professional doctorate (MD, DDS)
    6. Other doctorate (Ph.D, Ed.D)
    7. Other degree please specify:
14. Where is the degree program located?
1 New Jersey
2 New York
3 Pennsylvania
4 Other State

15. Is this degree program in the same field as the degree you received in 19__?
1 Same field
2 Closely related field
3 Somewhat related field
4 Completely different field

16. How well did the educational program for your 19__ degree, prepare you for work on your current degree program?
1 Not related to my current degree program
2 Excellent preparation
3 Good preparation
4 Fair preparation
5 Poor preparation

17. Do you currently hold a state-issued license to practice the health professions in which you earned your 197__ degree? If yes, please circle the states in which you hold a license.
1 Do not currently hold a license
2 New Jersey
3 New York
4 Pennsylvania
5 Other State

18. Did you hold this license before you received your 197__ degree?
1 Do not hold a license
2 Yes
3 No

19. Do you currently hold professional certification awarded by a national professional certifying association or organization?
1 Yes: What is your designation: (e.g., MLT (ASCP))
2 No

20. Did you hold this certification before you received your 197__ degree?
1 Do not hold certification
2 Yes
3 No
NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PART OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR USE IN STATISTICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE SURVEY.

21. In what year were you born? 19___

22. What is your sex?
   1 Male
   2 Female

23. How would you describe yourself?
   1 American Indian or Alaskan Native
   2 Black, not of Hispanic origin
   3 Asian, Oriental or Pacific Islander
   4 Hispanic
   5 White, not of Hispanic origin

IMPORTANT: What is the name of a person who will know your address in the future?

Name: ____________________________
Street: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: __________
Zip: ____________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER (FOR EXAMPLE 3).

1. At the present time what is your working status?
   1. Working full-time (at least 35 hrs./wk.)
   2. Working part-time (less than 35 hrs./wk.) but seeking a full-time job.
   3. Working part-time (less than 35 hrs./wk.) and not seeking a full-time job.
   4. Not working but seeking a job
   5. Not working and not seeking a job

2. Are you currently employed in the health field in which you received your 197- degree?
   1. Same health field
   2. Closely related health field
   3. Somewhat related health field
   4. Completely different related health field
   5. Completely different non-health field

3. In which of the following settings do you spend most of your working time? Please check one.
   1. Hospital
   2. Nursing home
   3. Prison or other institution
   4. Private medical/dental laboratory
   5. Elementary/secondary school
   6. College/university
   7. Free-standing outpatient clinic
   8. Private practitioner's office
   9. Health maintenance organization
   10. State or local health department
   11. Manufacturing firm
   12. Other business firm
   13. Armed services
   14. Other please specify:__________________________
4. How much of your working time, if any, is devoted to each of the following job activities? Please circle one answer for each work activity.

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5. If you are not currently employed in the same field as your 197_ degree, why?

1 Employed in same field
2 Never planned to work in this field
3 Could not find a job in this field
4 My educational preparation was not adequate for a job in this field
5 Decided I did not like work in this field
6 Too little opportunity for advancement in this field
7 Do not have certification or licensure for employment in this field
8 Developed a new career interest
9 A better paying job came along
10 Other please specify:

6. Where is your present employer located? If you have more than one job, check where your main employer is located.

1 New Jersey
2 New York
3 Pennsylvania
4 Other state

7. How long have you been working at your current job?

1 Less than one year
2 1 - 2 years
3 3 - 5 years

8. How would you best describe your current job?

1 Temporary job until a better one can be found
2 Temporary job to earn money to do something else (e.g., travel, go to school)
3 Job with possible career potential
4 Job with definite career potential
5 Other please specify:
9. In retrospect, how well did the educational preparation for your 197__ degree prepare you for your current job?

1. Current job is not related to 197__ degree
2. Excellent preparation
3. Good preparation
4. Fair preparation
5. Poor preparation

10. Please indicate both the yearly salary you earned on your first job after receiving your 1977 degree and your present yearly salary. Check one answer in each column.

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11. If you are not working, what is the main reason?

1. I am employed
2. Family responsibilities
3. Going to school
4. Ill or disabled
5. Cannot find the kind of job I want
6. Cannot find any job
7. Do not wish to work right now
8. Other reason please specify:

12. What is the highest degree you have received or are currently pursuing beyond the degree you earned in 197__?

1. Have not received and/or am not currently pursuing another degree
2. Certificate or diploma
3. Associate degree
4. Bachelor's degree
5. Master's degree
6. Professional doctorate (MD, DDs)
7. Other doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D.)
8. Other degree please specify:

13. Where is this degree program located?

1. New Jersey
2. New York
3. Pennsylvania
4. Other state
14. Is this educational program in the same field as the degree you received in 19__?

1. Same field
2. Closely related field
3. Somewhat related field
4. Completely different field

15. How well did the educational program for your 19__ degree prepare you for work on this degree program?

1. Not related to my current degree program
2. Excellent preparation
3. Good preparation
4. Fair preparation
5. Poor preparation

16. Do you currently hold a state-issued license to practice the health professions in which you earned your 197__ degree? If yes, please check the states in which you hold a license.

1. Do not currently hold a license
2. New Jersey
3. New York
4. Pennsylvania
5. Other State

17. Do you currently hold professional certification awarded by a national professional certifying association or organization?

1. Yes
2. No

What is your designation: ____________________________
(e.g., MLT (ASCP))

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.
Dear Graduate:

The College/University is conducting an 18-month follow-up study of its graduates who received degrees in a health profession in 19[ ].

Will you please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey and mail it back to us in the self-addressed envelope?

The purpose of the study is to find out what our 19[ ] health profession graduates are doing now, about a year and a half after graduation. Survey findings will be extremely useful to the College in planning and improving our health-related programs. There is much to be learned from your post-college experiences, and present and future students will benefit from your experiences and reactions.

The study includes every 19[ ] graduate who received a degree in every health professions program offered by College/University. Your answers to the questionnaire will be reported in aggregate form only; no personally identifying information will be reflected in any reports or use of the data. If there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, however, please complete the other questions and return the questionnaire to us.

As a recent graduate, you are in good position to help us assess how well our health professions programs are serving our students. Your cooperation is needed to make the results of the study complete and accurate. Please take the time to help us learn from your experiences.

Sincerely,

College/University Presidents
EXHIBIT 4

COLLEGE LETTERHEAD

(Date)

Dear Graduate:

College/University is conducting a five-year follow-up study of its graduates who received degrees in a health profession in 19_.

Will you please take a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey and mail it back to us in the self-addressed envelope.

The purpose of the study is to find out what our health professions graduates are doing now, about five years after graduation. There is much to be learned from your long-range, post-college experiences. Survey findings will be extremely useful to the College in planning and improving our health-related programs. Present and future students will benefit from your experiences and reactions.

Your answers to the survey will be reported in aggregate form only; no personally identifying information will be reflected in any reports or use of the data. If there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, however, please complete the other questions and return the questionnaire to us.

As an alumnus you can help us assess how well our health professions programs serve our students. Your cooperation is needed to make the results of the study complete and accurate. Please take the time to help us learn from your experiences.

Sincerely,

College/University Presidents
EXHIBIT 5

SAMPLE POSTCARD REMINDER

Office of Research
__________________________
College/University

Dear Health Professions Graduate:

About two weeks ago, you were sent a survey concerning your experiences since graduating from College/University. To date we have not received a completed form from you.

Please complete the form and return it to us.

If you do not have this form we sent you, please call Name at Telephone ______ so we can send you a copy. Thank you.

Date
Dear Graduate:

About three weeks ago, you were mailed a survey which asked for your cooperation in completing the information requested. The purpose of the survey is to find out what our 19___ health professions graduates are doing now.

To date, we have not received your completed survey form. It is especially important that we have your opinions and responses.

Please take a few moments, therefore, and complete the enclosed survey form.

If you have any reservations or questions, please do not hesitate to call, and I will do my best to answer them for you. My telephone number is ____________.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Name
Position
Campus Address
Hello, my name is __________________ from __________________ College. Is this
person the respondent? (If not the respondent, ask when, where, how the
person can be reached.) We are doing a survey of all 19 graduates of our health
professions programs to find out what they are doing now. The information you
can provide will help the college in assessing the success of its programs.
There are only a few questions. The survey will not take more than five minutes.

3. What was your main purpose in pursuing the health professions degree
you received in 19__? (READ ALL ALTERNATIVES TO NR AND CIRCLE ONE
THE REST WILL BE CODED AS NO'S ON THEIR CUMULATIVE PERCENT YES SHEETS.)

B1 To prepare for further education
B2 To upgrade or improve skills in my professional field
B3 To prepare for immediate first time employment in a
   particular health profession
B4 For career advancement in my professional field
B5 For personal growth and social development

C. Considering your purposes and goals in pursuing your 19__ degree,
were you satisfied with this educational program?

YES         NO

D. At the present time, are you working?

YES         NO

    SKIP TO ITEM H.

E. Are you employed full-time?

YES         NO

F. Are you employed in the health field in which you received your 19__
degree? (READ ALL ALTERNATIVES TO NR AND CIRCLE ONE.)

F1 Same field
F2 Closely related field
F3 Somewhat related field
F4 Completely different field
G. Is your present employer located in New Jersey?

YES          NO

NOW SKIP TO ITEM J.

H. FOR UNEMPLOYED ONLY:

Are you presently seeking a job?

YES          NO

I. What is the main reason you are not working at this time? (READ ALL ALTERNATIVES TO NR AND CIRCLE ONE.)

1. Family responsibilities
2. Going to school
3. Ill or disabled
4. Cannot find the kind of job I want
5. Cannot find any job
6. Do not wish to work right now
7. Other

J. Are you presently enrolled in an education program leading to a degree beyond the one you received in 19__?

YES          NO—> SKIP TO END

K. Are you enrolled full-time in that program?

YES          NO

L. Is this educational program in the same field as the degree you received in 19__? (READ ALL ALTERNATIVES TO NR AND CIRCLE ONE.)

1. Same field
2. Closely related field
3. Somewhat related field
4. Completely different field

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
CUMULATIVE PERCENT YES -- SEQUENTIAL SAMPLING OF NON-RESPONDENTS

Item: Prepare for first-time employment in a health profession

EXAMPLE

+ 10% error

unadjusted cumulative percent yes among respondents - 60%

tolerance

a. Answer (yes = 1)
b. Cum. Yea
c. Trial #
d. Cum. Yea

a. Answer
b. Cum. Yea
c. Trial #
d. Cum. Yea
C. TASK 3: Development of a Methodology to Document the Level of Retention of Health Profession Graduates in a State's Work Force

1. STATUS OF TASK 3

This task had both short-run and long-run purposes. The short-run goal was to conduct an immediate check on the projection methodology's assumptions concerning the in-state retention of health professions program graduates by examining existing data on the location of these graduates collected by New Jersey colleges.

To meet the long-run goal of documenting retention rates in an on-going fashion, it was envisioned that a mail survey, similar to the instrument developed in Task 2, could be implemented by the Department of Higher Education to furnish data on the location of graduates in a sound, coordinated manner.

Sub-tasks (a) and (b) of this task, which constituted the short-run goals of this portion of the project were not successfully completed. As detailed in the task narrative below, a survey of the data collection activities of New Jersey colleges was not successful in obtaining usable data on the retention of health professions graduates. However, sub-tasks (b) and (d) were somewhat more successful in that a post-graduation survey was launched by the Department to collect this kind of data. The results of this survey activity will furnish data which can be used to check current assumptions on retention rates of health professions graduates.

2. CURRENT ASSUMPTIONS CONCERNING THE IN-STATE RETENTION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS GRADUATES

In order to estimate the impact on health manpower supply of increasing enrollments in health professions education programs, and to estimate the impact of new programs the Health Professions Education Master Plan utilized the concept of "in-state-survival factors" or "retention rates". (1) In-state survival factors were estimated for each health manpower category, based on the general rule that greater mobility is characteristic of more extensively trained graduates of health professions programs. The following assumptions were made with regard to the proportions of health professions program graduates who will remain in New Jersey:

- Two years or less of training = .80
- More than two through four years of training = .65
- Five years or more of training = .50

(1) Health Professions Education Master Plan, p. 90.
The numerical value of the survival factor or retention rate gives some insight into evaluating the costs and benefits to the State of proposed and existing health professions programs. Each retention rate assumes that the State must always produce a graduate output that exceeds its manpower needs. For the most part, in the absence of real data to verify the retention rates, the assumptions first made in the Master Plan have been carried over within the current manpower supply projection methodology. The following retention rates are currently utilized:

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* The .80 factor is used for diploma and associate degree programs. The .65 factor is used for baccalaureate degree nursing programs.

** A .75 factor was used which is higher than other categories with the same length of educational training. This factor was selected upon the advice of the pharmaceutical community within the State. It reflects the small entrepreneurial nature of much pharmacist employment, and their tendency to establish such businesses close to their place of residence and origin.
3. CURRENT POST-GRADUATION SURVEY PRACTICES AT NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At the same time that this project's staff began to investigate the question of the State's retention of graduates, the Department's Office of Planning and Research began to investigate the possibilities of assembling a system-wide data bank on the post-graduation pursuits of all New Jersey graduates. Therefore, we were able to work with the Office of Research to facilitate implementation of these sub-tasks.

In May, 1976 the Department surveyed institutional efforts to collect data on the activities of their graduates (Appendix III, Exhibit 1). The survey requested data on the nature of each institution's survey activity (e.g., intervals at which studies are conducted, validation of findings, etc.). A copy of the most recent survey instrument and a copy of the latest placement study publication was also solicited from each college. In brief, the following was found with regard to post-graduation survey practices:

a. All public institutions (which conduct the majority of health professions education programs) except the exception of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, two county colleges, conduct some kind of periodic survey of post-graduation. They vary widely in the quality and sophistication of the survey instrument utilized and the survey administration procedures followed.

b. The intervals at which colleges surveyed their graduates were considered important in assessing the utility of institutional placement data in the construction of a reliable state-wide view on the retention of graduates in the State's work force. Placement or employment rates obtained from polling graduates three months after graduation will differ from rates resulting from surveys conducted after six months or a year. As Table IV, Exhibit 2, Appendix III indicates, New Jersey colleges survey their graduates at widely varying intervals. Table IV indicates that among the county colleges (which conduct the largest portion of health professions programs) at least ten separate survey administration intervals exist. Whereas, this finding in no way prevents institutional efforts to develop base line data for good institutional-level use, comparisons of these data on a state-level would be misleading.
c. In many cases the Department's survey revealed that institutions did not document placement rates by field of study, showing instead simple tabulations of numbers of students who attained jobs. This can create the illusion that a program's graduates have attained a significant level of success in finding employment when in fact the employment rate may be low.

d. Finally, an examination of institutional surveys and publications revealed that many studies did not include the question "Do you work in New Jersey?" Although a question on employment status was invariably included, in many cases, a question on location of employment was not. This reflects a difference in information priorities at the colleges. Whereas the fact that a student was successful in finding a job was important, where that student found employment was not. Many surveys, especially at the community college level, were designed for the most part to gauge graduates' satisfaction with the educational programs and services provided by the college.

Because of the great inconsistencies in the survey practices of New Jersey colleges, both the DHE Research Office and this project's staff concluded that existing data would not constitute a reliable picture of the retention rates of graduates in the State's workforce. Instead it was decided to launch a state-wide post-graduation study to obtain sound information.

There were, however, two exceptions to this decision. It was found that the State's medical and dental schools, through their alumni offices kept on-going and reliable data on the location of their graduates. According to the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, approximately 50% of its medical school graduates have remained within the State to practice, agreeing with the retention rate of 50% assumed by the projection methodology. A 50% retention rate was also adopted for dentists. The New Jersey Dental School has reported an average retention rate of approximately 60% over the past 10 years. Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry, which graduates half of all dentists educated within the State, reported a 47% retention rate. This indicates that the overall assumption currently used (50%) has not been far off the mark.

4. SYSTEM-WIDE POST-GRADUATION STUDY PROPOSAL

a. Methodology

When it was found that existing data collected by New Jersey colleges could not be utilized to present a state-wide
view of the post-graduation activities of New Jersey graduates, the Department proposed a State-level, longitudinal study of the spring graduates of all higher education programs. A proposal describing such a study was forwarded to the presidents of all New Jersey colleges in February 1977 (See Exhibits, Appendix III).

The original proposal suggested the following methodology for developing a system-wide data base on the State's college graduates:

1. It was proposed that an on-going mechanism be developed within the Department to survey a sample of Spring graduates of the State's public and private institutions every other year. This study would be longitudinal in nature with the first follow-up conducted one year after graduation and the second survey four years later. It was planned that the study would commence with the survey of Spring 1976 graduates.

2. It was proposed that an advisory committee made up of representatives of each institution be constituted. This advisory committee would be charged with: (a) collaborating with department staff to develop a suitable survey instrument responsive to institutional and Departmental data needs; (b) developing protocols between the institutions and the Department to govern survey administration, and (c) to obtain the cooperation of all institutions in this effort.

3. Departmental staff would develop a state-wide report on the educational and employment outcomes of New Jersey programs with the advice of the advisory group.

4. It was further proposed that the Department would finance at least this first wave of surveys, process the data and make the resulting data files available to each institution.

This project's staff worked closely with the Office of Planning and Research and the advisory committee to insure that specific data needs with regard to health professions graduates were fulfilled.

The advisory committee and staff worked through the summer to develop a survey instrument and protocols for the administration of the survey. A copy of the final draft of the questionnaire appears as Exhibit 4, in Appendix III. Included within this survey were general questions on the nature of employment and further educational pursuits of
graduates and specific questions for the holders of health professionals degrees. These questions related to State licensure and professional accreditation and work settings of those health professions graduates currently employed in the health care field.

Project staff also developed major field classification codes for health professions education programs based upon the federal Higher Education General Information System Taxonomy of degree programs. (The HEGIS taxonomy is currently used by all U.S. colleges and universities to fulfill federal data requirements.) This coding scheme was utilized to identify degree levels and major fields of study for health professions (and other) graduates so that the resulting survey data could be analyzed by field and degree level. This taxonomy appears as Exhibit 5 and 6 in Appendix III.

b. Problems in Implementation

From the onset of this activity staff was aware that the success of the proposal depended upon the cooperation of the State's colleges and universities in this initial endeavor. If the first post-graduation study was successful, it would provide a basis for the development of a statewide system for the regular collection and compilation of data on graduated students.

However, many institutions were reluctant to forego their own post-graduation survey to cooperate with the Departmental efforts. There were two reasons for this reluctance. First, the institutions with sound and sophisticated post-graduation survey capabilities did not wish to relinquish their prerogative even for one year. Other institutions were reluctant to have the educational outcomes of their degree programs as described by the survey data compared to those of other institutions and made available to the public at large.

Only 22 of the 45 institutions in question chose to participate in the mail survey conducted by the Department. These institutions provided the Department with 1976 graduates' names and addresses, major field of study and degree received in preparation for the Department's mail survey.

In order to collect at least some basic data on the location and status of graduates of the 23 non-participating institutions, the Department with the help of the advisory committee negotiated another option. These institutions agreed to report data on employment status and location of their May-August 1976 data through their own institutional surveys in a format specified by the Department. Each
institutions was asked to complete a questionnaire to describe the nature of their 1977 survey activity and furnish the Department with data on the employment of occupational program graduates. A copy of this questionnaire appears as Exhibit 7 (Appendix III).

c. Results

Although only 22 of the 45 institutions participated in the mail survey, the study's population included 12,500 1976 graduates. This constituted the largest State-financed data collection effort carried out by the Department to date. The first mail survey was done in mid-September 1977, and three follow-up mailings were conducted at three-week intervals after the first mailing. The collection of base data from non-participating institutions was completed in early Spring 1978.

The Department's mail survey was extremely successful in that a very high response rate -- over 70% -- was attained and the completed questionnaires were of good quality. The resulting survey data has been assembled, edited and stored on tape. It has only recently been made available to Department and institutional staff. This file will furnish at least some basis upon which to compare current assumptions about state retention of health professions graduates. The base data on employment of graduates furnished by non-participating institutions will also be used to run a validity check on current assumptions. However, the reliability of this data is questionable.

d. Conclusion

It was hoped that the Department's survey activity could be used as a basis for the establishment of a system for the regular collection and compilation of basic data on graduated students' activities. However, the Department's experience suggests that a centralized mechanism may not win the necessary cooperation of all or even a majority of higher education institutions. A decentralized protocol that would allow colleges to collect their own data would seem to have a much better chance of success, at least in New Jersey.

However, in order to aggregate data collected in this manner for a reliable state-wide view, institutions must be persuaded to adopt a uniform survey instrument, or at least include a uniform core of questions in their individual questionnaires and adopt uniform survey procedures (e.g., survey graduates at same interval after graduation). A post-graduation survey advisory committee, made up of placement officials and/or institutional researchers from every
involved college and university can be utilized to coordinate such a data collection effort. A survey instrument and procedures similar to the one developed in Task 2 could be adopted for this purpose.
D. TASK 4: Develop a Methodology to Implement a Series of Health Manpower Projections

1. STATUS OF THE TASK

The implementation of the health projections of supply and demand for health professionals in New Jersey was a continual task throughout the two year project period. Most of the requirements of the task have been completed satisfactorily. However, two elements of this task have not been fully completed. First, staff spent considerable effort in an attempt to develop a health status related projection model to be used in conjunction with the econometric model used for our health manpower projections. We were unsuccessful in developing a health status projection technique which was statistically significant. This effort will be documented in the subsequent discussion of this task. The second area which was not fully completed relates the development of HSA specific projections of supply, supply and demand. Due to data limitations, unique projecting equations for each of the State's five Health Systems Agencies could not be developed. However, we have been able to determine a means to develop manpower projections for each HSA based on the statewide projection equation. This technique will be presented in Section 6 of this task narrative.

In order to implement the health manpower projections, a number of steps must be taken. First, after compiling the baseline data, staff developed a series of projecting equations for the professions which were being studied. Three major techniques were used to generate these equations, two of which were based on stepwise regression techniques. The first, which concerned licensed health professionals, developed a relationship between the distribution of these professionals by county (21 observations) and demographic factors for each county, such as size, age, and income of the population. Nine separate equations were developed in this manner and were used to project the demand for twelve health professions. The second series of equations was developed for non-licensed health professions which are employed in health facilities, especially hospitals. These equations relate hospital service center (i.e., respiratory therapy) housed to institutional parameters such as non-payroll expense per bed, inpatient maintained beds, inpatient and outpatient visits, average length of stay, and service center average wages. These institutional equations were used for laboratory services, respiratory therapy services and medical records services. The final model used involved dental auxiliaries and used a ratio of auxiliaries to dentists as the projection factor. The completed projections and the models used to develop them were reported in a comprehensive report on the need for twenty-eight health professions in New Jersey through 1985 (Appendix IV).
With the completion of the quantitative elements of the projections, the second step of their implementation process was undertaken. This involved the creation of policy related recommendations premised in part on the results of the manpower projections. This activity is being met on two fronts. First, staff has drafted an extensive analysis of the current and future scope and cost of healthcare professions education in the State in relation to the State's total involvement in higher education and levels of effort in other States. Using the projections as a base from which to analyze where programs should be encouraged to develop or should be discouraged, this analysis (Appendix V) will be used as a guide in future budgetary actions by the Board of Higher Education. On a second front, the results of the projections are being integrated with the health professions education policy recommendations developed during the Department's ongoing master planning activities. This integration will be completed when a comprehensive planning document is published in the coming months.

As part of the development and implementation of the health manpower projections, two additional reports were developed during the contract period. The first report entitled "Analysis of the Need for Physicians in New Jersey 1975-1985", is attached to this final project report. This analysis was undertaken to determine the impact of the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-484) on the future supply of physicians in New Jersey. New Jersey has had a historic dependence on Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) for a number of years. For example, in 1976, approximately three-quarters of the newly licensed physicians who entered practice in New Jersey were FMGs. Of these only 20% were American born FMGs. Further, over 60% of all New Jersey's physicians in residency programs were FMGs. Accordingly, the new legislation, which amends the Immigration and Nationality Act in a manner to severely restrict the entry of foreign-born FMGs into the United States, will have a substantial impact on New Jersey's ability to attract new physicians to residency programs and to practice in the State. The report finds that because the FMG physicians will no longer be able to enter the country to practice, New Jersey will be facing a situation by 1992 where the number of new practitioners will not be sufficient to replace those who leave the workforce because of death or retirement. This report is now being used by state level planners and a special gubernatorial commission in their efforts to confront this potential manpower crisis in an expedient manner. The second report developed during this contract is "An Inventory of Health Professions Education Programs in New Jersey." This document provides a full inventory of all post secondary medical health and health professions education programs in the State by county and health service area. It offers detailed information on clinical affiliations, entry requirements, program length, tuition charges, credential awarded, and annual enrollment and graduation levels. It is used
not only by state and local planners, but by high school
guidance counselors throughout New Jersey. This document is
attached to this final comprehensive report.

The following narrative provides more detailed information
on the sub-tasks required by the contract, including: alternative
projection models; levels of confidence for projections;
implementation recommendations for projections; methods of
transformation of statewide projections to HSA levels; and, a
general method for developing econometric projections of health
manpower needs.

2. PRESENTATION OF PROJECTION RESULTS

After developing its set of health manpower projections,
staff produced a comprehensive report documenting these results.
Entitled "An Analysis of the Need for Health Professionals in
New Jersey 1975-1985," this document is provided in Appendix
III. The report provides the projection results for twenty-eight
health professions, as follows:

1. Physicians
2. Dentists
3. Dental Hygienists
4. Dental Assistants
5. Dental Laboratory Technicians
6. Nurses
7. Nurse Practitioners
8. Physician's Assistants
9. Optometrists
10. Pharmacists
11. Veterinarians
12. Dietitians
13. Nutritionists
14. Cytotechnologists
15. Histologic Technicians
16. Medical Technologists
17. Medical Laboratory Technicians
18. Medical Laboratory Assistants
19. Medical Records Administrators
20. Medical Records Technicians
21. Radiologic Technicians
22. Nuclear Medicine Technologists
23. Occupational Therapists
24. Occupational Therapy Assistants
25. Physical Therapists
26. Respiratory Therapists
27. Respiratory Therapy Technicians
28. Speech Pathologists/Audiologists

The quantitative results of the projections are provided in
narrative, tabular, and graphical forms. Projections of supply
of each profession for 1975, 1980 and 1985 are compared to the
demand projections for 1980 and 1985. Through this comparison,
the determination of manpower need either as a projected surplus or a shortage is made. Such shortages or surpluses are described as percentages of supply for 1980 and 1985 in the report narrative section. The data are then displayed in tables which show 1975, 1980, and 1985 supply, demand and manpower need. Demand is provided as a midpoint estimate plus or minus a confidence band calculated at a 95% confidence level. Manpower need is calculated from the midpoint of the demand projection. Finally, supply and demand are provided on a graph. On the graph, the plotting of supply and demand provides the strategy lines for each profession. Using these strategy lines, appropriate points of intervention can be determined for recommended actions to prevent either the shortage or surplus situation.

With the publication of the appended report, the requirements of sub-task (a) are met.

3. ALTERNATIVE PROJECTION MODELS

It should be realized that projecting the supply and demand for any health occupation is not an exact science. Manpower forecasting models, like other statistical measures and estimates, attempt to provide answers to particular questions. There are, therefore, many varieties of forecasts obtainable by many techniques. To the extent that all models are based on a number of assumptions either as to the stability of the relationships of the variables that make up the model, or as to the way in which the variables are expected to change in the future, it is not surprising to find that different models yield different projections. This does not imply that projections should not be used, but it does suggest that before the projections are accepted, the assumptions of the model should be fully stated. While it is obvious that we are suggesting that one should use manpower projection models with caution, these models do provide the decision maker with a useful tool to assist in the development of policy. Modeling and forecasting provide a logical and rigorous means for gaining insight into the future and offer the policy maker an opportunity to explore the implications of policy before it is put into effect.

Four major projection models were developed for New Jersey, one for licensed professions, a second for dental auxiliaries, a third for non-licensed professions, and a theoretical model for nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician's assistants (PAs). These models were all developed using 1975 data. The sources for these data are explained in the general projection methodology outlined in Section 7 of this task narrative.

The first demand model used in the manpower projections for New Jersey is the licensed health professions model. Briefly, this model is based on a single regression equation which relates professional distribution by county to a number of independent variables such as permanent income, median age, population size, hospital service utilization, school
enrollments, and percent aged. There were nine unique equations used for these projections involving the licensed health professions. Each of these equations was developed using stepwise regression techniques. To exemplify their statistical basis, the following narrative documents the physician demand projection equation. The basis of this equation is identical to that of the other licensed professions' equations, however, the variables used and their coefficients vary.

The demand projection model used for physicians is defined by the following basic equation:

\[(1) \frac{P}{Pop} = \frac{A}{b} + B1 + B2 + B3 + \epsilon \]

where:

\[\frac{P}{Pop} = \text{The physician to population ratio.}\]

\[A = \text{Constant term of the equation.}\]

\[b = \text{Permanent family income by county in the base year.}\]

\[A = \text{Median average age by county for the base year population.}\]

\[V_{ab} = \text{Hospital visits by county for the base year population.}\]

\[B1 = \text{Income elasticity coefficient.}\]

\[B2 = \text{Age elasticity coefficient.}\]

\[B3 = \text{Hospital visits elasticity coefficient.}\]

\[\epsilon = \text{A random error term representing all other variables that are likely to affect the demand for physicians but are excluded from the equation. By assumption, the average effect of all the excluded variables is zero.}\]

This equation can be fitted to determine the unknown coefficients \(B1, B2, \text{ etc.}\) by regression analysis once it has been transformed from an exponential relationship to a linear form, which is accomplished by taking the logarithms of both sides of the equation. This yields:

\[(2) \ln \frac{P}{Pop} = \ln A + B1 \ln b + B2 + B3 \ln V_{ab} + \ln \epsilon\]

From the mathematical definition of a linear equation, the coefficients \(B1, B2, \text{ etc.}\) represent estimates of the slope of the regression line. For example:

\[B1 = \frac{\Delta \ln \frac{P}{Pop}}{\Delta \ln b}\]
The change in the logarithm of a number is equal to its percentage change, therefore:

\[ B_1 = \Delta \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right) \]

\[ \Delta Y_b \]

This is the mathematical definition of the income elasticity. Therefore, estimates of the slope coefficients of the model provide direct estimates of the elasticity for each variable.

By using regression analysis on equation (2), the following estimating equation is obtained:

\[(3) \quad \ln \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b = 6.902 + .5910 \ln Y_b + .9334 \ln A_b + .4935 \ln V_{hb} - (2.767) (2.429) (4.142)\]

\[ r^2 = .780 \]

Once the basic estimating equation is obtained, an adjustment to the data is needed to calculate the current statewide imbalance between supply and demand. This is done by increasing the current number of physicians by the estimate of current unmet need \( \hat{u} \). This equation is defined by the following:

\[(4) \quad \frac{P}{\text{Pop}}_b = \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}}_b \right) \left( 1 + \hat{u} \right) \]

where:

\[ \frac{P}{\text{Pop}}_b = \text{The population ratio in the base year adjusted for current unmet need.} \]

\[ \frac{P}{\text{Pop}}_b = \text{The physician to population ratio in the base year period.} \]

\[ \hat{u} = \text{A percentage estimate of current unmet need.} \]

By using the results of equation (3), the percentage increase in demand resulting from increases in the independent variables (i.e., age, income, etc.), as well as increases in national health insurance and productivity, can be obtained.

The sample size is 21 observations. One observation on each variable for each county in New Jersey. The numbers in parentheses represent values or estimates of degrees of statistical significance. With 21 observations and 10 degrees of freedom, the coefficients of the equation are significant at the .05 level of significance if the value of \( t \) exceed 2.1. On other hand, we are confident that 95 times out of 100 that the computed coefficients of the equation are different from zero.
from the following equation:

\[ \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t = 0.5910 \hat{Y}_t + 0.9334 \hat{A}_t + 0.4935 \hat{V}_{ht} + \hat{I}_t - \hat{Q}_{ts} \] where:

\( \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t \) = The percentage change in the physician-to-population ratio resulting from changes in the variables below.

\( \hat{Y}_t \) = The percentage change in permanent income to time period \( t \).

\( \hat{A}_t \) = The percentage change in the age of the base year population to time period \( t \).

\( \hat{V}_{ht} \) = The percentage change in hospital services provided to time period \( t \).

\( \hat{I}_t \) = A projected estimate of the impact of national health insurance on the demand for physicians in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).

\( \hat{Q}_{ts} \) = An estimate of productivity changes in the time period to 1980 and 1985.

The projected physician to population ratio is determined by applying the results of equation (5) to the following:

\[ \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t = \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t \quad \text{where:} \]

\( \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t \) = The projected population ratio in time period \( t \).

Finally, the number of physicians demanded by any time period is determined from the following:

\[ P_t = \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_t \cdot \text{Pop}_t \quad \text{where:} \]

\( P_t \) = The number of physicians demanded in time period \( t \).

\( \text{Pop}_t \) = The projected population in time period \( t \).

For the remaining eleven professions for which the licensed model was used, the calculation of future demand is the same as shown above. For these professions, different equations were developed comparing county distribution to a number of variables. Therefore, the number of variables used in each and their coefficients vary across each equation.

The approach for manpower projections is a ratio approach to variables. Dental auxiliaries are employed in practice settings. These professions include assistants, dental hygienists, and dental laboratory technicians. While the majority of licensed
Professions, and data on the utilization and distribution of these personnel are often not available on a county basis. Accordingly, a regression based model similar to that used for the licensed professions, cannot be developed for dental auxiliaries. Rather, a projection technique directly related to the supply of dentists can be used to determine the future demand for these professionals.

The dental auxiliary model uses a simple ratio of auxiliaries to dentists to determine 1980 and 1985 demand. For New Jersey, five ratios were employed, two for dental assistants, two for hygienists, and one for laboratory technicians. The first ratios used for these professions are based on the 1975 supply of each to the supply of dentists. These data were developed from the licensure surveys of dentists and hygienists and the Occupation Employment Surveys of dental offices and laboratories. The second set of ratios is based on national counts of dentists, assistants, hygienists and laboratory technicians. Because the national ratios for assistants and hygienists are higher than those for New Jersey, it was evident that New Jersey dentists did not utilize auxiliaries to the same extent as dentists did in other states. In order to estimate the impact on manpower resources if New Jersey dentists increased their utilization of these personnel, these national ratios were included in the projections for assistants and hygienists. To calculate future demand the auxiliary-to-dentist ratios are merely multiplied by the 1980 and 1985 projected supply of dentists.

A third model to project manpower requirements was designed for institutional-based, non-licensed health professionals (i.e., laboratory technicians). Data to develop this model were drawn from the New Jersey Department of Health's Standard Hospital Accounting and Rate Evaluation (SHARE) system. These 1975 data concerned on all 106 reporting hospitals in the system. The individual hospital data used from the SHARE system included hospital type and ownership, certified inpatients, certified patient days, maintained beds and service section employment hours, salaries and units of services. Of the twenty-six service sections in the data base, five were studied in depth in an attempt to develop the equations. These service sections were dietary, laboratory, medical records, nuclear medicine, and respiratory therapy. Also, five data elements missing from the SHARE System were taken from the AHA Guide to Hospitals, including admissions, occupancy rates, total expenses, payroll expenses, and personnel. Using these data, it was possible to develop strong equations for three of the nine service centers; laboratory, medical records and respiratory therapy. These equations were developed using the service center personnel hours as the dependent variable of the regression equation and data items such as inpatient admissions, emergency room visits, outpatient visits, average length of stay, certified inpatient days, certified maintained beds, non-payroll expense, and average service center wages as the independent variables.
The resulting equations are comparable to equation (5) in the previous discussion of the licensed professions methodology. For example, the final equation for laboratory services is:

\[ \text{HRS}_t = 1.026 \times V_t + 0.626 \times \text{ALOS}_t + 1.585 \times \text{EXP}_t + I_t - \text{Q}_t \text{ where:} \]

\[ (12.9) \quad (0.6) \quad (3.4) \]

- \( \text{HRS}_t \) = the percentage change in laboratory personnel hours resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \( V_t \) = the percentage change in total visits (inpatient, emergency, and outpatient) to time period \( t \).
- \( \text{ALOS}_t \) = the percentage change in average length of stay to time period \( t \).
- \( \text{EXP}_t \) = the percentage change in non-payroll expenses per bed (total expense - payroll expenses divided by beds).
- \( I_t \) = a projected estimate of the impact of national health insurance on the demand for medical services in time period \( t \) (1985).
- \( \text{Q}_t \) = an estimate of the productivity changes in the time periods to 1980 and 1985.

The t-values are shown in parenthesis below each of the three independent variables. In each case, these values are above 1.96, which means that they are significant to the 95% confidence level. Similar equations for medical records and respiratory therapy were developed and are shown in the report in Appendix III.

Two other manpower models were studied which should be discussed. The first, which was begun prior to the contract award and completed during this first project year is a theoretical model involving physician extenders. Beginning in 1975, the Department undertook an eighteen month research project to determine the potential demand for and supply of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants in primary care practice settings in New Jersey. This analysis was documented in a 1977 report entitled, "A Study of the Potential Need for Nurse Practitioners in New Jersey."

Linear programming was used as the basis of the NP/PA model in order to measure the potential productivity gains achieved by the extensive use of both NPs and PAs. Data used in this model were provided by a survey of 2273 randomly selected New Jersey physicians in primary care specialties. The 547 physicians who responded to the survey provided information on current staffing configurations used in the
production of twenty-four typical services which were estimated to account for over 70% of a physician's time. The survey also obtained the same specifications under a hypothetical practice situation in which there were no constraints on the hiring of NPs and PAs. For the hypothetical situation, physicians were asked to imagine a 10-20% increase in patient load and complete access to the health manpower labor market (i.e., if PAs who cannot practice in New Jersey, were available for employment in the State). The linear programming model identified the most efficient mode of production in the "current" practice setting and in the hypothetical situation. Productivity gains were calculated by comparing the amount and kinds of manpower required by each model to produce a given quantity of health services. The analysis found that if both NPs and PAs were efficiently utilized in the production of primary care services, New Jersey's private primary care practices would have the capacity to supply 40% more services to the public.

In this report, the manpower requirements needed to meet the needs in a hypothetical efficient system of office-based primary care are presented. Such a system would allow for the full employment of both NPs and PAs. In order to determine these requirements, a six step procedure was used, as follows:

1. A linear programming model selected the optional production methods (i.e., staffing configurations) for each of the twenty-four services. These production methods specified the number of minutes each manpower category (physician, RN, NP, etc.) should spend in the production of one unit of each service if the service was to be produced at least cost.

2. The weekly demand for each service was calculated by multiplying the estimated number of physician practices performing the service by the average number of times each service was delivered per week in an office setting.

3. The weekly requirement for each category was calculated by multiplying the average weekly demand for each service by the optimal number of minutes of professional time to produce one unit of service.

4. All twenty-four services' weekly minute requirements for each manpower category (step 3) were summed up to derive the total minutes of professional time required to meet weekly demand.

5. Using the estimate that the twenty-four services represent 72% of total primary care, the weekly minute requirements were adjusted to reflect the total (100%) demand for primary care and were translated into hours.
6. Finally, the weekly hour estimates were converted into full-time equivalents by using a 40 hour work week for both NPs and PAs.

Using the full-time equivalent data, health manpower demand for NPs and PAs was calculated for the hypothetical system in which these professions could be utilized by the primary care physician.

To determine the supply of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants, two methods were used. For NPs, data on current supply were provided by the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Forum. Using this data as a base year count, future supply was calculated based on the output of New Jersey's NP programs through the projection period. Future supply of PAs was calculated from anticipated output from New Jersey's current program jointly run by CMUJ and Livingston College of Rutgers University. Also, in-migration of NPs was estimated based on a survey of regional PA programs in neighboring states.

While this study was the first attempt by the department to quantify the theoretical need for NPs and PAs in New Jersey, it's linear programming technique, which is based on a task delegation analysis, is another useful model to determine potential manpower requirements.

The final manpower model which was addressed by the project was a health status model. Staff was not successful, however, in developing this alternative model. In attempting to develop the health status model, stepwise regression and factor analysis were used. The major problem with such modelling was that good data on health status and morbidity were not available. Therefore, we were compelled to use data and indicators which did not offer a full proxy of the health status of a population.

The goal of this modelling was to find significant predictors of hospital demand. During the stepwise regression runs, hospital utilization, displayed as patient days, inpatient admissions and total visits, was used as the dependent variable. As independent variables numerous items were tested including income, population, racial and ethnic distributions, per cent foreign born, infant mortality rates, death rates, and proportion of women of child bearing age. The only two variables which were significantly related during these regressions were beds and per cent foreign born in the population. Another technique, factor analysis, was used in place of the regression technique, however, results were also disappointing. We were not able to develop a usable model based on health status, and until such a time when better data on morbidity become available, one can anticipate similar results.
While not all the models we hoped to develop were successfully developed, the four techniques outlined above are applicable to the manpower planning requirements in other jurisdictions.

CONFIDENCE LEVELS FOR MANPOWER PROJECTIONS

The techniques discussed in the previous section offer an intelligent means to look at the future. However, as noted in the opening remarks concerning these techniques, the accuracy of each is related to the assumptions and limitations of the model. This is especially true in those models which are developed using regressions, where correlation among independent variables in the model can affect its outcome.

Since the Department of Higher Education first began to develop manpower projections, there has been a need for a technique to assess the accuracy of our projections. A method has now been developed to determine the range of accuracy of the projections of demand. Specifically, this technique enables us to place upper and lower limits within which there is a 95% confidence that demand will fall. It is now used for the majority of the demand projections.

As described in the last section, many of the projections of demand for health professionals are based on the results of regression models. The coefficients of the regression equations represent estimates of the slope of the estimated regression line. Also, the slope of the independent variable is related to the dependent variable by the following equation:

\[ B_j = \frac{\Delta \ln D_j}{\Delta \ln X_j} \]

where:

- \( B_j \) = the regression coefficient of the \( j \)th independent variable
- \( \Delta \ln D_j \) = the logarithm of the demand for \( j \)th occupation (i.e., nursing, dentistry, etc.)
- \( \Delta \ln X_j \) = the logarithm of the \( j \)th independent variable (i.e., population, income, etc.)

It follows that the change in the logarithm (ln) of any number is equal to its percentage change. In addition, equation (1) is the mathematical definition of an elasticity and is interpreted as the percentage change in the dependent variable resulting from a percentage change in the independent variable. 

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The elements of equation (1) can be rearranged to project the relative or percentage change in the dependent variable, for projected changes in the independent variables. From equation (1), the following equation is derived:

\[
D_j = \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_j B_j
\]

where:

- \(D_j\) is the relative change in the dependent variable (%\(D_j\))
- \(C_j\) is the relative change in the \(j^{th}\) independent variable (%\(D_j\)).

It is possible to estimate a confidence interval around the projected values (i.e., growth rates) of the dependent variable. This calculation provides a low, midpoint and high estimate of demand at an assumed level of confidence (95%). In order to calculate the confidence interval, the mean (expected value) and variance of the \(D_j\) must be determined.

From equation (2), it was determined that the growth rate of demand for occupation \(j\) is a linear function of the growth rates of all the independent variables. The mean growth rate must also be a linear combination of the independent variables.

Thus, we have:

\[
E(D_j) = C_j E(B_j)
\]

where:

- \(E(D_j)\) = the expected (mean value of the growth rate in demand for occupation \(j\))
- \(C_j E(B_j) = C_j B_j \cdot P(B_j) dB_j\)
- \(P(B_j) dB_j\) = the probability distribution of the \(j^{th}\) regression coefficient.

By definition, the variance around the mean projected growth rates \(E(D_j)\) is defined as follows:

\[
\sigma^2_{D_j} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ D_j - E(D_j) \right]^2 \cdot P(D_j) dB_j
\]

Substituting equation (2) and (3) into equation (4), we have:

\[
\sigma^2_{D_j} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ C_j B_j - C_j E(B_j) \right]^2 \cdot P(B_j) dB_j
\]

Equation (5) indicates that the variance of the mean projection is a linear combination of the variances of the regression coefficients. This equation can be simplified by removing from the integral sign the weights (growth factors) which are constant from each regression coefficient. Therefore, equation (5) can be rewritten in the following manner:
Equation (6) is valid provided that the regression coefficients are independent of one another. If the coefficients are correlated, equation (6) takes the following form:

\[ \sigma^2_{D_j} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_j \frac{1}{\sigma^2_{E_j}}} \]

where:

- \( \sigma^2_{D_j} \) = the variance of the \( j \)th regression coefficient.

Equation (6A) is used with equation (3) to allow for the calculation of the confidence interval around the projected mean demand growth rate. This is calculated using the following formula:

\[ E(D_j) \pm \frac{D_{ij}}{N} \]

where:

- \( E(D_j) \) = the value of students' t at a preselected level of confidence (\( \alpha = .025 \), two tailed or 95% Confidence Band)

- \( D_{ij} \) = the standard error of the growth rate of the dependent variable calculated from equation (6)

- \( N \) = the number of observations in the regression.

As was discussed above, the best estimate of the expected value of the regression coefficient \( E(B_j) \) is the computed regression parameter from a single sample \( (B_j) \). Therefore, in the equations presented above, \( B_j \) is used to estimate \( E(B_j) \) and \( D_j = E(D_j) \).

While the use of the confidence band for demand projections may add a level of complexity that some planners may not wish to have in their projections, it does correctly point to the fact that the projection is an educated guess of a future condition. As such, one should anticipate it to become less accurate as the time period of the projection increases. The confidence band calculation exhibits this increasing level of uncertainty within the parameters of the projection model. As such, it shows a flexibility which should enhance the acceptance of any series of projections.

5. STUDY OF THE FUTURE SCOPE AND COST OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN NEW JERSEY

Using the results of the health manpower supply and demand projections as a base, staff analyzed and evaluated the current and anticipated direction, extent and objectives of the State's burgeoning health professions programs. This analysis was requested by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education's Finance Committee. It was designed to provide the Board with a rational framework within which it could make its short-run budget recommendations as well as future long-term policy determinations.

The Finance Committee's request was made in light of the fact that while other sectors of the State's higher education system are moving toward stable enrollments and fiscal needs, health professions education is still a growing portion of the higher education budget. The major questions posed by the study were:

a. Given the State's projected needs for various types of health professions what is the full range of programs development options for necessary existing programs and the implementation of new desirable programs? What are their benefits and costs in terms of manpower needs and State support?
b. Are there cost beneficial approaches which could be adopted to meet the educational and health manpower needs of the State?

The Department of Higher Education's role and responsibilities concerning the amount and quality of health care available to the public does not stop with the education of health professionals. Other responsibilities include: the direct provision of health care services in hospitals and clinics owned or affiliated with the various health professions programs, health care research conducted at higher education institutions; activities designed to correct the lack of proper representation of persons from disadvantaged and minority populations within the health professions, etc. However, it is essentially the first responsibility -- the education of sufficient numbers of high quality health professionals to meet the demands of a changing health care system -- which was the focus of this study.

The general methodology followed is a straightforward one. The results of the health manpower supply and demand projections were examined in order to determine current and anticipated needs for various types of health professionals. Then, available policy and/or program alternatives that the Department could or is currently implementing to meet these needs were evaluated in terms of their estimated impact on manpower needs and their costs to the public. These alternatives were prioritized in terms of manpower needs and cost effectiveness. The study concluded with recommendations on the courses of action to be taken for each manpower category. The costs of each strategy were aggregated to estimate the total future costs of health professions education activities and the impact of this cost on the future higher education budget.

The report is currently in its third working draft. Because of the length of the entire study, only a summary of the major findings and recommendations, as they currently stand are included in this report as Appendix V.
6. METHOD FOR TRANSFORMING STATEWIDE PROJECTIONS TO HSA LEVEL

With the development of a comprehensive report on the statewide supply and demand for health professionals through 1985, staff has begun to develop a means to adjust the projections to local health service area configurations. In New Jersey, there are five Health Systems Agencies representing the State's twenty-one counties. Because of the manner in which manpower data are collected in the State, only a portion of the twenty-eight professions studied can be analyzed at the local level using the projection techniques documented in this report. The actual transformation of our statewide projections results to local levels has not been attempted during the project period. However, the following narrative describes the techniques which will be used to make such transformations in the future.

As noted previously in this task discussion, projections of the demand for most health professionals are based on the results of multiple regressions in which the distribution of these professions is related to either demographic or institutional variables. For the licensed professions, the regression-based equations were developed from county level data. As such, these were developed using 21 observations, thereby providing results which had sixteen to eighteen degrees of freedom. The institution-based equations were developed using institutional data with the number of observations ranging from 80 to 106. Correspondingly, the degrees of freedom for these equations are much higher. As will be discussed later, supply data on the institution-based professions are largely unavailable by county. There is no reason, therefore, to convert the institution-based equations for demand to local area configuration as no corresponding local supply projection will be available. Accordingly, we are presenting a conversion method which will be implemented for the licensed professions only.

The number of counties in the five HSAs in New Jersey ranges from one to seven (there are also HSAs consisting of two, five and six counties). Since the licensed professions models are developed from county level data, it is not possible to develop a statistically sound demand equation for each HSA. It is possible, however, to use the statewide equation as a basis for local projections of manpower demand. There are six different independent variables used in the statewide demand equations, including population size, median age, percent aged, income, hospital visits, and school enrollments. Each of these data elements are available at the county level. By developing a time series for each variable, by the HSA county configuration, it is possible to determine projected growth trends for each planning area. These growth trends can be integrated into the statewide equation to calculate anticipated changes in demand by HSA area. These demand calculations can be aggregated to allow for comparison with the statewide
projections of demand for each profession. A similar technique can be applied to the institutional models developed for the non-licensed health professions.

For projections of supply, only the projections concerning the licensed health professions can be readily transformed to HSA boundaries. For the non-licensed health professions there are no sub-state level data collected in New Jersey on their employment. In fact, to develop the non-licensed, institutional demand models, hospital service center hours (i.e., laboratory hours) were used as proxies for profession-specific involvement in each institution. To date, no profession-specific counts in our facilities are available. Accordingly, the technique outlined below cannot be used for the non-licensed professions.

Biennially, health professionals in New Jersey are required to renew their licenses. Since 1973, these license renewals, as well as new license issuances, have included health manpower information questionnaires. We can, therefore, develop a six year time series which shows the growth in supply for each licensed health profession by county. By aggregating these data by HSA and comparing total growth in statewide supply to these local growth trends, a weighted growth factor for each planning area can be determined. These weighted growth factors can be used to divide up the projected statewide growth in supply for each profession by HSA area, thereby creating local supply projections based on past supply rates.

As noted, these techniques have not been applied to our manpower projections during this contract. It is envisioned that the development of local projections of health manpower requirements is one of the next major steps to be taken in the implementation of our projections. Such local projections will be required not only for the major health professions, but for the numerous allied health professions which are educated in community college settings.

GENERAL METHOD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMETRIC PROJECTIONS FOR HEALTH MANPOWER NEEDS

The past six sections have presented the method of health manpower projection implementation used by New Jersey during this two year contract. Briefly, this method has entailed the development of projection models and the explanation and presentation of projection results. There was little need in this process for data development since New Jersey had created a health manpower data base from surveys undertaken in 1974 and 1975. However, in other jurisdictions, the availability of useful data on health professionals, as well as supporting data necessary to develop projection models, may be minimal at a planning agency. Accordingly, it is
appropriate to present a general three step model for developing health manpower projections which includes a data collection element.

**Step 1: Data Development**

There are two types of data sets which must be developed in order to create health manpower projections. The first set of data should provide specific information on the current health professional workforce in the geographic area to be studied. The second set includes all data on the consuming population, the delivery system, and the educational sector producing health professionals. Depending on the scale of the projection area (i.e., state, planning area, county), the ease in which these data sets can be created varies. The simplest area for projections is the states, as the levels of aggregation for data are larger. Also, many data sources are only available in statewide formats rather than by county, SMSA, etc. Further, the statistical validity of statewide modeling is usually stronger due to the greater number of observations available to create a model. For more localized planning, the problems of manpower mobility, migration and retention also increase as the geographic scale of the manpower model becomes smaller. This is not to say that local models are not valid, but that their limitations are usually greater.

To develop the first set of data needed to create projections of health manpower requirements, a number of potential sources are available. For licensed health professionals, state level licensing boards can provide aggregate counts and some distributional information. However, care should be taken to determine how the state level board develops its distributional information. That is, whether or not the board uses general mailing addresses or practice addresses to describe the location of its licensees. The licensing board can also provide time series data on the numbers of new licentiates who have received state licenses through examination or endorsement. These data are most useful in developing the projections of future supply. Many states are also involved in the Cooperative Health Statistics System and have manpower contracts to survey licensed health professions. Certain other states, including New Jersey, also carry out health manpower surveys in formats similar to the CHSS minimum data set. Such states can provide the descriptive and distributional information needed to create health manpower projections for the licensed professions.
For the non-licensed professions, data are much more scarce. As noted in the Task 1 narrative of this report, these sources of manpower data are available in most states from federally supported data collection activities. These include the NCHS Survey of Hospital Manpower, the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Employment Surveys, and health facilities component surveys of the Cooperative Health Statistics System. Each of these sources can provide statewide counts of non-licensed health professionals working in institutional (NCHS, CHSS Surveys) and private practice (OES survey) settings. In order to gain distributional information not available from these sources, it may be necessary to mount a primary data collection effort. Such a data collection activity should be developed using employment surveys which will provide full and part-time counts of health professionals in each setting. In some cases (i.e., occupational or geographic mobility studies), it may be necessary to survey individual professionals. This can be accomplished through either the employing institution or professional association or societies. A method for such data collection is described in the Task 1 narrative.

Once baseline manpower are collected, the second step of the data development stage occurs: which involves demographic data, utilization data, and educational data. At a minimum, (i.e., for professional to population ratios), information on the size of the population by county, planning or other geographic area is required. Such data are available from the U.S. Census. For base years further into the decade, other population data sources are available including county, regional, and state planning agencies, as well as state departments of labor or economic security. Most manpower projections will require more detailed information, including data on age, sex, and race. These data are also available from the above noted sources. Income data by geographic area are needed for many models. Such data are available from the sources above, as well as a number of other sources including the Sales Management publications, which offer up-to-date data series on income. A final data need involves workforce attrition rates for health professionals. These rates are important in creating projections of future supply. A Department of Labor, BLS publication, Tomorrow's Manpower Needs, Supplement #4, Estimating Occupational Separations from the Labor Force for States (1974), provides state level current and projected attrition rates by profession for seventeen health professions and groupings of professions.

Data on the utilization of health services are available from state facilities plans, reports on third party payments and from numerous American Hospital Association reports.
including the Annual Reports and the AHA Guide to the Health Care Field. Using these sources, it is possible to develop trends of service utilization at any geographic scale. Utilization data for private practitioners, most notably dentists, podiatrists, and veterinarians are more difficult to acquire. The most effective manner to get these data, other than through primary data collection, is by referring to their professional associations and publications. Often, specialized studies of their professional settings are available on local, statewide, or regional bases, which can be used for comparison to national utilization rates. Finally, educational output data are necessary to determine anticipated growth in the health professional supply from regional programs. These data are available from state higher education authorities which can provide graduate data from the Higher Education General Information System (HEGIS). A number of states also survey all post-secondary programs to supplement HEGIS data. Once these output data are available, it is possible to develop manpower projections with a number of models.

Step 3: Model Development and Presentation

Health manpower projections are a means to determine whether or not educational, licensure, and other policies should be altered, replaced or developed to avoid severe manpower situations. As such, they can be used as one means to determine what changes, if any, should be made in the current educational, regulatory, or delivery systems. In order to determine whether change is warranted, the planner may choose to project for the short run how the system will operate. This kind of projection is recommended even though it is both limited and conservative in nature. In short run projections, substantial changes in the system are usually not factored in. Nor do such projections dramatically state what "should be" rather than what probably will be, although certain policy changes may be included in the projections. Therefore, the models briefly described below are seen as pragmatic ones for use in assisting policy and decision makers rather than real oriented theoretical models.

There are two elements to manpower modeling which, when compared, indicate anticipated levels of balance in the future educational and delivery systems. First, the future supply of health professionals expected to be practicing in a given geographical area must be determined. This is compared to the future demand for such professionals based on changes in population and the delivery system. When supply is greater than demand, a projected surplus of professionals is anticipated. This means that output from a state's educational programs in a given profession, coupled with in-migration, is more than sufficient to meet future
Manpower needs. In cases where demand exceeds supply, a shortage of professionals is projected. Shortages point to the need for increasing educational program enrollments, developing new educational programs, and/or altering the delivery system structure (i.e., by promoting service delivery by extender personnel). Another major use of manpower models is to allow for comparison of professional availability between or among geographic areas. The ratio approach is most frequently used in this manner.

One half of the task of developing health manpower projections involves the creation of estimates of future supply. To do so, the planner must first determine the current, or baseline, supply of a given profession. Using this count, annual changes in total supply can be calculated. First, attrition from the workforce is determined by multiplying supply by the professional separation rate. Then, additions to the workforce are factored in. If the health profession is licensed, these annual additions can be developed from licensing board data which must be adjusted by the proportion of new licentiates who actually work in the state and their distribution on a full-time and part-time basis (full-time equivalency). For non-licensed professions additions to the workforce are calculated from educational output data adjusted for in-state retention and net in-migration. In-migration data are difficult to develop for non-licensed professions. For some certified/registered professions, national registry changes can be studied in comparison with educational data to develop estimates of annual in-migration. The anticipated attrition level is subtracted from the expected additions to get a net annual change which is added to the supply count. This provides a projection of supply one year after the base year which can then be used to calculate supply for the next year, etc., until the desired five or ten year projection is completed.

The projection of future demand can be calculated using a number of alternative models, each of which were described in detail in the task narrative. Briefly, these include a ratio approach, an econometric model, and an institutional demand model. The ratio approach is often used in the projection of demand for physicians and auxiliary personnel. The ratio approach looks at the current (or a desired) ratio of practitioners to personnel and uses this ratio to calculate future demand. For example, if the current ratio of dentists to dental hygienists was 3 to 1 and one wanted to maintain this ratio, future demand for hygienists would be calculated using the projected supply of dentists. Thus, if the 1980 supply of dentists was projected at 5,000, the demand for hygienists would be 1,666.7. The advantage of the ratio approach is its minimal data requirements and its simplicity.
Econometric models for demand are based on the relationship between the utilization of health professionals and characteristics of the population. Their demand equations are developed from multiple or stepwise regressions in which the profession is dependent variable and the independent variables include income, population size, age, race, school enrollments, and other demographic factors. By developing these equations in a logarithmic form, the regression coefficients of the independent variables are considered as elasticities. By multiplying these coefficients by their respective percentage change and totaling the result, the anticipated percentage change in demand for a given health profession is determined. To calculate future demand, this percentage change should be multiplied by the base year demand for the profession which is the base year supply adjusted for unmet need in the base year. The statistical basis of this model is fully documented in the Task 4 narrative.

The institutional demand approach is also developed using regression results. In this case, the dependent variable is either the number of employees in a given profession or their total employment hours. The independent variables are institutional parameters such as inpatient beds, visits, capital expense, beds, length of stay, etc. As with the econometric model, once a sound equation is developed (i.e., one which has a high coefficient of determination and significant t-values for each variable), future demand is calculated using projected percentage changes in the independent variables.

**Step 3: Presentation of Results**

Once the projections of supply and demand are calculated, a presentation of their resulting comparison is needed. Such a presentation should include the supply and demand figures for the base years and projection years, as well as the anticipated shortage or surplus resulting from these calculations. These data can be shown in a simple tabular format. Also, they may be shown on a graph which plots both supply and demand through the projection period. The advantage of such a graph is that the lines of supply and demand act as strategy points where they intersect, thereby indicating the probable timing of an impending shortage or surplus situation. These timing points can be used to guide the scheduling of policy decisions related to manipulation of supply such as the starting new educational programs or controlling growth in existent programs.

If the projection results are to be used for educational planning purposes, another data item should be included in
the presentation. In those situations when a shortage of health professionals is projected, it may be desirable to express this shortage in terms of required graduate output. For example, in New Jersey, approximately one out of every two physicians educated in the state eventually sets up practice within its boundaries. Therefore, the in-state survival rate for physicians is .50. As discussed in Task 3, a series of in-state survival rates for other health professions graduates in New Jersey has been developed. These rates range from .50 for graduate level professionals to .85 for graduates of two year programs. Applying the in-state survival rate for physicians (.50) would result in changing a projected shortage of 1,000 physicians to a required additional graduates output of 2,000 physicians. By studying shortages presented in such a manner, the educational decision maker can easily determine the potential impact of program plans on manpower shortage situations.

With the successful completion of the three step procedure, only one area of implementation remains, that is the translation of those projections into policy recommendations. While the task discussed here has dealt predominately with the technical aspects of health manpower planning, it is important to recognize that the development of such projections is not an end within itself. These data should be used in an ongoing manner to guide policy makers not only from the educational sector, but from the regulatory sectors as well. As such, the uses of projection results are evident. At a minimum, these include recommendations concerning expansion or curtailment of educational programs and the identification of areas of underservice and overservice. Once the basic modeling techniques described here have been mastered, more intricate manpower planning models can be undertaken. The most important of these is the analysis of how health services are currently delivered and how they might be delivered with different levels of manpower input in new types of settings and in a least cost manner. By using task analysis method and simulation techniques, these types of questions can be answered.
E. TASK 5 - Develop a Methodology for Periodic Assessment and Adjustment of Health Manpower Projections in a State

1. STATUS OF THE TASK

With the creation of series of ten year health manpower projections to guide educational policy makers, the task of implementation of health manpower projections is not completed. The development of projections should not be envisioned as a one time responsibility, but rather as an ongoing activity. Without such an orientation, manpower projections can become inflexible and increasingly inadequate as time passes. What is needed, therefore, is a capacity to monitor the accuracy of health manpower projections on a periodic, timely basis. Verification of manpower projections can be accomplished through continual monitoring of changes in the projection's data based and by development of methods for quick readings of current labor market conditions. Such methods were developed during this project period.

Task 5 was addressed primarily during the second project year. In a manner similar to the other project tasks, its implementation was focused on applying the sub-tasks directly to the system in New Jersey. Also, by taking the results of this direct application, a generalized plan for similar verification of health manpower projections in other jurisdictions was developed. The sub-tasks of this project task have been successfully completed. That is, a mechanism to assess the current labor market conditions for selected health occupations has been developed and fully tested. Also, plans and protocols have been completed to ensure that population, economic, and manpower data are continuously provided for assessment and updates of the projections. Finally, a general plan for coordination among the SHPDA, SHCC, and HSAs for continuous data flow and analysis is provided.

2. THE NEED FOR METHODS TO ASSESS MANPOWER PROJECTIONS

The creation of health manpower projections is a time consuming task. Due to the lag times which exist in the development of annual manpower, economic and demographic data, the base year for projection models is usually one to three years behind the calendar year in which they are developed. For example, in New Jersey, population data for the state and its counties are reported on a provisional basis six months after the end of the calendar year. Official state population figures are not released until eighteen months after the end of a chosen year. Manpower data have had a longer lag time with some survey reports not being released until two years after the initial manpower survey mailing. For these reasons, the only base year available in New Jersey which offered all requisite data elements for the development of health manpower projections was the 1975 calendar year. This means that New Jersey's manpower projections were released at point halfway through the first five years of the ten year projection period.
Because of all the demands present in developing projections and having then endorsed, some planners choose to stop any further analysis or model refinement until a time near the end of the projection period. A decision of this sort is not desirable nor is it necessary, since low cost methods are available to continually or periodically check the validity of any set of projections.

There are three elements to the verification procedure for health manpower projections. On the most basic level, one should be able to keep a running record of data updates for the variables used in a series of projections. In order to keep such a record, data provision protocols must be made with the data providing agencies. For example, in the New Jersey health manpower projections for physicians, four major variables are used to calculate the future demand for these professionals. The variables are population, income, median age, and hospital visits. Each of the variables is expected to change a given percentage through the projection period. Their approximate percentage changes are as follows: population @ 1% per year; income @ 2% per year; median age @ .3% per year; and hospital visits @ 3% per year. By using population as an example, a simple matrix is shown below which provides the annual projections of population throughout the projection period and compares it to the actual observed population size.

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** These figures are hypothetical

If the observation year was 1981 and the last data point for actual population was 1980, it would be possible to compare the actual five year percentage change with the projected data used in the model. For the model's projected population,

actually, population changes are projected on a five year basis, with a 4.93% increase projected from 1975 to 1980 and a 8.33% increase from 1975 to 1985.
a 4.9% growth rate was anticipated to 1980, while the actual growth rate (based on the hypothetical data) would be found to be 2.5%. If this later rate were put back into the physician projection equation, the projection of demand for physicians would decrease from 13,770 to a new level of 13,460. Therefore, a change in demand 300 fewer physicians in 1980 would be caused by a change in just one of the model's five variables. If the trend resulting from the actual changes in population was used to project 1985 population and the resultant 1975-1985 percentage change was used to calculate 1985 demand, its projected value would decrease by 500 physicians from the original projections. It should be evident, therefore, that each projection variable should be monitored for comparison against its projected value, and that substantial changes in the manpower projections can result from changes in these variables.

It is recommended that any agency which develops manpower projects should engage in a data verification procedure similar to the one outlined above. In order to acquire necessary data on a continual basis, a plan for provision of such data should be devised. This plan need not be an elaborate one, but rather it should be a simple arrangement with relevant agencies for provision of data as data are updated. For example, the New Jersey project has been placed on the publication distribution list for those state agencies which are responsible for population, demographic and income reports. As these reports and data provided from other agencies (i.e., hospital utilization data) are received, the necessary data elements are pulled out and integrated into an updated data base. The mere provision of these data enables us to assess the scale of potential changes in projected demand.

The second element of the verification procedure involves changes in supply through the projection period. In order to develop a capacity to monitor changes in manpower supply over time, a plan for the continual provision of manpower data is required. As in the case with the demand variables, such provision should be attempted in the most simple manner possible. For the licensed professions, there are two major sources of data which should be used to provide basic manpower data. The first is the state agency which is responsible for the collection and analysis of data taken from the licensure process. Such data are usually collected by CHSS contract agencies or by SHPDAs and state departments of health which run their own manpower surveys. As these data are collected and processed, the specific data needs should be communicated to the agency developing the data reports. At a minimum, requests should include distribution for the state, planning area and county of each profession by employment status (full-time, inactive, etc.) and specialty, if applicable. The second source of data is the licensing authority, which should provide information on new licentiates for each profession on annual basis. Attempts
should be made to have the licensing authority release these data by geographic area with estimates of the proportion of new licentiates who actually are expected to practicing therein. The aggregation of the two data sets allows for the development of a comparison of projected supply with actual supply. This enables the verification of the supply projection. In those cases where the supply projections are significantly different during the verification, the effect of the newer data should be considered in the calculation of manpower need (supply-demand). A similar comparison can be effected for those non-licensed health professions for which manpower data are periodically available. However, for most of these professions, data are scarce and a data collection effort to update old supply data is usually required.

The third element of verification involves the assessment of whether or not the projected interplay between supply and demand is as expected at any given point in the projection period. This process is detailed in the section below.

3. QUICK READINGS OF THE MANPOWER MARKET

Another method to validate a series of health manpower projections is the sampling health service providers to determine current unmet needs. When the original projections are graphed, the future trends supply and demand act as strategy lines. These lines can be used to show how these two factors compare at any point during the projection period. When it becomes important to test more than the statistical reliability of a model, it is possible to survey health employers to ascertain whether or not a projected shortage or surplus resulting from a comparison of supply versus demand is actually occurring in the labor market. By requesting data on current employment opportunities existing in a geographic area, the existing level of manpower shortage can be gauged.

The first step in developing a labor market survey is the identification of employment sites. Generally speaking, there are eighteen major employment settings for health professionals. These are:

- Blood Banks
- Colleges and Universities
- Dental Laboratories
- Dentists' Offices
- Drug Treatment Centers
- Health Maintenance Organizations
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospitals
- Neighborhood Health Centers
- Nursing Homes
- Medical Laboratories
- Non-profit Agencies
Outpatient Clinics
- Pharmaceutical Firms and Pharmacies
- Physicians' Offices
- Public Health Departments
- Rehabilitation Center
- School Districts

The relevance of each of these employment settings changes depending on what health profession is chosen for analysis. For example, if medical technologists were chosen, the employment settings to be concerned with would be blood banks, colleges and universities, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, medical laboratories, pharmaceutical firms, physicians offices, and public health departments.

It should be evident that if the market for medical technologists were chosen to be studied, it would be difficult to do so in an expeditious manner. Therefore, it is helpful to select the major employment settings for these personnel so as to survey a majority of the market with a minimal survey effort. In this case, the sites which would probably include 80% of the medical technologists employed in a given area would include colleges and universities (especially medical schools and research oriented institutions), hospitals, and medical laboratories. In many jurisdictions, colleges and universities can be excluded without a substantial effect on the proportion of the market which would be covered. A second element of the selection of sites for surveys is the determination of what proportion of each selected institutional category should be included in the survey. For local or planning area level verifications, it is recommended that all institutions within a chosen category be selected for surveying. At a statewide level, a sampling plan may be more desirable. Stratification should be based on size and location of an institution. For example, for hospitals the prime determinant should be either number of beds or annual visits. Those hospitals which are the largest should all be surveyed. As the size of the hospital decreases, the proportion of hospitals should decrease, ending at a survey level not smaller than one in four. Of course, in situations where more time is available for labor market readings across a state, sampling should be replaced with full population surveys for major employers.

Once the employment settings have been selected, the survey instrument can be designed. Recognizing that a goal of the market survey is for it to be quickly administered, the most expeditious means to run the survey is by using a telephone rather than an on-site interview or a mailed questionnaire. The telephone survey should be brief and succinct. At a minimum, the survey should include identification of the person and institution making the survey activity. Rather than requesting data on budgeted vacancies, which may not be reflective of the actual level of need for an occupation, a question on current recruitment efforts...
should be used (i.e., is the hospital currently seeking to hire any medical technologists?). Other related questions which should be asked include the translation of recruitment efforts into full-time equivalents, the shift for which these employment opportunities exist, and the total employment in full-time equivalents in the facility for a given profession. This information allows for the determination of the current level of need both in absolute and in proportionate terms. The telephone questionnaire provided on the following page shows the optimum ordering of these questions for ease of understanding on the part of the survey respondent.

The telephone survey provided was designed to provide employment opportunity information for the nursing profession. As developed, it was possible to use the survey to determine the general hiring policy of the hospital with regard to nursing credentials and educational background (i.e., whether there was a preference for baccalaureate diploma or associate degree nurses at the entry level). Salary data were also requested to determine regional variations as well as how competitive an institution with many openings may be in comparison with neighboring institutions. One final question which was not included in the nursing survey format, but which should be included in a market survey, involves the term of the opening. Such a question should be worded as follows: "Have any of these openings been advertised for a period longer than one month?" and, if yes, "How long have these openings been available?" This question can indicate areas of acute need where available supply has not been adequate to meet market demands.

While not documented herein, there is a second form of market survey which can also provide data on the balance between employment opportunities and supply. This involves the surveying of individual health professionals to determine their employment status and other factors relating to work. These type of surveys are most effective in determining areas of potential manpower surplus (i.e., when a profession has a larger levels of unemployment). They are, however, quite time consuming as they must be run using the mailing lists of professional associations and societies. It should be noted that there are data available from CHSS and state run surveys of licensed health professionals which provide data on employment status. This information can provide an aggregate indication of manpower surplus situations.

4. PLAN FOR CONTINUOUS FLOW OF HEALTH MANPOWER DATA

A number of means for the assessment and verification of health manpower projections have been presented. These methods enable an agency to determine the degree of accuracy of a set of projections at any point during the projection period. It is now appropriate to show how such applications fit into an ongoing health manpower data capacity within an agency. The following narrative, therefore, describes how
Hospital BSN Requirements Survey

Hello, my name is_____. I am calling from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education, Office for Health Manpower. The Department is doing a brief telephone survey to measure the need for RNs with bachelor's degrees in the Bergen-Passaic area.

(Could you connect me with someone who can give me some information on the hiring of RNs by the hospital?)

1. Is the hospital currently seeking to hire RNs at the entry level?
   Yes  No  IF NO, SKIP TO Q.4.

2. Approximately how many full time equivalent RNs are you looking for?

3. For what shift? Night, Evening or Day?  N  E  D

4. At the entry level, do you hire only nurses with bachelor's degrees, or will you hire diploma and associate degree nurses as well?

5. Which do you prefer to hire?
   Diploma  ADN  BSN  Makes no difference

6. What is the base entry level salary, approximately?

7. Is the hospital seeking to hire any nurse clinicians or nurse practitioners?
   Yes  No  IF NO, SKIP TO Q. 10.

8. Approximately how many full time equivalents?

9. Is a bachelor's or master's degree required?  B  M

10. Are you currently seeking to hire any upper-level supervisory or administrative nurses?
    Yes  No  IF NO, SKIP TO Q. 13.

11. Approximately how many full time equivalents?

12. Is a bachelor's or master's degree required?  B  M

13. About how many full time equivalent RNs does the hospital currently employ?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND TIME.

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a health manpower data capacity can be coordinated throughout a state and how it should function.

There are a number of organizations with needs for health manpower data. These include state departments of health, state licensing authorities, state departments of social services and mental health, state higher education authorities, state health planning and development agencies, health systems agencies, city and county public health departments, hospitals, professional associations, and colleges and universities. The immediate question to be answered with regard to health manpower data and these organizations is what agency or agencies should be responsible for the collection and baseline analysis of data. It is recognized that each agency has a number of data needs, of which manpower data are only one. Further, the data required for their health manpower analyses often will vary from agency to agency. It is, therefore, important to attempt to find areas of similarity among these agencies which can be used as a starting point for developing a coordinated data system. There are four major areas to be confronted in the development of a manpower data effort. These are: the development of a technical advisory group; the creation of objectives for this group and its data activities; the design of a manpower data collection and processing capability; and a feedback mechanism including the refinement of manpower data strategies over time.

The technical advisory body should be developed by that agency responsible for the collection and dissemination of the manpower data. It is not recommended that this agency be a local or regional (HSA) organization, as the potential for coordination should span across an entire state. Further, the responsibility for primary data collection should not rest with the HSA but with the State Agency. Accordingly, the State Agency should be the catalyst in developing a strategy for coordinated and, where possible, uniform data on both the licensed and non-licensed health professions. The staff that the State Agency would provide to the technical advisory group should be technically competent individuals responsible for data collection and processing within the agency. A large number of agencies may be afforded representation on the technical advisory group, however, at a minimum it should include representation from:

- the licensing authorities/boards
- the major professional societies
- the HSAs
- the state higher education authority
- the PSROs
- legislative staff
- relevant collegiate institutions (i.e., medical schools)

Once appointed, the technical advisory group should begin by exploring the health manpower data requirements of the
involved constituencies, with a specific interest in areas of common need among the agencies. As the general data identification process occurs, the technical group should develop an operational goal to guide its future data activities. At this early stage, such a goal statement should first concentrate on the technical aspects of the health manpower data program, rather than the policy-related issues. Such a neutral attitude should preclude much of the inevitable conflict which will arise once policy alternatives related to the health manpower models developed from the data base are presented. The technical goal which was agreed upon for the New Jersey technical advisory group is as follows:

**Goal:** To provide health manpower data as an accurate and accessible resource for policy and decision makers.

**Process:** This will be accomplished by the establishment of a permanent central source with three operational functions:

1. the collection of health manpower data
2. the processing such data
3. the dissemination of health manpower information

The design of this goal purposely avoided the mention of policy activities so as to create a technically neutral orientation among the representatives involved.

With the creation of a data-related goal for the technical advisory group, determination of the types of data to be collected should be made. For those states which do not have a CHSS Manpower Component, it is strongly recommended that the first area of data collection concern the licensed health professions. It is further recommended that the format used in the design of the data collection instrument closely follows the Minimum Data Set developed for the National Center for Health Statistics CHSS surveys. However, it should be recognized that the data collection effort is one which should continue on a periodic basis. Therefore, the survey design should be one which will be applicable to subsequent surveys and will minimize the need for changes in software design. The most efficacious manner to accomplish this is by the creation of a registry of health professionals. Such a registry would collect the system's baseline data during the first survey cycle. These data can be housed in a system which allow for the printing on a new survey form when the second survey cycle is reached. The responding professional will need only to update any changes in his/her file (i.e., location of practice) in responding to the second and subsequent surveys. It would also be useful to fully integrate the survey update information with the license renewal form so as to insure a continually high response rate. For those which already have a CHSS Manpower Component, the area of data concentration should be the non-licensed health professionals. A model methodology to collect manpower data on these professionals
is offered in Task 1 of this final report.

Once data collection methods have been implemented, a number of new issues emerge. First, the technical advisory group working with the State Agency should determine what protocols should exist with regard to software design and access to raw data. For example, requests for access to the data files may occur from a number of sources not involved in the technical advisory group, including consulting and research firms, medical equipment and pharmaceutical sales firms, internal revenue, etc. Definitive protocols for access to the data base from these and all other potential users must be developed. One manner in which confidentiality can be maintained may be through the creation of two separate files, one containing the name and location of the practitioners and the other containing the data provided on the questionnaire. Regardless what software model is used, care must be taken to provide requisite confidentiality while conforming to the intent of laws concerning freedom of information. A second area of concern involves the reporting formats of data for general dissemination of the survey results. It is recommended that, at a minimum, state level, planning area level, and county level descriptions of the survey results be provided in a summary report which offers all major data elements of the survey including age, race, sex, specialty, credential status and employment status. Sub-county reporting by minor civil division is desirable for head counts, full-time equivalency, and specialty data. However, this smaller scale of presentation should be avoided when presenting demographic profiles of a professional workforce. In developing a reporting format, it is also important to identify all potential users of the manpower reports. Besides the organizations represented on the technical advisory body, there are a large number of other agencies which should be included in the dissemination process including: colleges and universities, schools of vocational education, CETA programs, all hospitals, local professional associations, and public health departments.

The comprehensive dissemination of health manpower supply data completes the major charge of the technical advisory group. However, once these data are available, the group should be ready to move forward into the more substantive issues of health manpower planning. It can refine its strategy and goals to meet the demands for problem identifying at the state and local levels. The most fundamental data analysis need is the determination of the maldistribution of health professionals across a geographic area. In one instance, the technical advisory group can be used as a catalyst in the development of Health Manpower Shortage Area designation requests. It can also be used as a resource to identify areas where greater recruitment or educational preparation are required. From a longer term perspective, the technical advisory group can play an important part in the development of future.
projections of the requirements for the various health professions in a state or geographic area. Such requirements can be calculated using a number of models, including the practitioner to population ratio, the auxiliary to practitioner ratio, and econometric techniques. Description of an application of the latter two techniques is provided in the discussion of Project Task 4. Beyond the development of quantitative estimates of need, the technical advisory committee may wish to provide advisory recommendations on health manpower policy based on its studies. This advisory input might be offered to educational decision makers, the statewide health coordinating council (SHCC), the state authority for health facility licensure and rate setting, the state licensing boards for health professionals, and the state legislature.

In reviewing the task narrative and general data model outlined above, it should become evident that there is fundamental order in which a state can build a coordinated health manpower data system leading to a coordinated approach to policy making. This fifteen-step process is as follows:

1. Identify relevant agencies for health manpower data coordination.
2. Create a technical advisory body reporting to the state health planning and development agency.
3. Develop an operational goal for the technical body with which all constituencies can agree.
4. Develop data collection instruments.
5. Coordinate the collection of health manpower data.
6. Develop a software system responsive to the demands of efficient updating and confidentiality requirements.
7. Develop a uniform approach to the dissemination of health manpower information reports.
8. Create a plan for updates of the data base.
9. Explore and agree upon expanded goals for the technical advisory body.
10. Determine areas of current maldistribution and unmet need.
11. Develop policy recommendations for the management of current maldistribution situations.
12. Design mutually agreeable models for the projection of future health manpower requirements.
13. Broadly disseminate the results of health manpower projections.
14. Develop policy recommendations to confront potential shortages and surpluses of health professionals.
15. Verify and assess the accuracy of the health manpower projections on a periodic basis.
TASK 6: Recommendations Concerning The Development of Formal and Informal Relationships Among the SHPDA and HSAs in a State

STATUS OF THE TASK

The purpose of this task was to continue to implement the “linkage” program developed during New Jersey's initial linkage contract which was completed in early 1976. During that initial project, New Jersey had convened a linkage strategy group which enabled the Department of Higher Education to develop a health manpower information system and lead to the dissemination of several publications concerning health professionals in New Jersey. At the end of this initial contract, the Department of Higher Education shifted the responsibility for primary manpower data collection and reporting to the State Health Planning and Development Agency (the New Jersey Department of Health). With this shift, the linkage strategy group was expanded and became the technical advisory committee for the SHPDA's development of a Cooperative Health Statistics System. The manpower subcommittee of the newly created Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data, which also provides technical advice to the Department of Higher Education, was charged with overseeing the completion of New Jersey's second health manpower contract.

The strategy behind the creation of a linkage network in New Jersey has always been premised on the mutual need for health manpower data on the part of a large number of organizations and agencies. With a moderate degree of success, we have been able to insure that most hospital planning activities (which are required for licensure) and health systems agency plans have used a common data base with regard to health manpower. Our linkage efforts have also been expanded in the area of local health manpower planning with an emphasis on providing technical input and advice to the HSAs in their development of Health Manpower Shortage Area designations. Work has also been started on the development of a method to generate local projections of health manpower requirements based on the statewide projection models. Another important area of project staff involvement has been in the design and processing of health manpower surveys by the State Agency. For the first time, we expect that the SHPDA's Health Data Services Unit will be able to provide distributional information based on local decodes (zip code and minor civil division). This improvement in the State's health manpower information system will be very helpful in both local planning and shortage area identification activities.

During this two year contract, New Jersey has been able to make substantive improvements in its manpower data capabilities. With these improvements either in existence or under final development, the linkage program will be able to move forward into health manpower policy areas to a greater degree than has been possible in the past. The areas with which we intend to
become more fully involved include: the development of a series of projections of physician manpower requirements by specialty; the creation of a coordinated graduate medical education system based on physician needs by specialty; and, possibly, the implementation of a state run medical loan redemption program to enable placement of M.D. and D.O. graduates into state-designated areas of physician shortage. While these plans are not documented in this report, we believe that they are a direct result of the successful implementation of the linkage program in New Jersey. The following narrative describes other contract accomplishments in the area of linkage development with the SHPDA and New Jersey's HSAs. It also offers a number of general suggestions concerning coordination between SHPDAs and HSAs which may be helpful in the development of coordination approaches in other states.

I. METHODOLOGY TO REWORK HEALTH MANPOWER DATA BASE TO HSA CONFIGURATION

The purpose of this sub-task was to enable New Jersey to rework its existing data base from CHP delineation to HSA boundaries. In New Jersey, two CHP "B" Agencies' boundaries remained intact with the implementation of P.L. 93-641, when five Health Service Areas were created from the existing four CHP areas. In the following table, the changes in county alignments are shown.

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These new alignments of counties compelled New Jersey to rework the software of its health manpower information system to allow for output arranged by health service area. This reprogramming was completed during the first contract year.
A second aspect of reworking the health manpower data base to the HSA configuration is the revision of statewide health manpower projections to the planning area level. The methods used to project health manpower requirements at the state level are fully documented in the Task 4 narrative. The most important models used concern the licensed health professions (i.e., physicians, dentists, nurses, etc.). These models are based on regressions of county level observations. As there are twenty-one counties in New Jersey, the degrees of freedom for the nine projection equations for licensed professions vary from 16 to 19. If a similar regression technique was used to generate unique equations for each planning area, there would be severe limitations in the degrees of freedom for the HSA equations. In fact, it would not be possible to develop unique equations for HSA I and HSA III based on county level observations. This limitation has compelled staff to consider using the statewide projection equations, in conjunction with planning area level data, to create unique projections of demand for each HSA.

The methodology to rework the projections of demand consists of developing time series data for each variable present in the demand equation for each profession. For example, for physicians, the dependent variable is the physician to population ratio and the independent variables are income, age, and hospital visits. Therefore, local changes in each variable over time must be measured to allow for the calculation of the projected percentage changes from 1975 to 1980 and 1975 to 1985. For population size, these data are available by county from the official state population projections from 1970 through 1990. Data on age of the population are available from the U.S. Census and county planning authorities. The State Department of Labor and Industry has selective data on income of the county populations, which can be compared to U.S. Census data. Finally, hospital utilization data are available from the AHA Annual Reports and the SHPDA's statewide health facilities plan. Aggregating these data by planning area and calculating the projected change in each variable over the projection period, allow for the creation of projections of demand by planning area.

On the supply side, counts of each profession are readily available by planning area configuration. Using these counts as baseline (1975) supply, changes in supply are adjusted for attrition by applying statewide profession specific separation rates developed by the U.S. Department of Labor. Additions to manpower supply are calculated by weighting the statewide annual increase in newly licensed professionals by the current proportion of active professionals in the planning area compared to the statewide level of active professionals. Calculation of health professional supply in a planning area can than be completed in the same manner explained in the Task 4 narrative. It should be recognized that this method of applying a state level model to local planning areas is the simplest means to create local projections. It does,
however, have certain limitations including the assumptions that the interrelationships between the demand variables in the statewide equation are also relevant at the local level and that the distribution of newly licensed professionals across the state in the future will be comparable to the baseline distribution of health professionals. Within these constraints, this local projection method is a reasonable technique. However, new means of the projection of local health manpower requirements should be developed, on a cooperative basis between state and local planners. This is one area which New Jersey must confront in the future.

3. PLAN FOR COORDINATION OF FUTURE DATA SETS

The New Jersey plan for coordination of future data sets among state and local planning agencies (i.e., state higher education, SHPDA and HSGAs) is based on the continuation of the manpower strategy group and the expansion of current data collection and analysis activities. This manpower strategy group has always been involved in the operation of the health manpower information system, at first, when it was housed within the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and later within the SHPDA. Originally, the strategy group was named the Interagency Advisory Committee on Health Manpower. When it was shifted to the SHPDA, it was reconstituted as the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data (TACHD). A standing subcommittee of the TACHD now oversees the development and operation of the health manpower data component. The following discussion details how the strategy group interfaces with the continued development of our manpower data capacity.

The structure for New Jersey's current health manpower linkage and advisory network is shown in the figure on the following page. Overall, this system effectively coordinates the State Agency's data activities while allowing for a single advisory body to make recommendations to the Board of Higher Education. The final decision for program approval and master planning rests with the Board of Higher Education. The Health Professions Education Advisory Council (HPEAC) provides advice to the Board on all matters in health professions education, from new program approvals to master planning activities. HPEAC also makes recommendations to the Board based on future health manpower requirements as developed by DHE staff under the joint purview of HPEAC's Planning Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data's Manpower Subcommittee. Therefore, the sequence of coordination from data activities to health manpower resource allocation under this advisory structure is as follows:

1. The Manpower Subcommittee develops health manpower data collection instruments.

2. The State Agency collects manpower data through the licensing authorities using these questionnaires.
3. With the advice of the Manpower Subcommittee, the State Agency computerizes new health manpower data.

4. The Technical Advisory Committee releases Health Manpower Information Series reports developed by the State Agency's Health Data Services Unit.

5. In conjunction with the DHE staff on TACHD, the HPEAC Planning Committee liaison reports new data to HPEAC Planning Committee.

6a. If new health manpower requirements are scheduled to be calculated, DHE staff, using the TACHD/HPEAC approved projection methodologies, develops future manpower projections.

b. If new requirement calculations are not scheduled, manpower data are added to the longitudinal data base and supply data are compared to projected supply data in the Master Plan to verify the health manpower projections.

7a. If new projections are developed by DHE staff, review and approval are afforded to the Health Manpower Subcommittee. After their recommendations are made, projections are integrated into the Master Plan which is presented to HPEAC and, finally to the Board of Higher Education.

b. If new projections are not developed, DHE staff reports any significant findings of the new data to the TACHD and HPEAC for their information and possible use in public policy development activities.

8. When collegiate institutions are developing new program plans, access to the health manpower data base and projections is provided to them.

9. Once new program plans are submitted to DHE for Board approval, HPEAC develops recommendations for the Board based on a program review and its planning data base, which includes the health manpower requirements.

10. The Board makes its final decision using HPEAC and staff recommendations which include the analyses of health manpower needs as well as a qualitative evaluation of the proposed program.

Through HSA involvement in the TACHD and the Manpower Subcommittee, their ongoing input into the maintenance and refinement of the health manpower data base has been assured. Their involvement in this process has led to significant improvements in the SHPDA's data system. Most notable has been the creation of geocoding scheme which is being integrated into
the system's software to allow for the generation of detailed local manpower data. On a second level, we intend to move forward in the area longitudinal data base development for the non-licensed health professions. The collection methodology to be employed is fully documented in the Task 1 narrative. The collection activity will be coordinated at the state level, while survey administration will be sub-contracted to each HSA. Data processing and reporting will be the state's responsibility, and all data will be fed back to the HSAs to meet their planning needs. In this manner, each HSA will be provided with a data collection experience and will be utilizing data for planning purposes. If this collection effort is successful, it will be run on a periodic basis by the State Agency using a software-based method which will merely require updating of the original response by each surveyed institution.

One new undertaking by the Department of Higher Education in conjunction with the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, which should be noted, is the creation of a system to rationalize the provision of graduate medical education opportunities (i.e., residency programs) in New Jersey. This program is required to develop estimates of the future requirements for physicians by specialty at the local and state levels. In order to create a methodology which can be used to determine specialty needs, a manpower advisory group has been convened to provide input to the Graduate Medical Education Advisory Council and the Department. This manpower group, which will have a liaison to the Manpower Subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data, includes representation from the local planning agencies. Through this HSA involvement, we anticipate that the model which is eventually designed will not only meet their organizational needs, but will also be more sensitive to the local health manpower situations in New Jersey.

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE COORDINATION OF SHPDAS AND HSAS IN HEALTH MANPOWER ACTIVITIES

In developing a relationship with the HSAs and SHPDA in New Jersey, it was important for project staff to seek out commonalities between these agencies and the Department of Higher Education. Moreover, the best means to seek out these commonalities was to develop a document which explained the network for health manpower planning in the State from its inception to its current operation. Within the context of its current operation, the role and involvement of project staff, as well as potential roles for the HSAs were provided. Appendix VII contains this document which is entitled "Coordination of Health Professions Education Planning Initiatives at State and Local Levels." Briefly, this report explains the development of the Health Professions Education Master Plan and discussed its major goals and objectives. The report describes the Department's advisory network for health manpower data, planning and program review activities. With regard to the review of
newly proposed health professions education programs, the entire program review system is explained and the local planning agency's role in the process provided. The report also identifies all Departmental staff involved in the health manpower area, and provides their specific responsibilities as well as a synopsis of all previous work completed by them. Finally, the alternative roles for the local planning agencies in the ongoing statewide health professions education planning process were presented.

Once this paper was disseminated, project staff went to each health systems agency in New Jersey to meet with agency directors and relevant staff members. The purpose of these meetings was not only to get acquainted with these local planners, but also to discuss how each agency might provide beneficial input to the other. The end product of these meetings was often different from HSA to HSA. One common area of concern was the availability of local data on health professionals which were not in existence at that time. Also, a strong desire on the part of each of the HSAs to have Health Manpower Shortage Areas designated within their counties was evident. In other areas, each of the agencies responded differently to our attempts to coordinate them with the State's health professions education planning process. In two cases, there existed a strong interest in expanded HSA involvement and coordination, while at the three remaining HSAs, there was minimal interest. This variation among the agencies was caused by their differing views of what the role of an HSA should be, coupled with their preoccupation with the development of their annual plans and their involvement in the review of certificate of need applications. Due to the numerous charges to the agencies, it is not surprising that they view health manpower planning as a lower priority area.

While New Jersey's situation with regard to health manpower planning is unique in that the responsibility for it rests with the higher education authority, our experience in this area has made evident a number of general suggestions for enhanced coordination between SHPDAs and HSAs. These are as follows:

1. Determine and Establish Areas of Mutual Technical Need and Concern. This can be accomplished by creating a strategy group of middle level technical managers from the SHPDA, HSAs, state level authorities for licensure, mental health, drug treatment, and higher education, employers (hospital association), educators, and professional associations. This group can determine where technical limitations exist and what technical remedies can be initiated to solve them.

2. Develop Methods to Address Mutual Need. Using the forum of the strategy group, create potential solutions to meeting the agreed upon needs to be implemented through the SHPDA or another state agency to minimize resource demands on the other agencies (i.e., HSAs).
3. **Produce and Disseminate Documentation in Formats Usable by State and Local Concerns.** After having developed technical methods which meet the above constraints, the results of the implementation of these processes (i.e., data collected) should be produced by the SHPDA, reviewed by the strategy group and published. This could also be accomplished through the sole initiative of the State Agency, wherein no strategy group is established but areas of need within the HSA are determined and reports relevant to their needs are developed.

4. **Analyze the Results of the Technical Analysis.** Once the technical data are produced, it is possible to analyze their meaning from both the local and state perspectives. General areas of study would be the identification of areas of current manpower shortage or surplus (maldistribution) or the identification of areas of eventual need (i.e., areas where health professionals are uniquely older).

5. **Develop Strategies and Policies Based on Analysis of Current Situations.** Depending on what findings are developed from the technical analysis, a number of policy strategies can be developed to confront situations in selected geographic areas, including the development of new educational programs, the limitation or expansion of current educational programs, the development of continuing educational programs, the encouragement or discouragement of health facility development, and the amendment of practice laws to enable expanded roles or capacities for current professionals.

6. **Work to Implement Manpower Strategies.** Using the findings and recommendations of the strategy group, the SHPDA should lead efforts to integrate desired policy changes into the planning and decision making activities of those agencies and authorities responsible for such policy areas.

7. **Analyze of Future Manpower Situations.** Besides identifying current areas of concern, the SHPDA and HSA strategy group should determine future manpower requirements to demonstrate potential problem areas which can be addressed by changes in current educational, regulatory, or service provision policies.

8. **Develop and Implement Manpower Policies.** Once the future manpower situations in the local planning areas and the State have been determined, corrective policies to address these manpower needs should be developed. The SHPDA should also spearhead efforts to see that these policy recommendations are accepted.

9. **Develop Special Studies to Meet Areas of Need.** Rather than creating a full fledged manpower information-planning system as described from #2 to #8 above, it may be more meaningful to address only certain issues
which meet the concerns of both the HSAs and the SHPDA. Such an issue orientation can be more timely and create fewer demands on staff. Some areas which would probably be of the greatest interest to SHPDA and HSAs alike include development of designation applications for health manpower shortage areas, study of service and specialty needs of the population, analysis of the impact of foreign medical graduates on the physician workforce, and study of fiscal implications of in-service educational programs on quality and per diem rates. These types of issue-related studies can help to solve local health manpower problems, and serve to heighten the awareness of the local HSAs as to the relevance of health manpower planning in meeting the objectives of their organization.

The common vein which exists in all the above suggestions is that, in most cases, health manpower is of minimal concern to the HSAs. Accordingly, their desire to commit staff time and resources to develop a health manpower planning capacity is usually not widespread. Therefore, it is the state, or more specifically, the SHPDA, which must bear the burden of developing a capacity which is relevant to local needs. Not only does this mean the commitment of staff, but it includes the commitment of resources for health manpower data collection and processing. It is also the SHPDA which should function as the catalyst to enhance the HSAs interest and involvement with health manpower planning and policy activities. The degree to which it is successful will depend upon how flexible a data component the SHPDA can create and how amenable it is in carrying forward manpower policy recommendations developed by local planning authorities.
G. TASK 7: Evaluate and Document the results of the Project

Because many of the tasks of the contract involved the design of data collection models and their pretesting and presentation, it is not possible to evaluate these tasks in quantitative terms such as response rates and standard errors of proportion, of resulting survey statistics. However, it is possible to quantify the accuracy of the projections of health manpower requirements developed during this contract. Therefore, this project evaluation will present a quantitative assessment of the health manpower projections developed in Task 4 and a qualitative analysis of the degree of completeness of each task.

1. QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECTIONS

In the Task 4 narrative, a method for developing confidence bands around the projections of demand for the health professionals is described. Using this quantitative approach, upper and lower limits to the demand projections at a confidence level of 95% have been developed. Shown below are the results of these confidence bands for each 1985 demand projection.

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These confidence bands are based entirely on the interrelationships of the variables of each projection equation. Accordingly, they represent a 95% confidence that demand should fall within the ranges shown above, under the limitations of the model. These confidence bands do not take into consideration the accuracy of the models when compared to other models.

Another means to measure the general accuracy of New Jersey's health manpower projections is to determine how the upper and lower limits of demand compare with projected supply. This can show us whether or not projected manpower shortages or surpluses are also anticipated at the high and low limits of demand. The table below shows the influence of the confidence band on the comparison of supply and demand.

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*Manpower Need is calculated by subtracting demand from supply. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.

**Per Cent of Manpower Need at each level of the confidence band is calculated by dividing the manpower need by the total 1985 projected supply for a profession.
Observation of the second table indicates that the majority of the health manpower projections of need exhibit minimal proportionate fluctuation when the demand confidence bands are used. Notably, the models used to project demand for the non-licensed health professions are the most consistent and "accurate" projections. In certain cases, the licensed health professions models show variations which alter projected surplus situations at the lower limit of demand to shortages at the upper limit of demand. For example, a 140, or .9%, surplus of physicians is projected at the lower limit, while a 4.1% shortage of 660 physicians is projected at the upper demand limit. A similar situation occurs with the projection of need for nurses. For the remaining health manpower projections, fluctuations do exist in the manpower need projections, however, either the surplus or shortage situations projected remain at the low, midpoint and upper demand levels, with only changes in their size occurring.

QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT OF PROJECT TASKS

There were seven major tasks assigned under the Scope of Work of this two year contract. The following section is a qualitative assessment of the degree of completeness for each of these tasks and their sub-tasks.

Task 1: Develop, Conduct and Document a Methodology for Collection of Data on Non-licensed Health Manpower.

Sub-task a: Survey and evaluate the availability of all pertinent data collection methods.

This sub-task was completed during the first project year. A survey letter was sent to every State Health Planning and Development Agency in the United States and all health manpower linkage programs. There were very few agencies concerned with the collection of data on non-licensed health professionals. In some cases, notably Illinois and Iowa, surveys of selected non-licensed professions were undertaken, however, these surveys were developed as one time observations of the employment of a limited number of professional groups. On a national scale two surveys, the NCHS Survey of Hospital Manpower and the BLS Occupational Employment Surveys, were found to be useful sources yet they did have a number of limitations, which are noted in the task narrative. Also, of interest are the Cooperative Health Statistics System health facilities component surveys which provide limited employment data. After this analysis of other survey activities, it was evident that no uniform model for collection of non-licensed health manpower data was readily available.

Sub-task b: Develop two survey instruments for data collection.

Based on the information available from the survey of data collection activities in other jurisdiction, two survey instruments were developed which could be used to collect
data on non-licensed health professionals. The first instrument was developed to elicit employment data on a number of professional categories, while the second was designed to determine social-demographic information on individual non-licensed professionals.

Sub-task c: Pretest the surveys on not more than nine health manpower personnel.

Due to the limitations on pretesting the survey instruments on a reasonably large number of personnel, pretesting of the survey questionnaires was accomplished through the input of the manpower advisory committee. This committee, which is comprised of both employees and health personnel responded to the preliminary survey designs and the questionnaires were refined in accordance with their input. Survey pretesting outside of this group was not undertaken.

Sub-task d: General requirements for the survey instruments.

The survey administration procedure details the requirements of this sub-task. Specifically, it identifies the targeted non-licensed health professions, defines each profession and identifies all major employment sites which should be included in an employment survey.

Sub-task e: Requirements for the employment survey.

The employment survey designed in this task meets the requirements of the contract. The survey instrument provided was designed for use in employment surveys of hospitals. It includes each of the target non-licensed health professional categories and can provide detailed data on the full-time and part-time employment of each profession, by credential status. The method for design and administration of this survey by institutional type is included in the task narrative.

Sub-task f: Requirements for the demographic survey.

The demographic survey designed for the response of individual health professionals conforms to the requirements of the contract. In designing this survey, the categories of questions selected were premised on the general design of CHSS manpower surveys. The survey questionnaire is designed to provide a uniform data base in all the professional categories in order to minimize the cost of software development. Among the data which the questionnaire will elicit are name, date of birth, location of residence, location of work, sex, primary work activity, educational background, professional credential status, race and ethnicity. A coding plan for this survey was not developed under this contract, however, the survey can be coded to a two card format.
Sub-task g: Develop methodology for administration of the surveys.

The task narrative provides a general method for the administration of a non-licensed health manpower data activity. This method is three-tiered. The first element of the model is the collection of data from existing sources. The second involves the collection of employment data at a number of settings using the pre-designed questionnaire. Finally, the third step in this process calls for the collection of demographic information concerning the non-licensed professionals. Such a data collection effort will provide information similar to CHSS manpower component data. The method of survey administration also provides general guidelines for sample stratification in the demographic survey and suggests a coordinated survey method for the employment survey which utilizes the HSAs in the collection procedure.

Task summary

With the provision of the requisite survey questionnaires, and a general model for survey administration, the requirements of this task have been met in full.

Task 2: Develop a Methodology for Tracking Graduates of Health Professions Education Programs

Sub-task a: Survey and evaluate data collection methods used for health professions education graduates in other states.

To survey and evaluate the applicability of data collection mechanisms which have been or are currently being used in the United States for tracking health professions program graduates, a survey of every state-level higher education coordinating agency, every state health planning and development agency, all linkage projects, many individual health professions schools and all New Jersey institutions of higher education was undertaken. We were unable to find a sound, generally applicable methodology for tracking health professions graduates. Although some state-level higher education authorities and most academic institutions make some effort to collect post-graduation data on their graduates in general, few of these efforts were organized, on-going activities and none could be adopted in entirety to meet this project's needs. However, portions of some surveys and survey procedures were adopted for use in this task and were fully documented within the task narrative.
Sub-task b: Develop survey instruments to collect data on health professions graduates.

Based on the information and suggestions received from the national survey of data collection activities, two survey instruments were developed which could be used to track health professions graduates over a five-year period. The first survey was designed to elicit information about graduates 18 months after graduation. The second questionnaire was designed to again survey respondents of the first survey approximately 3 1/2 years after graduation in order to complete a five-year longitudinal or panel study of respondents.

Both surveys meet the data requirements specified by this sub-task. They elicit data on respondent's opinion of adequacy of the occupational preparation received, current employment status, current residence, location of employer, relationship of current occupation to health professions' degree, and continuing education activities. The surveys also collect information on work setting, reason for unemployment, attitude about current job salaries and professional licensure and certification.

Sub-tasks c and d: Pretest the survey instrument and revise the instrument as necessary.

The general format and many of the survey questions were formulated in conjunction with a general Departmental project developing a post-graduation data base for all graduates of New Jersey colleges and universities. The general survey instruments were extensively pretested by the DHE Office of Planning and Research in a large pilot study. The revisions of format and questions on the general survey which resulted from that study were adopted for this project's survey instruments as well. It was thought that "pre-testing" in this fashion through the benefits of a large pilot study of a similar survey would be more insightful than specifically pretesting this project's surveys on nine respondents as delimited by the contract.

Sub-task e: Develop a general methodology for computer programs to house and access survey data.

The task narrative provides a general methodology for the development of computer programs to house and access the survey data. The survey instruments were designed to allow keypunchers to punch directly from the questionnaires. General directions concerning questionnaire editing were included. Code books were developed for both survey instruments. These are documents which outline the format
of a data file by describing the location of variables and assigning keypunching locations to specific attributes making up those variables. From these documents computer programs can be written to place the data on magnetic tape or disk so that statistical analyses can be conducted.

The code books developed for the prototype surveys were designed to complement two well known computer statistical packages used in the analysis of survey data by researchers with little or no expertise in data processing. The software for these programs are usually, available or can be easily acquired by most academic computer centers.

Details concerning this methodology appear in the task narrative. The code books are included as Appendix II of this report.

Sub-task 1: Develop a general methodology for administering the survey instrument.

The task narrative presents a specific and detailed methodology for administration of the mail survey by a college or university. The methodology includes specific directions for survey assembly and distribution; survey follow-up procedures designed to increase response rates; instructions for the processing completed surveys, and; methodologies to measure non-response bias within the survey data. The task narratives conclude with a discussion of two ways in which survey data on health professions graduates can be aggregated into a state-level data base.

Task summary

With the provision of the required survey instruments, a specific methodology for their administration and a general model for computer storage and access of data, the requirements of task have been met in full.

Task 3: Develop a Methodology to Document the Level of Retention of Health Profession Graduates in a State Work Force.

Sub-task a: Survey past activities conducted by the educational institutions in New Jersey to locate health professions graduates of their programs.

As detailed in the task narrative, a survey of the data collection efforts of New Jersey colleges was not successful in obtaining usable data on the retention of health professions graduates. Briefly, it was found that although nearly every New Jersey college and university conducted some
sort of post-graduation survey, the survey instruments and procedures varied so greatly that data could not be aggregated to form a reliable statewide view of the post-graduation pursuits of health professions graduates.

**Sub-task b:** Compare existing data to known trends in the State to check current assumptions.

Although the activity conducted for sub-task (a) did not yield data with which to validate current assumptions on in-state retention, there were two exceptions. It was found that the State's medical and dental schools, through their alumni offices kept ongoing and reliable data on the location of their graduates. This data was used to verify the projection methodology's assumptions with regard to the in-state retention of physicians and dentists educated in the State.

**Sub-task c:** Develop a methodology to collect data concerning health professionals in the future in a coordinated manner.

Staff worked in conjunction with the DHE Office of Planning and Research to develop and implement a methodology to collect data concerning health professionals (and all other graduates) in a coordinated manner. The effort was only partially successful in that DHE failed to obtain the cooperation of all institutions in this effort. However, some data will soon be available from the DHE post-graduation study which will allow a check on current assumptions concerning retention rates. Further, concerning a general methodology to collect data on health professions, the survey instrument and protocols developed for Task 2 could be implemented by a college to obtain information describing the retention within the State's workforce of health professions graduates.

**Sub-task d:** Develop a general plan for administering the methodology that might be used by individual educational institutions, with the information being aggregated at the state level.

The survey procedures and instruments developed in Task 2 could be utilized by an individual educational
institution to obtain data on the location of employment of its health professions graduates. A centralized survey activity conducted by a state-level agency (specifically DHE) was chosen as a way in which to get a coordinated, state-level view of post-graduation activities. This approach was not successful because the full cooperation of all institutions was not attained. The task narrative suggests instead that a decentralized approach would have a better chance of success provided that institutions could be persuaded to adopt uniform survey questions and procedures.

Task summary

As described in the above evaluation, this project was only partially successful in achieving the goals set forth for this task. It was not possible, except in medicine and dentistry, to do a quick verification of current assumptions regarding in-state retention of health professions graduates. This failure was due to the lack of sufficient and reliable data on New Jersey graduates.

A methodology developed and implemented by DHE to collect sound data on a state level through a centralized data collection activity was also only partially successful. However, the exercise did result in the compilation of some useful data and experience suggested an alternative approach that could be more successful.
Task 4: Develop a Methodology to Implement a Series of Health Manpower Projections

Sub-task a: Develop and present graphic displays of the projections in a prototype format.

Appendix IV of this final report provides the format designed for presentation of the results of New Jersey's projections of health manpower requirements for the future. In tabular form, projections of supply, demand and manpower need (demand minus supply) are presented. Manpower need is calculated from the midpoint of the demand projection. A second presentation format involves the graphing of manpower supply and demand over time (from 1975 to 1985). This technique creates strategy lines for each profession which specify when, if ever, a balance between supply and demand is expected during the projection period. These strategy lines are useful in developing policies to affect the growth in future manpower supply.

Sub-task b: Provide the results of alternative models.

In the narrative for Task 4, three different methods of projection of demand for health professionals are documented. The first method, which was used for the licensed health professions, analyzes the relationship of current distribution to a number of variables (population, income, age, etc.) using stepwise regression analysis. This is an econometric modeling technique. The second method is a ratio model in which the utilization of dental auxiliaries by dentists is used as the projection base for the future demand for auxiliaries. The third method is also based on a series of regressions, however, the variables used in this model are institution parameters rather than demographic variables. This model was developed for the non-licensed health professions, as sound distributional data on these professions are not available in New Jersey. Moreover, the majority of these people are employed in institutional settings, predominately hospitals. Therefore, the distribution of service center hours (i.e., respiratory, therapy hours) by hospital served as the dependent variable of the regression, while data on admissions, beds, wages, length of stay, and non-payroll expenditures were used as independent variables. A fourth model discussed in Appendix IV is a linear programming model which was used to develop theoretical projections of the demand for physician's assistants and nurse practitioners in a least cost delivery system. Also, the technique for the projection of future supply of health professionals is documented in the task narrative. One area of this sub-task was not successfully completed, that was the development of a health status model for projecting manpower need. A number of months were spent attempting to relate the utilization of health services in New Jersey to health status oriented variables. Among the variables tested were distributional data on age, race, ethnicity, educational
background, mortality, infant mortality, and other vital statistics. Staff was unable to develop a statistically significant projection equation based on these variables.

Sub-task c: Adapt the projections to HSA boundaries.

During the contract period, a method for adopting the statewide projections to HSA boundaries was developed. It is based on the application of the local data to the statewide demand projection equations. On the supply side, there are certain assumptions which cause limitations in the accuracy of local projections of supply. While it is our intention to move forward in this area, and, at a minimum, develop local projections of supply and demand for physicians and dentists, it should be recognized that the adaptation of the projection results to local HSA configurations was not completed during the project period.

Sub-task d: Develop strategy lines and recommendations for the health professions studied.

A description of the strategy lines developed for each of the health professions studied during the project is provided in the sub-task (a) narrative above. Using these projections, an analysis of the future scope and cost of health professions education programs in New Jersey. This analysis (Appendix V) provides specific recommendations and policy alternatives for the consideration of the Board of Higher Education. While not completed yet, staff is also beginning to develop recommendations based on the projection results which will be integrated with the qualitative recommendations of the Health Professions Education Master Plan.

Sub-task e: Documentation of the econometric methodology.

A three step, generally applicable model for the implementation of manpower requirements is provided in the task narrative. This model provides suggestions on the development of baseline data within a state or local planning area; it offers alternative means for use of these data (i.e., long and short run projections); and suggests techniques for implementing health manpower projections and developing educational policy recommendations.

Task summary

While the majority of the project requirements of this task were completed within the contract period, there are two areas of incompleteness remaining. The first involves the creation of a statistically sound model for health manpower demand based on health status data. Due to the time and effort already expended attempting to meet this requirement, we do not intend to develop such a model in the future. Secondly, our projections of supply and demand have not been adapted to HSA configurations, although a model for
such adaptation has been developed and presented in this final report. We fully intend to refine our projections to local boundaries at that time when a revised Health Professions Education Master Plan is released. This is not anticipated to occur until the new year.

Task 5: Develop a Methodology for Periodic Assessment and Adjustment of Health Manpower Projections in a State

Sub-task a: Develop mechanisms to assess current labor market conditions.

The purpose of this task was to develop methods to verify the accuracy of the health manpower projections on a continual basis. A verification procedure which includes three major elements is described in the task narrative. The first element to the procedure involves the continuous provision of health manpower and demographic data, and the monitoring of variation between the actual values of such data and the projected values used in developing the original manpower projections. By using a theoretical example of projected population values versus observed population values during a projection period, the task narrative shows the quantitative effect that changes in the variables have on the calculation of future demand for a given health profession. A second element of the verification process involves the provision of profession-specific manpower data from the licensure cycle and related manpower surveys. Such data will enable the comparison of projected supply in a given year with the observed supply in that year. It will also provide basic data on the employment situation of health professionals by indicating levels of unemployment for each profession. Finally, a survey of employers is documented to show the level of unmet need (employment opportunities) for selected professions.

Sub-task b: Develop a coordination plan among state-level agencies for the provision of population and economic data.

The completion of this task was addressed early in the contract period. After identification of all data needs for monitoring the health manpower projections data base, the sources of these data were identified. Informal arrangements with each relevant agency were made to insure that the required data would be provided to project staff as such data are published. A description of the general plan which was used to accomplish this data flow requirement is provided in the task narrative.

Sub-task c: A plan for the sampling of employers.

A detailed procedure for selection of health professional employers and telephone surveying of these employers has been developed and fully tested. The survey is designed to indicate the current level of employment opportunities for
any health profession. As designed, the telephone survey also indicates a number of qualitative factors about employment openings, including salary information, shift (i.e., days or evenings), and hiring preference (by educational credential). By using this technique, it is possible to make quick, inexpensive readings of the labor market condition.

Sub-task d: A plan for continuous flow of health manpower data to the SHPDA and HSAs.

Throughout the two year contract project staff worked closely with the manpower subcommittee of the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data. In fact, the project director served as chairman of that subcommittee. The manpower subcommittee advises on the continuation of the State's health manpower information system, which was initiated during the first linkage contract awarded to New Jersey. Both the SHPDA and the HSA are represented in this structure. During the past two years, efforts have been made to insure that health manpower data and processed and reported in formats useful to the HSAs. Through these efforts, the State Department of Health which is responsible for health manpower data collection, is now processing all data with geocoded locational information. This means that for the first time in New Jersey, manpower data on the licensed health professions will be available at the local level. Project staff also organized a special study group to analyze and provide commentary on the proposed regulations for the designation of Health Manpower Shortage Areas. This group included representatives of all five New Jersey HSAs and the SHPDA. Once commentary was developed, the group disbanded, but project staff continued to provide technical input to the HSAs in the area of shortage area designation applications. Today, some of the State's HSAs are the catalysts behind a number of shortage area proposals, some of which have recently been approved for designation.

Sub-task e: A plan for updates of the data base on health manpower

The final element of the task narrative is a general plan for the continual updates of health manpower data in a state. This plan details how a coordinated health manpower information system should function; what agencies and organizations should be involved; how the goal of a data consortium can be developed; and, what data should be collected; and how it should be processed. Following this plan is a suggested number of policy areas which can be addressed once a data system is implemented.

Task Summary

There are two areas specified in the Scope of Work which were not fully addressed during this task. First, sub-task (a) calls for a survey of employees, the intent of which is
assumed to yield hard data on their employability. In beginning to develop this survey, a number of reactions occurred. First, as the survey would be made of current employees, it would not result in useful data on their employability or the lack of employment opportunities within a given profession in the labor market. It would also be redundant in terms of the demographic survey designed in Task 1, ongoing CHSS and state run manpower surveys, and the graduate follow-up survey documented in Task 2. Further, project staff felt that the employer survey would provide more reliable and useful data on the labor market. Therefore, we decided against developing this employee survey design and recommend that such data collection activities be given the lowest priority. The second area of limitation with regard to the completion of Task 5 concerns updates of clinical resources files. Staff did complete a method for updates of New Jersey's health professions education program inventory, which includes basic information on the clinical affiliations of our health related programs. However, no specific plans were developed for updates of our clinical resources inventory because the resource demands of such an inventory far outweigh its usefulness in all but a few cases. Therefore, New Jersey has developed an efficient approach for the maintenance of a coordinated health manpower data and planning system by its completion of the major elements of this task.

Task 6: Recommendations Concerning the Development of Formal and Informal Relationships among the SHPDA, SHCC and HSAs in a State.

Sub-task a: Develop a method to rework the current data base to HSA configuration.

Early in the project period, staff reprogrammed all its health manpower software to the new health service area boundaries designated for New Jersey. This included our health manpower data from a 1974 licensure survey, our health professions education program inventory, and our clinical resources inventory file. All health manpower reports released subsequent to the designation of the HSAs have provided all local data by county and HSA.

Sub-task b: Develop a plan for the HSAs to coordinate future data sets with the state.

An organizational plan for the involvement of the HSAs in the collection, handling and dissemination of health manpower data in New Jersey is presented in the task narrative. Their involvement will be maintained through HSA representation on the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data, its subcommittee structure, and the advisory committees of the Department of Higher Education. In addition, this plan examines how health manpower data are used to create projections and how these manpower requirements are coordinated.
with higher education decision making processes.

**Sub-task c:** Develop a plan for technical assistance to HSAs for health manpower planning.

The task narrative provides a series of guidelines for the coordination of SHPDAs and HSAs for health manpower planning activities. These guidelines explore areas of commonality between the two organizations and suggest means in which these areas can be addressed in an effective manner. It should be noted that the Task 6 narrative does not suggest technical methods for manpower planning at the HSA level. This was decided in recognition that the discussions of Tasks 1, 4, 5, and 6 provide a comprehensive set of technical suggestions for use in local health manpower planning.

**Task Summary**

All the work areas specified in Task 6 have been completed in full.

**Task 7: Evaluate and Document the Results of the Project**

With the submittal of this final comprehensive report the requirements of Task 7 are met.
H. Publications

With the submittal of this comprehensive project report, New Jersey has met the reporting requirements specified in the Scope of Work. As specified under "publishable material" a summary of the history, analysis and accomplishments of this project are included herewith, in a form suitable for publication. Also six progress reports, an annual report and an outline of the final comprehensive report have been submitted to and approved by the Project Officer.

It is felt that the methodologies designed during this project can stand alone as useful information for publication. Accordingly, staff will be preparing a paper for presentation to the APHA at next year's meeting. Full acknowledgement of DHEW's support of New Jersey's health manpower planning activities will be contained in that paper.
Future Funding Plan

For Fiscal Year 1979, the Department has approved a permanent position for the Director of the Office for Health Manpower. In the past, all positions in the office were contingent on the availability of outside funding. In addition, interim funds have been obtained to continue all existing positions created for the linkage contract. In Fiscal Year 1980, with the approval of the Department and other appropriate authorities, we anticipate that all staff positions will be made permanent. Thus, the Office will consist of a Director, Assistant Director, Program Officer and Research Technician as well as clerical support personnel. This will insure that the level of manpower planning effort created under the linkage contract will become a permanent part of the Department's responsibilities.
J. Future Manpower Planning Activities

1. Graduate Medical Education Program

With the passage of S-1387, "An Act Establishing a Graduate Medical Education Program in New Jersey", in February, 1978, the Department has assumed responsibility for planning and funding of some graduate medical education programs in the State. This activity will require the development of standards for evaluating existing residency programs; the establishment of guidelines for participation of private non-profit and public hospitals; the determination of the number and type of programs that should be supported in accordance with state manpower needs; and, the monitoring of the expenditure of funds. The Department of Higher Education will be providing staff support to the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council which was established by law.

2. Physician Loan Redemption Program

It is expected that in early Fiscal Year 1979, the Department will add an additional responsibility for implementing a Physician-Dentist Loan Redemption Program. Assembly Bill No. 263 would establish a program in which medical and dental students will be redeemed up to 85% of their medical and dental indebtedness, if they agree to serve for up to three years in an underserved area. It will be staff's responsibility to work with the Departments of Health, Human Services and Corrections, as well as with local communities, in identifying such shortage areas to be designated by the State. Departmental staff will also be responsible for the general administration of the program. The bill provides $55,000 for staff support.

3. Department of Labor and Industry Contract

The Department of Higher Education has received a contract from the Department of Labor and Industry for the design of a project for the recruitment and retention in the health occupations of persons from the disadvantaged and chronically unemployed segments of society. The project would integrate CETA job opportunities and training, basic skills remediation, and advanced technical training leading to professionally recognized careers in the health field. It will be based on an identification of those health occupations where manpower projections indicate a need for personnel and which fit the Department of Labor's apprenticeship categories.

The Department of Higher Education has been asked to do the planning for this project, this will involve two
major components: (1) manpower planning to determine categories of need and job opportunities; and (2) the design of a training program which would include basic skills remediation, "on the job" training in selected clinical facilities, and formal "pre-professional" training. Such preparation is required for entry into regularly established programs offered by hospitals, community colleges, or vocational-technical school post-secondary programs. The latter would be done in cooperation with collegiate institutions, particularly the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and our community colleges.

4. National Center for Health Statistics Contract

The Department may receive a $80,000 one year contract with the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare to further develop and conduct a survey of non-licensed health professionals (allied health professions) in N.J. If the negotiations are successful, the survey, which will be used as a national prototype, will determine the employment status, job and geographic mobility, educational background, and other demographic characteristics of these professionals.

During this two year "linkage" contract, we were asked to develop a methodology to collect information on non-licensed health professions. NCHS may request us to further improve the methodology, develop appropriate computer software, and conduct a comprehensive survey in the State. It is our understanding that once the model is fully developed and tested, the National Center for Health Statistics will enter into operational contracts with State Departments of Health (SHPDAS) to collect the data on an ongoing basis.

5. Sub-Contract With Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health has received a comprehensive three-year manpower development project to identify current problems, compile and analyze data on existing resources and practices, project manpower needs, set objectives for the next several years in a changing service system, and devise methods and strategies to achieve those objectives. The focus of these efforts will be on data collection, problem and policy analysis and development of methodologies and strategies that will both provide interim solutions to immediate problems and set the basis for a comprehensive long-range mental health manpower plan. The Division has discussed possible subcontracting the manpower analysis component of this contract to the Office for Health Manpower.
Appendix I:

Non-licensed Manpower Model Documentation
### DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

**SECTION A - EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY INFORMATION**

**DEFINITIONS:**

1. **Regularity of Employment:**
   - **Full-Time:** Person employed at least 32.5 hours per week.
   - **Part-Time:** Person employed less than 32.5 hours per week.

2. **Employment:**
   - **Regular:** employed at least 32.5 hours per week for a minimum of 20 weeks.
   - **Temporary:** employed less than 32.5 hours per week for a maximum of 20 weeks.
   - **Volunteer:** **salary:** if paid hourly; **salary:** if paid by the hour.

3. **Vacancy:**
   - **Regular:** a vacancy for a minimum of 20 weeks.
   - **Temporary:** a vacancy for a maximum of 20 weeks.

4. **Including:**
   - Employees with the inclusion of the following:
     - **Regular:** employed at least 32.5 hours per week for a minimum of 20 weeks.
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     - **Volunteers:** if paid hourly; **salary:** if paid by the hour.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. **Please review the definitions to determine the appropriate classification.**

2. **Prepare a time sheet for each employee.**

3. **Include all eligible employees.**

4. **Exclude all ineligible employees.**

5. **Submit a completed form for each eligible employee.**

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- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN**
  - Trauma (requiring AHA or HIPPELS)
  - Other emergency medical technicians
  - Total emergency medical technicians
- **ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH TECHNICIAN**
- **ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN**
- **PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT**
  - Primary Care
    - Physician’s assistant
  - Surgery’s assistant
  - Orthopedic operations assistant
  - Urology assistant
- **MEDICAL ASSISTANT**
- **MEDICAL SECRETARY**
  - Secretarial Services (not shown)
- **MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST**

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### SECTION A, PART III: NONHEALTH OCCUPATIONS

**PURPOSE:** Support provided by nonhealth personnel is an integral part of the daily operation of a hospital. Information on the numbers of such personnel at the local, state, and national levels are virtually nonexistent.

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Please report any problems you encountered in completing this section of the questionnaire.
SECTION C - INPATIENT NURSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS AND PERSONNEL

NOTE: Based on past experience it was observed that the Director of the Nursing Department might have immediate access to the information required in this section.

PURPOSE: The information obtained by this section will be used to determine the distribution of personnel assigned to various important nursing units and to develop various types of care measurements.

DEFINITIONS OF UNITS

Unit 1 - Intensive care units. Most patients are critically ill and are monitored by a continuously available and competent nursing staff. Care is provided in a monitored milieu with a variety of equipment and interventions to manage the patient's condition.

Unit 2 - General medical-surgical units. Patients are generally stable and require nursing care similar to that provided in the Intensive Care Unit. Unit 2 also includes surgical patients in the early postoperative period.

Unit 3 - Obstetrical units. Providing care for patients during pregnancy and childbirth. Units may include labor and delivery, postpartum, and neonatal care.

Unit 4 - Other important bed units. Includes units not classified in the above categories.

INSTRUCTIONS, PART I:

1. Report or estimate important nursing unit characteristics specified in the space following for the last 24-hour day of the previous month, as specified in the report.

2. Enter a code in the appropriate space when the hospital does not have a specified type of nursing unit.

3. EXCLUDE: The emergency room, operating (surgery) room, and recovery room from any information reported.

4. Include data for important nursing units in your entire hospital and all parts, components, institutions, etc., unless otherwise specified. However, do not include any component or important nursing unit that has its own separate discharge procedures.

SECTION C, PART I - INPATIENT NURSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS

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Please list the functional categories (types) of the nursing units you included in Unit 4, "Other important bed units".
### Definitions, Part II (Inpatient Nursing Unit Personnel)

Full-time, part-time, and temporary nursing personnel are assigned to specific units or areas of the hospital. This includes all inpatient and outpatient nursing service areas. Nursing personnel are assigned to specific units or areas of the hospital. They are responsible for providing direct patient care.

### Occupational Function, by Type of Unit

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- **Nursing Personnel**: Responsible for the overall management of the nursing unit, including personnel management, budget, and quality assurance.
- **Supervisor of Nursing Services**: Responsible for the overall management of the nursing unit, including personnel management, budget, and quality assurance.

### Assigning Personnel to Units

- **Unit 1**: Intensive Care and Coronary Care Unit
- **Unit 2**: General Medical and Surgical Unit

- **Staff Nurse**: Responsible for the direct and indirect care of patients within the unit.
- **Laboratory Technician**: Responsible for the performance of various laboratory tests.
- **Radiologic Technician**: Responsible for the performance of various radiologic procedures.
- **Dietary Technician**: Responsible for the performance of various dietary procedures.

- **Positions Not Indicated**: Positions not indicated above are filled as needed.
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| **UNIT 4 - OTHER INPATIENT BED UNITS** | | | | | | | |
| Registered Nurse | 412 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 |
| Head Nurse or Assistant Head Nurse | | | | | | | |
| Staff Nurse | 413 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 |
| Other R.N. (CEN) | 414 | | | | | | |
| Licensed Practical or Vocational Nurse | | | | | | | |
| Nursing Aide, Orderly, or Attendant | | | | | | | |
| Ward Clerk | | | | | | | |
| Other Nursing Unit Personnel Not Indicated Above (Identify) | | | | | | | |
| | 481 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 |

**Nursing Unit Personnel Not Assigned to One Specific Unit**

| CLINICAL SPECIALIST (N.R.) | 511 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 |
| SUPERVISOR OR ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR | 247 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 | 10-14 |
| FLOOR PERSONNEL | | | | | | | |
| Licensed Practical or Vocational Nurse | | | | | | | |
| Ward Clerk | | | | | | | |
| Other Nursing Unit Personnel Not Indicated Above (Identify) | | | | | | | |

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If questions arise concerning your response, write them down on contact.

Please retain this document for your future reference. Enclosed.
1977 NCHS Survey of Hospital Staff
1. This questionnaire is divided into the following four sections:

SECTION A - PERSONNEL ON HOSPITAL'S PAYROLL
SECTION B - PATIENT CARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY PERSONNEL NOT ON THIS HOSPITAL'S PAYROLL
SECTION C - INPATIENT NURSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS AND PERSONNEL
SECTION D - CHANGES IN HOSPITAL SIZE

BEFORE COMPLETING EACH SECTION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE REVIEW THE INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS PROVIDED, AND ANSWER ITEM 3, PARTS A AND B BELOW.

2. SCOPE OF THE SURVEY (Sections A, B, C, and D): Include data for your entire hospital and all parts, units, components, institutions, etc., unless otherwise specified. However, do not include any component or unit which has its own separate discharge procedures. All hospitals having 5 or more inpatient beds are included in the survey.

3. PERSONNEL

A. FULL-TIME: Indicate the NUMBER of hours worked per week which describes a FULL-TIME position for your hospital (check only one):

- ☐ 35 or more hours per week
- ☐ 40 or more hours per week
- ☐ 37% or more hours per week
- ☐ Other time interval (please specify) __________ hours or more per

B. PART-TIME: Persons on this hospital's payroll who regularly work less than the number of hours per week that you indicated as being a full-time position.

Report the TOTAL NUMBER of FULL-TIME and PART-TIME employees on your hospital's payroll ON ALL SHIFTS on the survey's reporting date, regardless of whether they were at work on that particular day:

TOTAL, FULL-TIME: __________
TOTAL, PART-TIME: __________

Please insure that the employee counts reported in Section A, Parts I and II sum to these totals.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

You may wish to transcribe your responses onto the enclosed duplicate form to maintain a record for your files. Please mail the completed form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
SECTION A INSTRUCTIONS
PERSONNEL ON HOSPITAL'S PAYROLL

1. In completing this section of the questionnaire, include all persons (full-time and part-time) on the payroll of this hospital during your last pay period. Part 1 is for Patient Care Personnel and Part 2 is for Non-patient Care Personnel. This refers to workers whose schedule is sporadic as well as those on a regular schedule.

In addition to the regularly employed personnel:
INCLUDE (if on your hospital's payroll):

- Teaching staff
- Temporarily absent employees (e.g., illness, vacation, etc.)
- Trainees (if on the payroll in the occupational categories for which they are paid)
- Members of religious orders (whether paid or unpaid)
- Federal, State, or local government employees on the payroll of hospitals administered by Federal, State, or local governments, respectively.

EXCLUDE:

- Courtesy or attending medical staff members
- Other persons who provide services through an "on-call" or fee-for-service (based on volume of activity), contract, or another non-payroll payment method
- Persons whose salaries are SUBSIDIZED IN FULL by Federal, State, or local governments, schools, or other organizations
- Private duty nurses
- Volunteer workers
- Students and trainees NOT paid by the hospital.

2. Report each employee only once according to the OCCUPATIONAL FUNCTION customarily performed for the greatest amount of time. These duties may differ from the worker's major field of training or may not reflect the credentials held. The Glossary Code Numbers in this section that appear to the left of the occupational titles on this questionnaire correspond to the numbers shown on the GLOSSARY OF OCCUPATIONAL DEFINITIONS. Please review those definitions before you begin to complete this questionnaire.

3. Report HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGERS (primarily concerned with policy making, planning, organizing, staffing, and directing) regardless of their training (for example, physicians or registered nurses) in categories 11.01 and 11.02. 11.03 if administration or management is their PRIMARY FUNCTION.

4. Report the DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING in category 07.01.07.03.

5. Report the COMPTROLLER, BUSINESS AND/OR FINANCIAL MANAGER in category 13.01.

6. Report ALL OTHER NON PATIENT CARE MANAGERS AND OFFICERS (e.g., store manager, cafeteria manager) in category 13.02.
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<td>Gardeners and Groundskeepers</td>
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*Note: The table continues with more entries.*
SECTION B - PATIENT CARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY PERSONNEL NOT ON THIS HOSPITAL’S PAYROLL

Instructions: For each of the services listed below, place an "X" in the appropriate column to indicate whether or not SOME OR ALL OF THE PATIENT CARE SERVICES in that category were performed by personnel not on this hospital's payroll (non-hospital personnel), i.e., services obtained through contract, fee-for-service (based on volume or activity) or another non-payroll payment method.

EXCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(a) Services not directly related to patient care such as laundry and housekeeping services, T.V. rentals, and management consulting.
(b) Services rendered by physicians (if known).
(c) Services provided on a CONSULTANT basis ONLY.
(d) Services provided to persons treated at other health facilities.

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<th>PATIENT CARE SERVICE</th>
<th>Was some or all of the specified service performed by non-hospital personnel?</th>
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<td>1. Anesthesia</td>
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<td>4. Dietary</td>
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<td>5. Emergency Room</td>
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<td>8. Occupational Therapy</td>
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<td>9. Pharmacy</td>
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<td>10. Physical Therapy</td>
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<td>11. Podiatry</td>
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<td>12. Psychology</td>
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<td>13. Radiology (therapy and diagnosis)</td>
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<td>14. Registered Nursing</td>
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<td>15. Respiratory Therapy</td>
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<td>17. Other (specify)</td>
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<td>18. Other (specify)</td>
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SECTION C INSTRUCTIONS: INPATIENT NURSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS AND PERSONNEL

PART 1
1. Report or estimate inpatient nursing unit characteristics (number of beds, and patient census), for the last 24 hour day.
2. Enter a zero (0) in the appropriate spaces when this hospital does not have a specified type of nursing unit.
3. EXCLUDE the emergency room, operating (survery) room, and recovery room from any information reported.
4. Include data for inpatient nursing units in your entire hospital and all parts, components, institutions, etc., unless otherwise specified. Exclude any component or inpatient nursing unit having its own separate discharge procedures.

PART 2 - Assigning Personnel to Nursing Units:
A. Report employees in one of the following units ONLY if they work in one specific unit for at least 75% of their working time.
   - Unit 1 - Intensive care and/or coronary care unit
   - Unit 2 - General medical and/or surgical unit
   - Unit 3 - Extended care and/or self-care unit
   - Unit 4 - Other inpatient bed unit

B. Report ALL OTHER nursing unit personnel, who work in more than one unit of the same or of a different type, in the last category. Such personnel are assigned to units as needed (e.g., to meet shortages caused by regular staff who do not report to work or, because of an overload of patients not requiring a particular type of care). 

DEFINITION OF NURSING UNITS:
Unit 1 - Intensive care and/or coronary care units - A special unit in which patients are concentrated by reason of serious illness, with or without regard to diagnosis. Special lifesaving techniques and equipment immediately available and patients are under continuous observation by nursing staff. Include burn care and respiratory acute care units.
Unit 2 - General medical/surgical units - Inpatient adult bed units established primarily for nursing care of patients in an acute phase of illness.
Unit 3 - Extended care and/or self-care units - Inpatient adult bed units established solely for patients not in an acute phase of illness but who require primary convalescent or restorative care or who are ambulatory but must remain hospitalized. Include long-term psychiatric units. Alternate unit titles: Ambulatory care, domiciliary, long-term care, nursing home care.
Unit 4 - Other inpatient bed units - Units providing inpatient bed care but not classified in categories above.
Examples of units to include:
   - Alcoholism
   - Chronic Disease
   - Drug Addiction
   - Obstetric
   - Pediatric
   - Tuberculosis
   - Maternity
   - Psychiatric (short-term)
   - Rehabilitation
   - Renal dialysis

DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS USED TO DESCRIBE INPATIENT NURSING UNIT PERSONNEL
1. Clinical specialist (RN) - Expert nurse clinician with particular knowledge, skill and competence in a specialized area of nursing who serves as consultant to nurses in specific practice areas independent of administrative nurse direction, and/or provides direct specialized care to patients.
2. Head nurse or assistant head nurse (RN) - Directs and supervises nursing service for only one inpatient care unit. Include RNs whose duties are regularly those of a charge nurse.
3. Supervisor or assistant supervisor (RN) - Directs and supervises nursing service for two or more inpatient care units of the same type or different types.
4. Staff nurse (RN) - Responsible for the direct and indirect total nursing care of patients. Include general duty and team leaders.
5. Other RN personnel - Other RNs who are assigned patient care duties, not identified elsewhere in the unit (Unit 1, 2, 3, or 4). Please specify job titles of such RNs.
6. Supervisor and/or assistant supervisor (Non-RN) - Personnel who are not RNs but direct and supervise nursing personnel for two or more inpatient care units of the same type or different types.
7. Other nursing unit personnel - Personnel not included elsewhere who regularly work in an inpatient nursing unit (e.g., may include nursing or medical technicians, registered nurses, coroaey care technicians and other personnel regular working in an inpatient nursing unit). Please specify the occupations of such personnel.
8. Float personnel - Personnel who are not assigned to one specific nursing unit, but are assigned to units of the same or different types as needed.

For definitions of RN (07.01), LPN or LVN (07.04), Ward Clerk (07.05) and Nursing Aide, Orderly, or Attendant (07.06), see Glossary of Occupational Definitions.
### PART 1. INPATIENT NURSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS

For each of the different types of units, record the total number of units, number of beds, patient census last 24 hours, and average length of stay in the units. (If none, enter "0").

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<tr>
<th>TYPE OF INPATIENT NURSING UNIT</th>
<th>NUMBER OF UNITS</th>
<th>NUMBER OF BEDS</th>
<th>PATIENT CENSUS</th>
<th>AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY</th>
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<td>Unit 1. Intensive care and/or coronary care unit</td>
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<td>52-65</td>
<td>84-89</td>
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<td>Unit 2. General medical/surgical unit</td>
<td>75-78</td>
<td>77-80</td>
<td>81-84</td>
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<td>Unit 3. Extended care or self-care unit</td>
<td>90-91</td>
<td>92-95</td>
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<td>Unit 4. Other inpatient bed units (Specify below)</td>
<td>108-109</td>
<td>107-110</td>
<td>111-114</td>
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Please list the functional categories (types) of the nursing units you included in Unit 4:

### PART 2. NUMBER OF INPATIENT NURSING UNIT EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL

Count each employee only once according to the function performed for the largest amount of time. EXCLUDE all personnel whose PRIMARY FUNCTION is other than PATIENT CARE (e.g., research, administration, training, etc.).

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<th>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</th>
<th>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ON HOSPITAL'S PAYROLL ASSIGNED TO:</th>
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<td>FULL-TIME</td>
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<td>Assisted Nurses, Total</td>
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<td>Other RN's</td>
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<td>Licensed Practical or Vocational Nurse</td>
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<td>Nurse's Aides, Ordinaries, and Attendants</td>
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<td>Ward Clerks</td>
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<td>Non-RN Supervisor or Asst. Supervisor</td>
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<td>Other Nursing Unit Personnel</td>
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SECTION D - CHANGES IN HOSPITAL SIZE

1. What is the total number of beds in this hospital at the present time (i.e., beds that are set up and staffed for use)?

2. Has the total number of employees on the payroll of this hospital changed more than ±10 percent since October 1976?

   ☐ Yes  ☐ No

   If yes, approximately how many employees were added (or dropped)?

   a) Number of employees added __________________________
   b) Number of employees dropped __________________________

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE DATA PROVIDED ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

For each of the organizations listed below, please check either the "Yes" or "No" box to authorize release of data.

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<td>1) The American Hospital Association</td>
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<td>2) Your State Hospital Association</td>
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<td>3) The State Cooperative-Health Statistics System Agency</td>
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<td>4) The State Health Planning Agency and/or Health Systems Agency designated under Public Law 93-641</td>
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What was the approximate time required to complete this questionnaire? _____________________________________________

If questions should arise concerning responses to this questionnaire, whom should we contact?

NAME: ____________________________________________

TITLE: ____________________________________________

TELEPHONE: _______________________________________

Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope enclosed. Thank you for your cooperation.
REPORT ON OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR PHYSICIANS', DENTISTS', SURGEONS', OSTEOPATHS', AND CHIROPRACTORS' OFFICES

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION: If this industry description is inappropriate for your establishment, e.g., if it does not generally include your unit's major products or services, please describe the correct one below. (e.g., Manufacturing Women's Shoes, Research Labs, Radio and TV Receivers, etc.)

REPORTING UNIT: Complete this report for your company or division (reporting unit) identified on the mailing label below. The physical location has been printed in the lower left portion of the label and your estimate of its total employment is in the lower right corner of the label. (Multi-unit employers may receive questionnaire forms for more than one reporting unit.)

REPORTING PERIOD: Report information for a payroll period that includes June 12, 1975. If, because of unusual operational problems (e.g., work stoppages, temporary layoff's), this period is not typical, please report for the pay period in which operations most closely approximate the normal and indicate the period selected.

PART 1 PLEASE COMPLETE THESE FIVE ITEMS:

A. EIN TOTAL EMPLOYMENT:

Enter the total employment, as defined in the questionnaire, of the reporting unit shown on the address label. This figure should equal the sum of all employment reported by or on the page which follows (transmit both the last page of this report).

B. TYPE OF OWNERSHIP: Please check one of the following:

(1) Corporation
(2) Partnership
(3) Sole Proprietorship
(4) Other (explain)

C. STATUS OF ACTIVITY: If the reporting unit did not operate under your management during the reporting period, please check the appropriate block below:

(1) This unit has been sold or merged. New name and address:

(2) This unit is out of business

(3) This unit is in business

D. ADDITIONAL UNIT STATUS: If the reporting unit is primarily engaged in performing services for other units of your company, please check the one block below that best describes the service performed:

(1) Central administrative office
(2) Research, development, or testing
(3) Storage (warehouses)
(4) Other (specify, e.g., powerplant)

E. If questions arise concerning your report, whom should we contact?

Name:
Title:
Company:
State:
Telephone:
Please review the following instructions and occupational list. If you have any questions regarding the reporting unit reported or if the occupational list seems totally incompatible with your work force, please telephone the number indicated in the attached letter.

1. Enter Unit Total Employment on page one (Part I, Item A) and employment by occupation on the following pages. Unit Total Employment and the sum of the employees reported should be the same.

UNIT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

Includes: Full or part-time paid workers. Workers on paid vacation or other types of leave. Workers on unpaid short-term absences (i.e., illness, bad weather, temporary layoff, jury duty). Salaried officers, executives and staff of incorporated firms. Employees temporarily assigned to other units. Employees for whom this unit is their permanent (home) duty station, regardless of whether this unit prepares their paycheck.

Excludes: Proprietors, owners and partners of unincorporated firms. Unpaid family workers. Workers on extended leave (i.e., pensioners and members of the armed forces).

2. Parts II and III. Report the appropriate employees in the listed occupations in Part II. Then complete Part III by writing a descriptive job title, the main duties, and the corresponding number of employees for all occupations not reported in Part II.

Report an employee only once. If job duties cover more than one occupation listed, show the employee in the occupation which you believe requires the highest level of skill.

Report employees in the occupation in which they are working, not in an occupation for which they may have been trained, if that is different. For example, an employee trained as an Engineer but working as a Draftsman, should be reported as a Draftsman.

Report working foremen (those spending 20% or more of their time at work similar to that performed by workers under their supervision) in the occupations which are most closely related to their work duties.

Report part-time workers, learners, and apprentices in the occupation in which they ordinarily perform their work.

Report in Part III those skilled trade helpers and semiskilled worker helpers not separately listed in Part II.

Report Apprentices in the occupation's Total column (3) as well as the Apprentice column (4). If you have no apprentices, ignore this column. Apprentices are defined as follows: Workers who learn, according to a written or oral contractual agreement, a recognized skilled craft or trade requiring more than two (2) years of on-the-job training through job experience supplemented by related instruction, prior to the time that they may be considered qualified workers. Helpers and learners should be excluded from column (4).

3. Add all column (1) entries and record the grand total of all employees at the end of the report. This figure should also be shown as Unit Total Employment on page one (Part I, Item A).

4. Transcribe your employment, by occupation, onto the enclosed duplicate report to maintain a record for your files; then mail the labeled report in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

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**Employment by Occupation**

Column (3) - Enter the TOTAL number of workers you employ in each of the listed occupations.

Column (4) - Enter the number of APPRENTICES already reported in column (3). See Definition page 2.

### Part II

**Note:** The following is an abbreviated list of occupations in your industry. If you have different or additional occupations, please list them in Part III.

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<th>Occupational Code (1)</th>
<th>Total (3)</th>
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<td>MANAGERS AND OFFICERS INC.-CORPORATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT MANAGERS, FOOD AND DRUG INSPECTORS, INSURANCE DIRECTOR, SANITARIAN, HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR, DIRECTOR OF NURSES, BUSINESS DIRECTOR, LABORATORY DIRECTOR, OFFICE MANAGER, SALES MANAGER, ETC.; EXCLUDE OWNERS AND PARTNERS OF UNINCORPORATED Firms;</td>
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<td>PHYSICIOAN AND OR SURGEON AND ANESTHESIOLOGIST, GENERAL PRACTITIONER, Gynecologist, Obstetrician, Optometrist, Pathologist, Pediatrician, Psychiatrist, Radiologist, Orthopedist, ETC.; EXCLUDE OWNERS AND PARTNERS OF UNINCORPORATED Firms; a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy; may specialize in surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, etc.</td>
<td>25469</td>
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<td>PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT (PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, SPECIALIST, ETC.); All physicians delegated functions by the area of primary care including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, and emergency medicine, or functions in specific areas of patient care, such as oncology, pediatrics, and orthopedics.</td>
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<td>MEDICAL ASSISTANT; Functions similar to those under the direction of physicians in examination and treatment of patients. Prepare treatment rooms, supply instruments, and equipment for patients as directed.</td>
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<td>DENTISTS (DENTAL SURGEON, ORTHODONTIST, PERIODONTIST, ORAL SURGEON, ETC.); Diagnose, treat, or correct defects, disease, injuries, and deformities of teeth and related structures, both the natural portion of the teeth and their supporting structures.</td>
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<td>DENTAL HYGIENIST (ORAL HYGIENIST, PROTHETIC FUNCTION); ETC.); Perform dental prophylactic treatments and instructs patients in care of teeth and gums.</td>
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<td>DENTAL ASSISTANT: Assist dentist in chair, set up patient and equipment, keep records and related duties as required.</td>
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<td>CHIROPRACTOR (CHIROPRACTIC, ETC.); Adjusts spinal column and other articulations of the body to prevent or correct abnormalities of the human body believed to be caused by interference with nervous system.</td>
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<td>NURSES, PROFESSIONAL (NURSES, REGISTERED, NURSES, CLINIC, ETC.; EXCLUDE PRACTICAL NURSE AND NURSE SUPERVISOR); Administer necessary care to patient's health. Include administrative and instructing nurse, public health, industrial, private duty and surgical nurse. Licensing or registration is required.</td>
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REPORT OF OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL LABORATORIES

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION: If this Industry Description is not appropriate for your establishment, i.e., if it does not generally include your plant's major products or services, please describe the extent and nature of other activities (e.g., Manufacturing Women's Garments, Research, Lab Radio and X-Ray, Reception, etc.)

REPORTING DATE: Complete this report for your company for the reporting period identified on the mailing label below. In physical location has been printed in the lower right corner of the label. (Mailing addresses are subject to change, to indicate the period selected.)

REPORTING PERIOD: Report information for a payroll period that includes June 12, 1975. If the payroll period is not typical, please report for the payroll period in which operations most closely approximate the normal and indicate the period selected.

PART I: PLEASE COMPLETE THESE FIVE ITEMS:

A. UNIT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT: (9,999)

B. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: (Please check one of the following)

[ ] Corporation
[ ] Partnership
[ ] Sole Proprietorship
[ ] Other

C. MAJOR ACTIVITY: If the Reporting Unit did not operate under your management during the reporting period, please check the appropriate block below.

[ ] For not reported due to non-manufacturing operations

D. ADDITIONAL UNITS: Make Report, that in part, engaged in primary non-manufacturing activities of your company, please check the appropriate block below.

[ ] Central administrative office
[ ] Research, development, or testing
[ ] Storage (Facilities)
[ ] Other

E. If question not answered on report, which should be included?

Name:
Please review the following instructions and occupational list. If you have any questions regarding the reporting unit and requested or if the occupational list seems totally incompatible with your work please telephone the number indicated on the attached letter.

1. Enter Unit Total Employment, tag pages (Part I, Item H) and employment by occupation on this following page. Enter Total Employment and the unit at the employees reported should be the same.

UNIT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Includes: Full or part-time paid workers. Workers on paid vacations or other types of paid leave, unemployment insurance, welfare, temporary layoff, jury duty), Salaries, regular (permanent) and part-time employees temporarily assigned to other units, Employees for whom this unit is their permanent home, casual workers, regardless of whether this unit prepares their paycheck.

Excludes: Proprietors, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, Employees family workers, Workers on extended leave (i.e., prisoners and members of the armed forces).

2. Parts II and III: Report the appropriate employees at the listed occupations in Part II. Then Complete Part III by writing a descriptive job title, the name, and the corresponding number of employees for all occupations reported in Part II.

Report one name only once. If two names cover more than one occupational unit, show the employee in the occupation which you believe requires the highest level of skill.

Report employees in the occupation in which they are working, not in an occupation for which they may have been trained, if different. For example, an employee trained as an Engineer but working as a Draftsman, should be reported as a Draftsman.

Report working foremen (those spending 50% or more of their time at work in an occupation similar to that performed by workers under their supervision) in the occupations which are most closely related to their work duties.

Report part-time workers, trainees, and apprentices in the occupation in which they are primarily performing their work.

Report in Part III those skilled trade helpers and semiskilled worker helpers not separately listed in Part II.

Report Apprentices in the occupation's Total column (3) as well as the Apprentice column (4). If you have no apprentices, ignore this column. Apprentices are defined as those workers who learn, according to a written or oral contract or agreement, a recognized skilled craft or trade requiring at least 2 (two) years of on-the-job training through job experience supplemented by related training, plus the time that it may be considered qualified workers. Helpers and learners should be excluded from column (4).

3. Add all column (3) entries and record the total of all employees at the end of the report. This figure should also be shown as Unit Total Employment on page 1 (Part I, Item A).

4. Transcribe your employment by occupation, onto the enclosed duplicate report to maintain a record for your files; then mail the labeled report in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.
**EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION**

Column (2) - Enter the TOTAL number of workers you employ in each of the given occupations.

Column (4) - Enter the number of APPRENTICES already reported in column (3). See Definition page 2.

**PART II**

**Occupations:**

- NOTE: The following is an abbreviated list of occupations in your industry. If you have different occupational categories, please list them in Part III.

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REPORT ON OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT FOR SANATORIA, CONVALESCENT HOMES, AND OTHER SELECTED HEALTH & ALLIED SERVICES

INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION: If this industry description is inappropriate for your establishment, i.e., if it does not fully include your unit's major product or service, please describe the correct one below (e.g., Manufacturing, Wholesale Shoes, Research Lab, Radio and TV, Recorders, etc.)

REPORTING UNIT: Complete this report for your company's operation (reporting unit) as defined on the mailing label below. If your business operates at more than one location, please check all locations on the label. In the lower left corner of the label, indicate the location (e.g., branch offices, branch offices included) of your reporting unit.

REPORTING PERIOD: Report information for the pay period that includes June 12, 1973. If, because of unusual operating problems (e.g., work stoppages, strikes), this period is not typical, please report for the pay period in which operations most closely approximate the period selected.

PART I - COMPLETE THESE FIVE ITEMS:

A. UNIT IDENTITY:

B. TYPE OF OWNERSHIP:

C. STATUS OF ACTIVITY:

D. AUXILIARY UNIT STATUS:

E. If questions arise concerning your report, whom should we contact?
REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS

Please review the following instructions and occupational list. If you have any questions regarding the reporting unit requested or if the occupational classification is totally incompatible with your work force, please write the reason indicated in the attached letter.

1. Enter Unit Total Employment on page one (Part I Item A) and employment by occupation on the following pages. Unit Total Employment and the unit of the employees reported should be the same.

UNIT TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

Includes: Full or part-time paid workers, Workers on paid vacation, in other types of leave, Workers on unpaid sick leave, Workers in armed forces, Employers temporarily assigned to other units, Employees for whom this unit is the permanent (home) duty station, regardless of whether they are paid by other units.

Excludes: Proprietors, owners and partners of unincorporated firms, Unpaid family workers, Workers on extended leave (i.e., pensioners and members of the armed forces).

2. Part II and III: Report the appropriate employees at the lowest occupation in Part II. Then complete Part III by writing a descriptive title, the main duties, and the corresponding number of employees for all occupations not reported in Part II.

Report an employee only once. If job duties cover more than one occupation listed, show the employee in the occupation which you believe requires the highest level of skill.

Report employees in the occupation in which they are working, not in an occupation for which they may have been trained, if that is different. For example, an employee trained as an Engineer but working as a Drafter, should be reported as a Drafter.

Report working foremen (those spending 20% or more of their time at work similar to those performed by workers under their supervision) in the occupations which are most closely related to their work duties.

Report part-time workers, learners, and apprentices in the occupation in which they ordinarily perform their work.

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Report Apprentices in the occupation's Total column (1) as well as the Apprentice column (4). If you have no apprentices, ignore this column. Apprentices are defined as follows: Workers who learn, according to a written or oral contractual agreement, a recognized skilled craft or trade requiring more than two (2) years of on-the-job training through job experience supplemented by related instructions, prior to the time that they may be considered qualified workers. Helpers and learners should be excluded from column (4).

Add all column (1) entries and record the grand total of all employees at the end of the report. This figure should also be shown as Unit Total Employment on page 1 (Part I, Item A).

4. Transcribe your employment, by occupation, onto the enclosed duplicate report to maintain a record for your files; then mail the labeled report in the enclosed postage paid envelope.
## EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

Column (1) - Enter the TOTAL number of workers you employ in each of the listed occupations.

Column (4) - Enter the number of APPRENTICES already reported in column (3). See Definition page 2.

### PART II

**NOTE:** The following is an abbreviated list of occupations in your industry. If you have different or additional occupations, please list them in Part II.

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### MANAGERS AND OFFICERS INCLUDE CORPORATE OFFICERS, DISTRICT MANAGERS, FOOD AND DRUG INSPECTOR, IN SERVICE DIRECTOR, SANITARIES, NURSES, NURSES, BUSHES, BUSINESS DIRECTOR, LABORATORY DIRECTOR, OFFICE MANAGER, SAFETY MANAGER, ETC. EXCEPT OWNERS AND PARTNERS OF UNINCORPORATED FIRMS. Include persons occupied with policy making, planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling activities that are common to many types of organizations, usually through subordinate supervisors who directly supervise the activities of the company's establishment. Also include persons responsible for the operation of an enterprise or establishment (usually small). Also include persons responsible for the operation of an enterprise or establishment (usually small).

### PHYSICIAN AND SURGONS, SURGON, GYNECOLOGIST, OBSTETRICIAN, OPHTHALMOLOGIST, PATIENT, PATHOLOGIST, PSYCHOLOGIST, PSYCHIATRIST, PATHOLOGIST, ORTHOPEDIC, ETC. EXCEPT OWNERS AND PARTNERS OF UNINCORPORATED FIRMS. Include all medical and surgical disorders. May specialize in surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, etc.

### DENTAL SURGON, ORTHODONTIST, PROSTHETIST, ORAL PATHOLOGIST, DENTAL SURGON, ETC. Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, ailments, and physical problems that affect the mouth, teeth, and related structures of the face.

### NURSE, PROFESSIONAL NURSE, REGISTERED NURSE, CLINICAL NURSE, NURSE, CLINICAL, ETC. NURSE AND NURSE SUPERVISOR. Administer treatments to ill patients. Include all medical and surgical disorders. May specialize in surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, etc.

### THERAPEUTIC, VOCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, NURSE. Care for ill, injured, convalescent, and handicapped persons in hospitals, clinics, and institutions.

### NURSE AND ORDERLY, HOSPITAL ATTENDANT, NURSE ATTENDANT, ETC. Assist in care of patients under direction of nursing staff. Include all medical and surgical disorders. May specialize in surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, etc.

### THERAPIST, PHYSIOTHERAPIST, PHYSICAL THERAPIST. Includes all medical and surgical disorders. May specialize in surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, etc.

### THERAPIST, PHYSICIAN, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, THERAPIST, PHYSICIAN, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, ETC. Includes all medical and surgical disorders. May specialize in surgery, obstetrics, psychiatry, etc.

### MANAGER, INSTRUCTOR, AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL THERAPIST. Directs and supervises educational and recreational programs in hospitals for medical institutions to establish 20 patients who are physically or mentally ill.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST. Plans, organizes, and directs medically oriented arts, music, or recreational programs in hospitals for medical institutions to establish 20 patients who are physically or mentally ill.

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### PHYSICIAN, DENTAL, OPTOMETRIST, MEDICAL, OPTOMETRIST, DENTAL, ETC. Diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, ailments, and physical problems that affect the mouth, teeth, and related structures of the face.

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Appendix III

Tracking Model Documentation
TO: Presidents, New Jersey Public and Independent Colleges and Universities

FROM: James M. Ross
Vice Chancellor

SUBJECT: The Placement of Career Program Graduates (NJ DHE Survey #76-12)

The college experience has been described as a focal point for the expectations of individuals, parents, and society. These expectations include the cultivation of intellectual refinement, responsible citizenship, and career-oriented abilities that are socially useful.

Although not of singular importance, the ability of college graduates to find jobs in the fields of their choice is an indication of how well these expectations are being fulfilled. This is especially true for graduates of career, professional, and occupational programs where the link between academic preparation and employment is clear.

Information that describes the placement of graduates has great potential benefit for:

-- Students planning careers. Increasingly, students and their parents are demanding information about job opportunities available to graduates. The provision of placement data may be a step toward increasing the trust between institutions and their constituents.

-- Institutions involved in the reallocation of career program resources. Higher Education's fiscal environment no longer permits change by accretion. Rather, institutions are seeking a rational basis for the distribution of funds. Placement data are one input to the development and evaluation of career and professional programs.

-- Agents of the public. It is important to respond to the concerns of legislators and voters regarding the impact of career programs on students and society by knowing how graduates fare in the employment market.
At present, many institutions in New Jersey conduct studies of the placement of their graduates. In some cases, however, institutional and state-level planning is still only by inference from isolated and exceptional cases. Hence, a need arises for an accurate and comprehensive statewide view of the placement of graduates.

Before responding to this need, the Department of Higher Education would first like to determine the status of the current placement efforts at the institutions. To that purpose we have prepared a brief questionnaire that does not seek new data but rather asks what placement studies are presently performed by your institution. This information, together with copies of the placement reports that you have published in the last three years, will help us to determine what additional efforts would be necessary, if any, to develop a state-level picture of the placement of career program graduates from New Jersey colleges.

Once institutional placement study efforts have been described, a statewide Placement Study Task Force will meet to discuss the need to implement late this year or early next a study of the placement of the previous year's graduates. It is hoped that such a study can draw on the existing follow-up practices at the institutions. At colleges with no formal follow-up procedures, the Task Force will assist in the development of an appropriate research methodology and a survey instrument.

The results of this survey of institutional placement activities will be incorporated with the findings of the current survey of ROF graduates to serve as a keystone in the assessment of a need for a broader placement study. Hence, I would appreciate your completing the form and returning it to the Office of Research by May 21, 1976.

I look forward to your support of this cooperative effort. If you have any questions, please call me or contact Dr. Adolph Katz, Director, Office of Research, at (609) 292-4058.

Attachment
New Jersey Department of Higher Education
Office of Research

CURRENT PLACEMENT STUDY PROCEDURES

Institution: ________________________________

Respondent's Name: ________________________

Title: ______________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________

The purpose of this brief questionnaire is to explore and describe institutional efforts to study the placement of graduates, and to evaluate the need for a comprehensive study of the placement of career, occupational, and professional program graduates. The questionnaire should take only a few minutes to complete.

I. Current Placement Study Efforts

A. Do you survey the pre-graduation employment plans of first-time graduates? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If so, at what intervals? ____________________________
   (e.g., annually, triennially, etc.)

B. Do you survey students after graduation? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If so, at what intervals? ____________________________
   (e.g., six months, and three years)

C. Do you survey employers who have hired your graduates? (About job titles, salary, job performances, etc.) Yes [ ] No [ ]
   If so, how often? ________________________________

D. Are placement data aggregated by:
   Major program? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   Sex? Yes [ ] No [ ]
   Racial/ethnic background? Yes [ ] No [ ]

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E. How are placement reports and/or follow-up studies used?

Feedback to students? Yes ☐ No ☐
Institutional planning? Yes ☐ No ☐
Other? Yes ☐ No ☐

F. Which office and/or individual is responsible for placement surveys at your institution?

We would appreciate receiving copies of your latest placement reports to assist us in compiling a preliminary statewide report.

II. Planning for Future Placement Studies

A. Should the need exist, the Department of Higher Education plans to launch a placement study late this year or early next year. The details of this closer look will be developed in conjunction with a statewide advisory committee. In advance, however, it is important to ensure that information on June 1976 graduates is complete.

1. Do you have a mailing address where students can be reached after graduation? Yes ☐ No ☐
If not, what plans do you have to obtain current addresses?

2. Do you have accurate information on graduates' racial/ethnic backgrounds? Yes ☐ No ☐
If not, what plans do you have to obtain racial/ethnic data prior to graduation?

B. Please indicate the name, title, and telephone number of an individual who will represent your institution at discussions about the placement of graduates:

Please return completed questionnaire by Friday, May 21, 1976, to:

Howard F. Miller
Office of Research
New Jersey Department of Higher Education
225 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Institutional studies of postgraduation activity in New Jersey are common. All public institutions (with the exception of Rutgers, New Brunswick, and two County Colleges, Passaic and Salem) conduct some kind of routine survey of postgraduation activities. Tables I, II, and III report the extent to which institutions survey their graduates.

The intervals at which institutional surveys are conducted were considered important in assessing the utility of institutional placement data in the construction of a statewide view. It is apparent from Table IV that institutions survey their students at widely varying intervals. Placement rates obtained from polling graduates three months after graduation will differ from the rates of surveys conducted after six months or a year. Table IV illustrates that among the county colleges, at least ten separate survey administration intervals exist. Whereas this finding in no way impugns institutional efforts to develop baseline placement data for good internal use, the comparative value of these data at the state level would be misleading.

In the event that one were to correct somehow for variations in survey administration time, another limitation would persist—i.e., the extent to which institutions validate their responses by sampling non-respondents. The following quotation is an all too rare example of an institution that addressed the matter of response validation in its report: "The degree to which this sample of returns does produce a response bias, however, is not known." Without some assurance that this crucial step in the survey method has been taken, or at least that response rates are acceptably high, the results remain open to question.

In several cases, institutions have not displayed placement rates side by side with numbers of students graduated in each field. Hence, a simple tabulation of numbers of graduates who attained jobs creates the illusion that the program has experienced a degree of success. Another limitation is the lack of aggregated data by sex and racial/ethnic background. As state-level agencies assess the role of higher education institutions as a social force, these data assume greater importance. The Department of Higher Education's survey of present practices revealed that only one state college, two independent colleges, and two county colleges aggregated their placement data by racial/ethnic background. When asked whether institutions kept accurate information about racial/ethnic background of graduates, responses were largely negative (See Table V).

The survey indicates further that placement studies are conducted by a variety of internal institutional offices (Table VI). For example, five separate county college offices may be responsible for postgraduation studies among the seventeen institutions. Whereas this is certainly not an impediment to obtaining an institutional view, such studies, when aggregated, are likely to yield varied information of the kind that each initiating office deems important.
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(1) No pre-graduation survey for elementary education majors—only liberal arts majors.

(2) Employers of elementary education graduates are surveyed; employers of liberal arts graduates are not.
### Table IV

**Variation in the Survey Interval Among Institutions Conducting Follow-Up Studies**

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<td>7. At three, six, and nine month intervals after graduation</td>
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Aggregation of Placement Data by Major Program, Sex, and Racial/Ethnic Background

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### Table VI

**Which Institutional Office is Responsible for Placement Studies?**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents, New Jersey Colleges and Universities
FROM: Chancellor Ralph A. Dungan
SUBJECT: Proposed Study of the Postgraduation Activities of New Jersey College and University Students

February 24, 1977

The widespread problems encountered by college graduates entering the job market and the need to develop measures of performance outcomes have focused public attention on the economic advantages of the college degree and, more generally, on questions about the benefit of a college education. Although the educational community has been able to reply to many of these questions from a philosophical point of view, our responses will have greater impact if supported by systemwide data about the post-college pursuits of our graduates.

In order to provide career information that will both benefit the counseling of students and improve New Jersey higher education, I ask your cooperation in initiating a study of the postgraduation activities of our college students. The attached proposal describes a longitudinal study of graduates of New Jersey public and independent colleges and universities. To facilitate this effort, the development costs will be borne by the Department of Higher Education. In addition, we will also support the follow-up of Spring 1976 graduates four years later. Your involvement will be requested only to furnish address labels for your Spring 1976 graduates and, of course, to provide thoughtful input to the study.

Last year, the Department surveyed institutional efforts to describe the activities of their graduates. The results of this survey are presented as Appendix 3 of the attached proposal. At that time you appointed a liaison person to represent your institution in discussions about the study and its implementation. In order that we may mail the first round of questionnaires by May 1977, a member of my staff
February 24, 1977

will be contacting your designated representative to coordinate the details of the project.

I look forward to your cooperation in this important study. Please transmit your comments and suggestions either directly to me or to Howard Miller, Assistant Director, Office of Research: (609) 292-4057.

Attachment
STUDY OF POSTGRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Overview

1. The Problem

The job plight of college graduates has raised questions about the value of a college education. Increasingly, representatives of colleges and state-level coordinating agencies have been asked to provide specific information about the entry of graduates into both the job market and the ranks of those seeking further schooling. Unfortunately, we have been less than adequately prepared to answer their questions.

2. The Purpose

The purposes of this study are: (1) to provide information for students, counselors, and educational planners about the careers pursued by college graduates, and (2) to improve educational services for New Jersey college students. To these ends, the Department of Higher Education proposes a biennial survey of the postgraduation activities of associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degree graduates of New Jersey colleges, commencing with the graduates of Spring 1976.

3. Questions for Research

Among the questions that will be addressed in the study are the following: Of the graduates at each degree level and institution, what percentages are employed and what percentages seek additional schooling? Of those employed, how many are working in their field of preparation? How do graduates perceive the contribution of their educational preparation to their employment or further schooling? Are there differences in postgraduation activity by race, sex, program, institution, and geographic sector?

4. Scope and Method

Every other year, a sample of the Spring graduates of New Jersey public and independent institutions will be surveyed one year and four years after graduation.

5. Implementation

The first administration of the survey will occur in Spring 1977 with questionnaires mailed to Spring 1976 graduates.
STATEWIDE STUDY OF POSTGRADUATION ACTIVITIES OF NEW JERSEY COLLEGE STUDENTS

A Proposal

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Problem

It is known widely that college graduates in many fields are having difficulty finding suitable employment. The state of the economy, the number of young people in the population, the share of that number holding advanced degrees, and the improved eligibility of women and minorities for equal positions in the labor force indicate that the pressures to find a job undoubtedly will intensify. At the same time, college students, institutional planners, and state-level policy makers nationwide have had little access to information about the postgraduation experiences of college students.

As a result, institutions and state coordinating agencies (notably Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee) have begun to follow more actively the career development of students and the fulfillment of their expectations after graduation. While there are limitations to the use of graduate activity information in the planning of careers and in the measure of educational effectiveness, these data are seen as an important contribution to an understanding of the outcomes of higher education.  

B. Purpose of the Study

In order to provide systemwide career data for students and counselors, and to furnish information that will improve institutional and state-level planning and evaluation, the Department of Higher Education proposes a biennial study of the postgraduation activities of recipients of associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees in New Jersey, to commence with a survey of Spring 1976 graduates. The results of the study will serve specifically the needs of the following clientele:

1. Students and Career Counselors. Individual career decisions are enhanced when students have access to better career information. It is believed also that college students ought to know about their

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2For an additional comment on the relationship between college and employment, see Appendix A, page 6.
prospects for finding a job at the end of the line. As such, Barton (1975), among others, has charged institutions with the responsibility for helping students adjust their expectations to "the dimensions of current reality" (p. 280).  

2. **Institutional Planners.** Faculty and administrators involved in the evaluation of programs (particularly in the career, occupational, and professional fields) and in the allocation of scarce resources need information about what happens to their graduates. This study, to be conducted at no cost to participating institutions, is seen as a step toward guiding the establishment of institutional priorities in the late seventies and eighties.

3. **State-level Planners.** Policy makers are looking to placement information as one indicator of the match between the output of educated manpower and their absorption into both the labor force and the ranks of those seeking further schooling. However complex the issue, the results of this study will be viewed as a responsible answer to public and institutional concern about the impact of college on students and society.

The study is expected to address these more specific questions:

**Characteristics of Graduates** - What are the characteristics of graduates at each institution and degree level in terms of sex, age, and racial/ethnic background?

**Career Alternatives** - Of those graduates at each degree level, what percentage continues to additional schooling and where, what percentage enters employment in what fields and where, and what percentage, if any, is neither employed nor in school, and why?

**Employment** - Of those seeking and entering employment, what percentage is satisfied with their employment conditions? How many graduates are working in their field of preparation, and how many are working out of their field, and why? How satisfied are graduates with the preparation they received for work?

**Education** - What percentage of graduates at various degree levels go on to further study, and where? How do graduates evaluate the contribution of their former educational preparation to their current educational activity?

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C. Need for a State-level View

It has been suggested that a comprehensive picture of post-graduation activity in New Jersey can be assembled from existing institutional reports on the subject. Before recommending a large state-level effort, the Department of Higher Education surveyed the current placement study activities among New Jersey institutions. It was believed that a finding of consistency in both method and procedure, at least across institutional sectors, would obviate the need for a similar initiative by the Department. As part of the survey, copies of the latest institutional placement reports were reviewed.

It was found that many institutions have mounted postgraduation activities studies of great local utility. Nevertheless, the use of widely differing survey intervals and procedures, the frequent absence of a validation of respondent samples, and the lack of information about the sex and racial/ethnic background of graduates precludes an aggregation of institutional data.5

II. RESEARCH METHOD

A. Design and Procedures

It is proposed, therefore, that every other year the Department of Higher Education survey a sample of Spring graduates with associate, baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional degrees from New Jersey public and private institutions. The study will be longitudinal in nature with the first follow-up conducted approximately one year after graduation, and the second occurring four years later. The initial target population will be the Spring 1976 graduates, who will be surveyed in Spring 1977.

Because of the breadth of the study, vigorous efforts to increase student response rates and to validate the representativeness of the responses will be necessary. To this end, two questionnaire mailings and a postcard reminder are planned. A telephone survey of non-respondents will be used to enhance validity.

B. The Survey Instrument

A preliminary version of the survey instrument is presented in Appendix C, page 15. The questionnaire will be revised by an advisory committee, comprising representatives of each institutional sector, in order to reflect the needs of colleges.

5For more detailed results of the DHE survey, see Appendix B, page 7. See also Williams, W.G., and Snyder, F.A. Follow-Up Studies of Former Occupational-Technical Students at County Colleges." Richmond: Virginia Department of Community Colleges, 1974. In this study, the authors state that less than half of Virginia's community colleges conducted formal studies resulting in written reports.
In addition, procedures will be established to aid the respondents and the participating institutions. The survey instrument will be reduced to a manageable size, with the return address visible. Respondents need only tape the edges and place the completed questionnaire in the mail. The anonymity of respondents will be safeguarded by establishing two data tapes—one for personally identifiable information to be used as part of the follow-up four years hence, and one for the raw placement data. A separate vendor (possibly the New Jersey Educational Computer Network) will serve as the repository for completed questionnaires; no personally identifiable information will appear in the final report.

Expenses incurred in the design of the study, the printing and mailing of questionnaires, and the analysis of results will be borne by the Department of Higher Education. As a further benefit to institutional personnel, pertinent portions of the data tape will be available for closer study. Each institution will be called upon to make informed input to the design and implementation, and to provide mailing labels.

C. Schedule for Implementation

February 1977

(1) Final survey plans prepared and approved by participating DHE Office Directors.

(2) Proposal explaining the purposes and benefits of the study sent to college presidents and to their representatives to the Postgraduation Activities Study Advisory Group.

(3) Meeting held with Postgraduation Activities Study Advisory Group to discuss purposes and procedures. (See Appendix D, page 20, for list of names.)

March

(4) Survey instrument pretested and finalized.

(5) Data processing contract drafted.

(6) Address labels submitted by institutions to the DHE Office of Research.

April

(7) Survey instrument printed.
May/June
(8) First questionnaire mailing completed.
(9) First and second follow-up mailings completed.
(10) Returns edited, coded, and keypunched.
(11) Telephone follow-up of non-respondent sample conducted.

July
(12) Data analysis and preparation of output tables for institutions and the Department of Higher Education.
(13) Meeting of Postgraduation Activities Study Advisory Group to discuss survey results.

Fall 1977
(14) Preparation and dissemination of the final report.
The problem of constructing a comprehensive view of postgraduation activities is clouded by conflicting views of the collegiate role. On the one hand, there are those, of whom the most seasoned and articulate spokesman is Robert Maynard Hutchins, who view higher education institutions almost exclusively as cultivators of moral qualities, intellectual honesty, the love of truth, and the ability to think clearly. At the opposite end of the spectrum are those who perceive higher education solely as an avenue to a better job and a higher salary.

It would be difficult to argue that elements of both positions do not pervade the expectations of college students. Although the intent was not stated then in vocational terms, the American colonial college honored among its principal charges the development of competent rulers and a learned clergy. In the fifties and sixties, few colleges were observed to discourage the notion of higher education as an open road to social mobility, a better job, and a more gratifying investment of one's life effort. Whereas the strengths of the relationship between education and employment have and will continue to vary with each curriculum, the growth of both career-oriented programs at the community colleges and professional curricula at the four-year colleges and universities has tightened the link further.

Nonetheless, the preceding discussion deserves a brief comment on the use of placement data as an "outcome measure" of the educational process. The number or percentage of students finding employment in a given field may be viewed also as an outcome measure of the state of the economy, the job market within a given field, the talent of the individual in "playing" the employment market, the shifting of life-styles (i.e., the preference of many students to take some time off after graduation), the full range of the job-seeker's abilities, and others. Moreover, low employment rates in a given year may be the result of an overproduction of trained manpower several years earlier. It is possible, therefore, that a program or a college could be viewed negatively for having filled the local market with well-qualified graduates. Clearly, any evaluation of program quality that was made on the basis of employment data alone would be shortsighted.

In sum, we can measure job placement rates; but we cannot answer satisfactorily the question: Outcomes of what?
APPENDIX B

SURVEY OF CURRENT PLACEMENT STUDY PRACTICES
AT NEW JERSEY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Institutional studies of postgraduation activity in New Jersey are common. All public institutions (with the exception of Rutgers, New Brunswick, and two County Colleges—Passaic and Salem) conduct some kind of routine, survey of postgraduation activities. Tables I, II, and III report the extent to which institutions survey their graduates.*

The intervals at which institutional surveys are conducted were considered important in assessing the utility of institutional placement data in the construction of a statewide view. It is apparent from Table IV that institutions survey their students at widely varying intervals. Placement rates obtained from polling graduates three months after graduation will differ from the rates of surveys conducted after six months or a year. Table IV illustrates that among the county colleges, at least ten separate survey administration intervals exist. Whereas this finding in no way impugns institutional efforts to develop baseline placement data for 'good internal use' comparisons of these data at the state level would be misleading.

In the event that one were to correct somehow for variations in survey administration time, another limitation would persist—the extent to which institutions validate their findings by sampling non-respondents. The following quotation is an example of an institution that addressed the matter of response validation in its report: "The degree to which this sample of returns does produce a response bias, however, is not known." Without some assurance that this crucial step in the survey method has been taken, or at least that response rates are acceptably high, the results remain open to question.

In several cases, institutions have not displayed placement rates side by side with numbers of students graduated in each field. Hence, a simple tabulation of numbers of graduates who attained jobs creates the illusion that the program has experienced a degree of success. Another limitation is the lack of aggregated data by sex and racial/ethnic background. As state-level agencies assess the role of higher education, institutions as a social force, these data assume greater importance. The Department of Higher Education's survey of present practices revealed that only one state college, two independent colleges, and two county colleges aggregated their placement data by racial/ethnic background. When asked whether institutions kept accurate information about racial/ethnic backgrounds of graduates, responses were largely negative (See Table V).

The survey indicates further that placement studies are conducted by a variety of internal institutional offices (Table VI). For example, five different county college offices may be responsible for postgraduation studies among the seventeen institutions. Whereas this is certainly not an impediment to obtaining an institutional view, such studies, when aggregated, are likely to yield varied information of the kind that each initiating office deems important.

*Based on data obtained from New Jersey DHE Survey #76-12.
APPENDIX C

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POSTGRADUATION ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

PREAMBLE

As a recent graduate of a New Jersey college or university, you are in a good position to help us assess how well educational programs are serving the public.

We are asking you to devote 5 or 10 minutes to filling out this questionnaire. The form requires, for the most part, that you check the appropriate option for each question. If you prefer not to answer a question, please complete the other items.

When you have completed the questionnaire, fold the card so that only the New Jersey Educational Computer Network address is visible, secure it with the gummed label provided, and mail it as soon as possible. Postage is prepaid. Your name and address are requested to allow us to follow-up your responses three years later. Your identity will not be reflected in any reports or uses of the data, and all information will be kept confidential.

Please take this time to help us learn from your experience so that we can make New Jersey colleges and universities more effective in their service to students.
POSTGRADUATION ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

A. Precoded Items / / / / / / / (8) / / / / / / / (8) (8)

1. Institution ________________________________

2. Degree Received
   □ 1. Certificate
   □ 2. Diploma (Other than those listed below)
   □ 3. Associate Degree
   □ 4. Bachelor's Degree
   □ 5. Master's Degree
   □ 6. Professional Degree (Includes only dentistry, medicine, optometry, osteopathy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, law, and theology.)
   □ 8. Other (please specify)______________________________

3. Field of Study (Major) ____________________________
   (List provided)

4. Identification/Tracking Number / / / / (Suffix) Subtotal 3 8

B. Biographical Data

5. Name / (Last) / (15) / (First) / (10) 25

6. Current Mailing Address
   Number & Street / (16) / City/Township / (16) 42

7. State of Residence at Time of Initial Enrollment
   □ New Jersey
   □ New York or Pennsylvania
   □ Other

8. Racial/Ethnic Background
   □ 1. Black, Afro-American
   □ 2. Puerto Rican
   □ 3. Cuban
   □ 4. White, Caucasian
   □ 5. Oriental
   □ 6. Asian American
   □ 7. Other Hispanic

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9. Were you a recipient of an Educational Opportunity (EOF) award?
- Yes □
- No □

10. Sex
- Male □
- Female □

11. Year of Birth
19_ _ ___

C. Current Occupation/Education

12. Are you currently: (check all that apply)
- employed full-time □
- employed part-time □
- Full-time student □
- Part-time student □
- Seeking employment □
- None of the above (i.e., inactive) □

13. If employed,

A. Location:

(County, if N.J.) (State)

B. Occupation:
(enter two-digit code from enclosed list)

C. Is current occupation: (please check one)
- Same as field prepared for at or above expected level of responsibility □
- Same as field prepared for at lower level of responsibility □
- In field other than prepared for, due to:
  3. Own choice □
  4. Certification or licensure needed □
  5. Further formal education required □
  6. Difficulty in finding a job in occupation prepared for □
  7. Other (please specify) □
14. How did you locate your job? (please check one)

☐ 1. Not employed (Not applicable)
☐ 2. Employed at job while completing my education
☐ 3. School placement officer
☐ 4. College instructor
☐ 5. Professional periodicals or organizations
☐ 6. Public or private employment agency
☐ 7. Newspaper advertisement
☐ 8. Direct application to employer
☐ 9. Friends or relatives

15. If employed full-time (35 hrs. per week or more), what is your approximate current gross annual salary?

$/ / / / / / / / (5)

16. A. Are you currently pursuing an additional college/degree certificate? (please check one)

☐ 1. No
☐ 2. Yes, Certificate
☐ 3. Yes, Diploma (Other than those listed below)
☐ 4. Yes, Associate Degree
☐ 5. Yes, Bachelor's Degree
☐ 6. Yes, Master's Degree
☐ 7. Yes, Professional Degree (e.g., M.D.)
☐ 8. Yes, Doctorate (e.g., Ph.D.)
☐ 9. Other (please specify)

3. If yes, location?

☐ New Jersey
☐ New York or Pennsylvania
☐ Other state (specify, if known)

C. To additional college degree/certificate

☐ 1. Directly related to previous degree received?
☐ 2. Somewhat related?
☐ 3. Not related at all
17. Satisfaction with academic preparation toward degree received in Spring 1976:

- Highly satisfied
- Generally satisfied
- Generally dissatisfied
- Highly dissatisfied

18. Please use the space below for additional comments about your academic preparation and its relevance to your current postgraduate endeavors.

If you are a health professional, please answer Questions 19, 20, and 21 below.

19. Do you hold certification or registration with a national professional/certifying association?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what is your designation?
(e.g., ASCP/MT, RRT)

20. What is your employment setting? (please check one)

- Hospital, nursing home, or other institution
- Private practitioner's office
- School (teaching)
- School (non-teaching)
- Community (public health)
- Business/industry
- Private medical/dental laboratory
- Armed services
- Other (specify)
21. Please specify the number of hours per week you spend doing the following in your job?

- Direct patient care (e.g., bedside, rehab.)
- Indirect patient care (e.g., Lab work)
- Administration/supervision
- Research
- Teaching

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Department of Higher Education

POSTGRADUATION STUDY

IF LABEL IS NOT CORRECT,
PRINT CORRECTIONS BELOW:

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER (FOR EXAMPLE 1).

1. What was the highest degree you received from a New Jersey college or university in 1976? Please circle the number next to your answer.

   1 Certificate or diploma, but not degree
   2 Associate degree
   3 Bachelor's degree
   4 Master's degree
   5 Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)
   6 First-Professional degree (D.D.S., D.M.D., M.D., LL.B., J.D., or theological degree)

2. What was the date of the above degree?

   1 January-February, 1976
   2 March-April, 1976
   3 May-June, 1976
   4 July-August, 1976
   5 September-October, 1976
   6 November-December, 1976

3. Which statement best describes your main objective in pursuing the degree you received in 1976? (circle only one)

   1 Personal and intellectual development
   2 To update or upgrade job skills
   3 To prepare for further education
   4 To prepare for immediate employment in a particular occupation
   5 To prepare for immediate employment, but not necessarily in a particular field
   6 Other (describe)
4. Considering your goals, how satisfied were you with the program?

1 Very satisfied
2 Satisfied
3 Neutral
4 Disappointed
5 Very disappointed

5. Were you enrolled full-time or part-time while working towards your 1976 degree? (circle only one)

1 Full-time throughout
2 Part-time or summers throughout
3 Mainly full-time
4 Mainly part-time

5. During the last two semesters you were enrolled, were you employed in a job related either to your program of studies or to your present occupational field? (circle one)

1 Yes, was employed in job related to my studies and/or present occupation
2 Was employed in different field
3 Was not employed

7. Prior to receiving your 1976 degree, were you ever employed in a job related to the field in which you obtained the degree?

1 Yes
2 No

8. Since receiving the degree, have you been employed in a job related to the degree?

1 Yes
2 No

9. Do you hold permanent state-issued certification in the field of education? Please indicate when you obtained your first permanent certification as a teacher, counselor, etc. (circle one)

1 Obtained first permanent certification at time of 1976 degree
2 Took additional courses after 1976 degree and then obtained first permanent certification
3 Held first permanent certification before 1976 degree
4 No, do not hold permanent certification

PLEASE INDICATE STATE(S) IN WHICH YOU HOLD PERMANENT CERTIFICATION:

1 N. J. only
2 Other state(s) only
3 N. J. and other(s)
10. Do you hold a degree in a health professions field?

1  Yes  PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS 11-13
2  No  SKIP TO QUESTION 14 BELOW

11. Do you hold a state-issued license to practice in a health professions field?

1  Yes, in N. J. only
2  Yes, in other state(s) only
3  Yes, in N. J. and other(s)
4  No

12. Are you registered or certified by a national health professions organization or association?

1  Yes (specify name of organization)
2  No

13. If you're currently employed in the health professions, please indicate the work setting in which you spend most of your time. (circle one)

1  Hospital
2  Community clinic
3  Nursing home
4  Private laboratory
5  Private practitioner's office
6  Industrial or business firm
7  School or college
8  Other health setting (specify)
9  Not employed in health field

14. Are you currently taking any college or university courses?

1  Yes, full-time
2  Yes, part-time
3  No

15. Are you currently matriculated in a degree program?

1  Yes
2  No

If yes, is your present program related to the field in which you obtained your 1976 degree?

1  Yes, directly or closely related
2  Yes, somewhat related
3  No, in different field
16. Which statement best describes your present employment status?

1  Employed, full-time
2  Employed, part-time
3  Military, full-time active duty
4  Unemployed, seeking employment
5  Not available for employment

PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION 20

17. Is your present job related to the field in which you obtained your 1976 degree?

1  Yes, directly or closely related
2  Yes, somewhat related
3  No, in different field

18. Did your 1976 degree help you obtain your present job or advance in your field?

1  Degree was required
2  Degree helped considerably
3  Degree helped somewhat
4  Degree didn't help at all

19. Where are you employed? If you have more than one job, please indicate your main place of employment.

1  New Jersey
2  New York State
3  Pennsylvania
4  Other state

IF EMPLOYED IN NEW JERSEY, PLEASE INDICATE THE COUNTY:

1 Atlantic  8 Glouister  15 Ocean
2 Bergen  9 Hudson  16 Passaic
3 Burlington  10 Hunterdon  17 Salem
4 Camden  11 Mercer  18 Somerset
5 Cape May  12 Middlesex  19 Sussex
6 Cumberland  13 Monmouth  20 Union
7 Essex  14 Morris  21 Warren

EVERYONE SHOULD ANSWER QUESTIONS 20 AND 21. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS AND RELATED PURPOSES.

20. How would you describe yourself?

1  Black, not of Hispanic origin
2  Asian (Oriental) or Pacific Islander
3  Hispanic
4  White, not of Hispanic origin
5  Alaskan Native or American Indian

21. What is your sex?

1  Male
2  Female
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MAJOR FIELD CLASSIFICATION

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XXXXXnn = new subcategory of HEGIS "other, specify" four-digit code.
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Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral and First-Professional Degrees
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MEMORANDUM
February 8, 1978

TO:   Institutional Representatives to Postgraduation Study, "Alternative I" Community Colleges

FROM: Denise Thum
       Assistant Director, Office of Planning and Research

SUBJECT: Attached questionnaire: "Postgraduation Study: Employment Status of 1976 Graduates of Community College Occupational Programs"

Your institution is one of the thirteen "Alternative I" community colleges that agreed to furnish basic data to the Postgraduation Study from an institutional survey of 1976 graduates.

The attached questionnaire requests information about your institution's follow-up survey. At this time, we would like to obtain data on the employment of occupational program graduates; requests for additional information may be made in the future.

Will you please complete the questionnaire or direct it to the appropriate respondent at your institution? The questionnaire should be returned to me by March 1, 1978.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachment
POSTGRADUATION STUDY: EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF 1976 GRADUATES
OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMS

Institution ________________________________

Institutional representative to Postgraduation Study:

Name ____________________________________
Title ___________________________ Phone ___________

Please indicate person completing questionnaire:

Name ____________________________________
Title ___________________________ Phone ___________

Please return your completed questionnaire to the address below by March 1, 1978.

Denise Thum
Assistant Director
Office of Planning and Research
Department of Higher Education
225 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Inquiries about the Postgraduation Study should be directed to Denise Thum (609) 292-4057.
1. Has your institution conducted a follow-up survey of its 1976 graduates?
   [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   **IF YES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SURVEY. IF MORE THAN ONE SURVEY HAS BEEN DONE OF 1976 GRADUATES, PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MOST RECENT SURVEY.**

2. When was the data collection period?
   Start date: _______________________ (month) _______________________ (year)
   Completion date: __________________ (month) ____________________ (year)

3. What was the response rate? (number of 1976 graduates who completed the questionnaire divided by total number of 1976 graduates in the study sample or population)
   Response rate = __________

4. Did the survey obtain information on graduates' employment status at the time of the survey?
   [ ] Yes  [ ] No

5. **IF YES:** Have the data been analyzed to determine the employment status of the graduates of each degree program (major field of study)? Check one.
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No, but plan to analyze employment status by degree program
   [ ] No, but would be able to analyze employment status by degree program
   [ ] No - unable to analyze employment status by degree program

   **IF YES TO QUESTION 5, PLEASE CONTINUE.**
6. **INSTRUCTIONS:** For purposes of this survey, an ORGANIZED OCCUPATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM is one which meets all three of the following criteria:

A. The curriculum is a series of required and elective courses constituting an integrated program designed to prepare students for IMMEDIATE employment in a SPECIFIC occupation or cluster of occupations.

B. The program leads to an ASSOCIATE degree.

C. The program is NOT designed primarily to prepare students for CONTINUATION in a program leading to a bachelor's degree or other formal recognition beyond the associate degree.

PLEASE LIST BELOW ALL ORGANIZED OCCUPATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AT YOUR INSTITUTION, AND PROVIDE THE REQUESTED DATA, FROM YOUR MOST RECENT SURVEY OF 1976 ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES.

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Appendix IV

Documentation of Projections of Supply and Demand for Health Professions in New Jersey
An Analysis of the Need for Health Professionals in New Jersey 1975-1985
MEMORANDUM

June 19, 1978

TO: Recipients of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education's Health Manpower Planning Series

FROM: Edward Cohen, Assistant Chancellor, Health Professions Education

This report, "An Analysis of the Need for Health Professionals in New Jersey 1975-1985," is the third in a series of health manpower planning reports released by the Department of Higher Education. This series has been developed in support of the Health Professions Education Master Plan.

This document provides updated manpower information on twenty-eight health professions, including physicians; dentists; dental auxiliaries; nurses; nurse practitioners; optometrists; pharmacists; physician's assistants; veterinarians; radiologic personnel; medical records personnel; occupational, physical, respiratory, and speech therapists; and, dietitians and nutritionists. All seventeen health professions which were first quantitatively addressed in the Master Plan are again studied in this report. Also, eleven professions are newly analyzed. For each profession, the statewide data provided include 1975 and projected 1980 and 1985 supply, as well as their projected 1980 and 1985 demand. The sources of data and quantitative models used to develop this analysis are fully documented in this report.

The projections provided in this analysis are based on the most accurate information currently available on New Jersey's health professionals. These projections update and, therefore, supersede both the projections provided in the Master Plan and other manpower studies released since its publication in 1973. Accordingly, this information should be used in all subsequent health professions program development and planning activities.
PREFACE

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Office for Health Manpower
New Jersey Department of Higher Education
Trenton, New Jersey

June, 1978
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I. INTRODUCTION

In May, 1973, the New Jersey Department of Higher Education (DHE) released the Health Professions Education Master Plan (HPEMP). This plan was developed over a period of two years in response to the need for a coordinated network of educational programs to meet the State's future needs for health professionals.

The development of the Master Plan involved those groups which would ultimately be affected by its implementation: post-secondary institutions preparing health professionals; professional and licensing organizations in the health professions; employers of health personnel, and; the general public receiving health services from graduates of the programs involved. In order to create a workable educational plan, it was necessary to focus on only a portion of the more than 125 separate occupations which make up the health professions field. Twenty-five priority occupations were chosen as a starting point. Of these, seventeen occupations were studied in detail in terms of current supply, projected supply, demand and manpower needs, existing training programs, and emerging trends in patterns of educational and career mobility.

When it was developed, the Master Plan was envisioned as a "rolling" plan which would be refined and revised on a periodic basis. Since its approval in 1973, interim changes in its health manpower projections based on newly available data were made for several professions, specifically physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians and physical therapists. Furthermore, the Health Professions Education Advisory Council
recently reviewed and updated the policy recommendations contained in the original document. In addition to these revisions, Department staff has worked to develop up-to-date projections of supply and demand to supersede those provided in the original plan, as well as all interim projections made since the release of the Master Plan. With the integration of these projections and the amended recommendations, full revision of the Master Plan will be completed.

This report provides projections of New Jersey's future supply and demand for twenty-eight health professions. Seventeen of these professions were quantitatively addressed in the 1973 Master Plan. These professions are:

- physicians
- dentists
- dental hygienists
- dental laboratory technicians
- professional nurses
- pharmacists
- veterinarians
- dietitians
- cytotechnologists
- medical technologists
- medical records administrators
- medical records technicians
- radiologic technicians
- occupational therapists
- physical therapists
- respiratory therapists
- speech pathologists/audiologists

The remaining eleven professions discussed in this report are:

- dental assistants
- optometrists
- nurse practitioners (NPs)
- physician's assistants (PAs)
- nutritionists
- histologic technicians
- medical laboratory technicians
- medical laboratory assistants
- nuclear medicine technologists
- occupational therapy assistants
- respiratory therapy technicians

The specific data provided for each profession include 1975 supply; 1980 and 1985 projected supply based on educational
output, in-state retention and labor force attrition; and, 1980 and 1985 projected demand. Where possible, and noted, data are provided in full-time equivalents (FTE), where 1 FTE = 1 full-time professional = 2 part-time professionals. To determine future demand, four models are used. The first model, which concerns licensed professions, is based on the relationship between the distribution of a given profession and characteristics of county populations, such as income, age, and size. A second model is used for dental auxiliaries which relates demand for these professions to the future supply of dentists. The third model developed for many institutionally employed non-licensed health professions relates the demand for their services to institutional parameters such as length of stay, non payroll expense, inpatient visits, emergency and outpatient visits, and wages. Finally, a theoretical model estimating the potential need for physician's assistants and nurse practitioners in the delivery of primary care is included. Each of these models is documented in Section II of this report.

The report also provides strategy lines for each profession which demonstrate the relationship between projected supply and demand through 1985. In those cases when supply exceeds demand, a projected surplus of professionals is anticipated. This means that the output of graduates from New Jersey programs, coupled with in-state migration, is more than sufficient to meet future manpower needs. In cases when demand exceeds supply, a shortage of professionals is projected. The results of the supply and demand projections for 1985 are shown in the summary Table on the following page.
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*Manpower need percentage is based on the total 1985 projected supply. In cases where percentages are positive, a surplus is projected, while a negative percentage indicates a manpower shortage.
While the shortages indicated in the summary table may point to the need for increasing enrollments, developing new programs, and/or promoting service delivery by alternative professionals (i.e., physician extenders), this report does not provide specific policy recommendations for each profession, as these will be developed during the Department's ongoing planning process. However, it is intended that these projections will be one of the major elements upon which such health professions education policy recommendations will be based. Moreover, these data will be used in future program review activities for health professions education programs.
II. EXPLANATION OF PROJECTION MODELS

Prior to examining the data and methods used in this report, it should be realized that projecting the supply and demand for any health occupation is not an exact science. Manpower forecasting models, like other statistical measures and estimates, attempt to provide answers to particular questions. There are, therefore, many varieties of forecasts obtainable by many techniques. To the extent that all models are based on a number of assumptions either as to the stability of the relationships of the variables that make up the model, or as to the way in which the variables are expected to change in the future, it is not surprising to find that different models yield different projections. This does not imply that projections should not be used, but it does suggest that before the projections are accepted, the assumptions of the model should be fully stated.

While it is obvious that we are suggesting that one should use manpower projection models with caution, these models do provide the decision maker with a useful tool to assist in the development of policy. Modeling and forecasting provide a logical and rigorous means for gaining insight into the future and offer the policy maker an opportunity to explore the implications of policy before it is put into effect.

In this section, the data sources, model assumptions and projection techniques for each profession are fully documented. All baseline data used in developing the models are for 1975 unless otherwise noted. Using these data, four major projection
models were developed, one for licensed professions, a second for
dental auxiliaries, a third for non-licensed professions, and a
theoretical model for nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician's
assistants (PAs).

A. Baseline Data

1. Current Supply Data

Three sources of data are used to determine full-time equiva-
 lent supply in the base year, 1975. These include the Department
of Higher Education's (DHE) Health Manpower Information System
(1), the Manpower Component of the Department of Health's Health Data
Services Unit (2), and the Department of Labor and Industry's
Bureau of Occupational Information (3).

The Department of Higher Education's data system houses
information from licensed health professions surveys undertaken
until 1975, as well as information from an employment survey of
the major health employment settings completed in late 1974. It
also includes the results of surveys of nurse practitioners,
physician's assistants and primary care physicians undertaken to
develop the NP/PA model. The information included in the system
is used to estimate the New Jersey supply of active physical
therapists, nurses, and dental hygienists, since no data are
available from subsequent surveys of these professions. Also,
counts of many of the non-licensed health professions are taken
from the DHE system. These professions include nuclear medicine.

(1) This system is described in the Department's publication, Development
of a Uniform Data Base for State and Local Health Manpower Planning,
Monograph #2, by L. Dars and J. Tomson, New Jersey Department of

(2) Data reports documenting the supply of licensed health professionals
in New Jersey have been released by the Department of Health in its
Health Manpower Information Series since 1976.

(3) Triennially, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry conducts
U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Employment Surveys of all
health employment settings except hospitals.
The Department of Health's 1975 data from licensed health professional surveys are used to estimate the 1975 supply of physicians, dentists, optometrists, and veterinarians. The Department of Labor and Industry's Occupation Employment Survey results are used to estimate the total number of dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians working in New Jersey. These data were also used to complement the DHE employment survey results for laboratory personnel, since medical and dental laboratories were not included in the DHE survey.

In order to verify the estimates of health professional supply provided in this report, a number of alternative sources have been consulted. These include the New Jersey licensing boards, the state professional associations, and the national associations of certified or registered health professionals. In certain cases, this information has been used to supplement the data collected through surveys. For instance, it has become evident that the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy has data which are more complete than those available from the DHE manpower survey, due to response problems with that survey. Therefore, these data supercede our survey results. A similar situation exists for radiologic technicians, therefore the Board of X-Ray Technicians Examiners distributional data are used to develop the projection model. Also, the 1975 supply count used for registered occupational therapists
has been reviewed by the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association. Similar reviews of the 1975 supply data were accorded to other state associations and societies for both the licensed and non-licensed health professions.

2. Supply Projection Data

In projecting the future supply of health professionals from the base year, a number of quantitative factors are needed. First, head counts of health professionals are translated into full-time equivalents (FTE's) for those professions where full-time and part-time data are available. The full-time equivalent calculation is made by applying the percentages of full-time and part-time professionals to base year head count. (4) FTE calculations are also applied to future additions to the workforce due to educational output and in-state migration. For the licensed health professions, educational output and in-state migration are reflected in the number of professionals newly licensed in the State. This information is provided by the various licensing boards, as shown below:

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<tr>
<td>X-Ray Technicians</td>
<td>Board of X-Ray Technicians Examiners</td>
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4) One full-time equivalent equals one full-time professional or two part-time professionals.
For the remaining professions analyzed in this report, educational output data are taken from the DHE report entitled *An Inventory of Health Professions Education Programs in New Jersey.* (5) This report documents the third inventory of health professions programs released by DHE. Among the data it provides are counts of program enrollments and graduates for all post-secondary health related educational programs. In projecting future supply, graduate output data are adjusted for in-state retention of graduates. The rate of "in-state survival" for each professional group can be found in the Master Plan. (6) After adjustment, these gross increases in supply are translated into full-time equivalents. In addition to using graduate output to determine future supply growth for non-licensed professions, national registries of the certified professions are also consulted to determine historical levels of in-state migration of professionals. Finally, normal attrition due to death and retirement is used in the projection of manpower supply. Projected attrition rates for health professions are found in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics publication, *Tomorrow's Manpower Needs.* (7)


3. Demand Projection Data

To develop the projections of demand for health professions in New Jersey, several data sources are used. For licensed professions, demand is related to a number of variables, including population size, income, median age, levels of hospital utilization, percent aged (percent 65 years and older), and school enrollments. Current population and projections of future population and percent aged are compiled from official state publications prepared by the N.J. Department of Labor and Industry.\(^8\)

The data on median age by county are taken from the U.S. Census. Permanent income is used in place of current income as an independent variable in the regression equation.\(^9\) A data series on per capita disposable income by county from 1954-1974 is taken from the publication Sales Management.\(^10\) This income series is weighted and an estimate of 1975 permanent income is calculated. (An explanation of the procedure used to calculate permanent income can be found in Appendix A.) To determine growth trends in income, information on real per capita income is obtained from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Industry and from data prepared by the United States Department of Commerce.\(^11\) Both agencies have calculated that over the next ten years the average rate of growth in real earnings will be approximately 2% per year.


\(^9\) Permanent income is the annual flow of earnings generated by the consumer's human wealth (education, health) and non-human wealth (physical assets). This variable provides a stable measure of long-run consumer buying power.


Data on 1975 hospital visits by county are taken from the annual study prepared by the New Jersey Department of Health. Annual data on visits in New Jersey indicate an increase of approximately 13% from 1972 to 1976 (3.25% per year). National data also indicate a 3% annual increase in visits and this rate is used in the projection model. Data on school enrollments are provided by the New Jersey Department of Education and indicate a decline in total enrollments through 1985. Data used to determine the potential demand for nurse practitioners and physician's assistants were developed from a survey of New Jersey primary care physicians undertaken in 1975.

For the majority of non-licensed professions, the calculation of demand is based on the institutional demand for their services. To develop these projection equations, data from the New Jersey Department of Health's S.H.A.R.E. system and the American Hospital Association are used. After the institutional demand equations are developed, AHA data

are used to calculate growth rates for independent variables which include inpatient and emergency visits, outpatient clinic visits, average length of stay, inpatient days, non-payroll expense per bed, inpatient beds, and average wages. (17)

Once the values of each of the independent variables in the regression model are projected for 1980 and 1985, three other data elements are used in adjusting the calculation of demand for both licensed and non-licensed health professions, with the exception of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants. The first adjustment incorporates a measure of current unmet need for each profession. This measure fluctuates between 3% (dentists) and 9% (laboratory personnel), usually averaging 5%. The sources used to calculate unmet need include past DHEW reports, federal manpower shortage area criteria, and past DHE health manpower reports. (18) Institutional unmet need is used as an index of overall unmet need in both institutional and private practice settings, and it is calculated as a single increase over the entire 10 year projection period. A second factor which will influence the demand for health professionals is the enactment of national health insurance (NHI). The methodology used to estimate the significance of this variable is discussed in the Health Professions Education Master Plan. (19) For the purpose of these projections, the impact of NHI is calculated

(18) The sources used for the projections in this document are DHEW's Health Manpower in Hospitals, 1970; DHEW health manpower shortage area criteria, draft regulations Federal Register; DHE'S An Update of the Analysis of the Need for Dentists (10/75); DHE'S Employment of Non-licensed Health Professionals in New Jersey (12/75); DHE'S An Analysis of the Need for Physicians in New Jersey 1975-1985 (12/77).
as the average of the potential effects of a past administration bill and of the Kennedy bill, or 5.7%. For insurance effects on the demand for dentists, a rate of .4% is used. (20) Both these increases are projected to occur over the 1980-1985 projection period. The final adjustment to demand involves increases in productivity. In these projections, annual productivity increases range from 1% (non-licensed personnel) to 2.5% (pharmacists), with a 1.5% increase for physicians and 1.6% for dentists. (21) While these productivity gains are assumed to be stable over the projection period, they can be affected by changes in technology and service delivery patterns, including the increased use of aides and extenders.

B. Licensed Health Professions Model

The first demand model used in these projections is the licensed health professions model. This model is based on a single regression equation which relates professional distribution by county to a number of independent variables such as permanent income, median age, population size, hospital service utilization, school enrollments, and percent aged.


Nine unique equations are used to project the demand for twelve professions. The table below displays the variables used for these equations:

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Each of these equations was developed using stepwise regression techniques. The following narrative explains the statistical basis for the physician demand projection equation used in this report. The basis of this equation is identical to that of the other eight equations. However, the variables used and their coefficients vary.

See Appendix B for explanation of the variables used in this model.
The demand projection model used for physicians is defined by the following basic equation:

\[
\left( \frac{P}{Pop} \right)_b = A \cdot Y_b^{B_1} \cdot A_b^{B_2} \cdot V_{hb}^{B_3} \cdot E \text{ where:}
\]

\[
\left( \frac{P}{Pop} \right)_b = \text{The physician to population ratio.}
\]

A = Constant term of the equation.

\[ Y_b = \text{Permanent family income by county in the base year.} \]

(See Appendix 'A' for description.)

\[ A_b = \text{Median average age by county for the base year population.} \]

\[ V_{hb} = \text{Hospital visits by county for the base year population.} \]

\[ B_1 = \text{Income elasticity coefficient.} \]

\[ B_2 = \text{Age elasticity coefficient.} \]

\[ B_3 = \text{Hospital visit elasticity coefficient.} \]

E = A random error term representing all other variables that are likely to affect the demand for physicians but are excluded from the equation. By assumption, the average effect of all the excluded variables is zero.

This equation can be fitted to determine the unknown coefficients (\( B_1, B_2, \) etc.) by regression analysis once it has been transformed from an exponential relationship to a linear form, which is accomplished by taking the logarithms of both sides of the equation. This yields:

\[
\ln \left( \frac{P}{Pop} \right)_b = \ln A + B_1 \ln Y_b + B_2 \ln A_b + B_3 \ln V_{hb} + \ln E.
\]

From the mathematical definition of a linear equation, the coefficients \( B_1, B_2 \) etc. represent estimates of the slope of the regression line. For example:

\[
B_1 = \frac{\Delta \ln \left( \frac{P}{Pop} \right)_b}{\Delta \ln Y_b}
\]
The change in the logarithm of a number is equal to its percentage change, therefore:

\[ B_1 = \% \Delta \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b \]

\[ \% \Delta Y_b \]

This is the mathematical definition of the income elasticity. Therefore, estimates of the slope coefficients of the model provide direct estimates of the elasticity for each variable.

By using regression analysis on equation (2), the following estimating equation is obtained:

\[ \ln \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b = 6.902 + 0.5910 \ln Y_b + 0.9334 \ln A_b + 0.4935 \ln V_{hb} \]

\[ (2.767) \quad (2.429) \quad (4.142)^* \]

\[ r^2 = 0.78 \text{ (coefficient of determination)} \]

Once the basic estimating equation is obtained, an adjustment to the data is needed to calculate the current statewide imbalance between supply and demand. This is done by increasing the current number of physicians by the estimate of current unmet needs.

This equation is defined by the following:

\[ \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_{bu} = \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b \cdot (1+u) \]

where:

\[ \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b = \text{The population ratio in the base year adjusted for current unmet need.} \]

\[ \left( \frac{P}{\text{Pop}} \right)_b = \text{The physician to population ratio in the base year period.} \]

\[ u = \text{A percentage estimate of current unmet need.} \]

*The sample size is 21 observations. One observation on each variable for each county in New Jersey. The numbers in parentheses represent t values or estimates of degrees of statistical significance. With 21 observations and 16 degrees of freedom, the coefficients of the equation are significant at the 5% level of significance if the value of \( t \) exceeds 2.1. In other words, we are confident that 95 times out of 100 that the computed coefficients of the equation are different from zero.
By using the results of equation (3), the percentage increase in demand resulting from increases in the independent variables (i.e., age, income, etc.), as well as increases in national health insurance and productivity, can be obtained from the following equation:

\[ (\frac{\dot{P}}{\dot{P}_{\text{Pop}}} )_t = .5910 \dot{Y}_t + .9334 \dot{A}_t + .4935 \dot{V}_{ht} + \dot{I}_t - \dot{Q}_{ts} \]

where:
- \( \dot{P}_{\text{Pop}} \) = The percentage change in the physician to population ratio resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \( \dot{Y}_t \) = The percentage change in permanent income to time period \( t \).
- \( \dot{A}_t \) = The percentage change in the age of the base year population to time period \( t \).
- \( \dot{V}_{ht} \) = The percentage change in hospital services provided to time period \( t \).
- \( \dot{I}_t \) = A projected estimate of the impact of national health insurance on the demand for physicians in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
- \( \dot{Q}_{ts} \) = An estimate of productivity changes in the time period to 1980 and 1985.

The projected physician to population ratio is determined by applying the results of equation (5) to the following:

\[ (\frac{P}{P_{\text{Pop}}} )_t = (\frac{P}{P_{\text{Pop}}} )_{bu} \cdot 1 + (\frac{P}{P_{\text{Pop}}} )_t \]

where:
- \( \frac{P}{P_{\text{Pop}}} \) = The projected population ratio in time period \( t \).

Finally, the number of physicians demanded in any time period is determined from the following:
The number of physicians demanded in time period t.

Pop_t = The projected population in time period t.

For the remaining eleven professions for which the licensed model was used, the calculation of future demand is the same as shown above. For these professions, different equations were developed comparing county distribution to a number of variables. Therefore, the number of variables used in each and their coefficients vary across each equation. The specifications of each equation can be found in Appendix B.

C. The Dental Auxiliary Model

Dental auxiliaries are primarily employed in private practice settings. These professions include dental assistants, dental hygienists, and dental laboratory technicians. Unlike the majority of licensed professions, hard data on the utilization and distribution of these personnel are not available on a county basis. Accordingly, a regression based model, similar to that used for the licensed professions, cannot be developed for dental auxiliaries. Rather, a projection technique directly related to the supply of dentists is used to determine the future demand for these professionals.

The dental auxiliary model uses a simple ratio of auxiliaries to dentists to determine 1980 and 1985 demand. In all, five ratios are employed, two for dental assistants, two for hygienists, and one for laboratory technicians. The first ratios used for
these professions are based on the 1975 supply of each to the supply of dentists. These data were developed from the licensure surveys of dentists and hygienists and the Occupation Employment Surveys of dental offices and laboratories. The second set of ratios is based on national counts of dentists, assistants, hygienists and laboratory technicians. These ratios are shown in the following table:

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<td></td>
<td>Supply</td>
<td>Ratio to Dentists</td>
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<td>Dentists</td>
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<td>Hygienists</td>
<td>769</td>
<td>.181</td>
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<td>Lab. Technicians</td>
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As the table indicates, the national ratios for assistants and hygienists are higher than those for New Jersey. This means that New Jersey dentists do not utilize auxiliaries to the same extent as dentists in other states. In order to estimate the impact on manpower resources if New Jersey dentists increased their utilization of these personnel, these national ratios are included in the projections for assistants and hygienists. To calculate future demand, the auxiliary-to-dentist ratios are multiplied by the 1980 and 1985 projected supply of dentists.

D. Nurse Practitioner and Physician's Assistant Model

Beginning in 1975, the Department undertook an extensive research project to determine the potential demand for and supply of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants in primary care practice settings in New Jersey. This analysis was documented in a 1977 report entitled, "A Study of the Potential Need for Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants in New Jersey". The results of the study are being presented herein so that this report provides all supporting data to be used in the Department's ongoing master planning activities.

Linear programming was used as the basis of the NP/PA model in order to measure the potential productivity gains incurred by the extensive use of both NPs and PAs. Data used in this model were provided by a survey of 2273 randomly selected New Jersey physicians in primary care specialties. The 547 physicians who responded to the survey provided information on current staffing configurations used in the production of twenty-four typical services which were estimated to account for over 70% of a physician's time. The survey also obtained the same specifications under a hypothetical practice situation in which there were no constraints on the hiring of NPs and PAs. For the hypothetical situation, physicians were asked to imagine a 10-20% increase in patient load and complete access to the health manpower labor market (i.e., if PAs were available for employment in N.J.). The linear programming model identified the most efficient mode of production in the "current" practice setting and in the hypothetical situation. Productivity gains were calculated by comparing the amount and kinds of manpower
required by each model to produce a given quantity of health services. The analysis indicated that, if both NPs and PAs were efficiently utilized in the production of primary care services, New Jersey's private primary care practices would have the capacity to supply 40% more services to the public.

In this report, the manpower requirements needed to meet the needs in a hypothetical efficient system of office-based primary care are presented. Such a system would allow for the full employment of both NPs and PAs. In order to determine these requirements, a six step procedure was used, as follows:

1. A linear programming model selected the optimal production methods (i.e., staffing configurations) for each of the twenty-four services. These production methods specified the number of minutes each manpower category (physician, RN, NP, etc.) should spend in the production of one unit of each service if the service was to be produced at least cost.

2. The weekly demand for each service was calculated by multiplying the estimated number of physician practices performing the service by the average number of times each service was delivered per week in an office setting.

3. The weekly requirement for each category was calculated by multiplying the average weekly demand for each service by the optimal number of minutes of professional time to produce one unit of service.

4. The weekly minute requirements of all twenty-four services for each manpower category (step 3) were summed up to derive the total minutes of professional time required to meet
weekly demand.

5. Using the estimate that the twenty-four services represent 72% of total primary care, the weekly minute requirements were adjusted to reflect the total (100%) demand for primary care and were translated into hours.

6. Finally, the weekly hour estimates were converted into full-time equivalents by using a 40 hour work week for both NPs and PAs.

Using the full-time equivalent data, health manpower demand for NPs and PAs were then calculated for the hypothetical system in which these professions could be utilized by the primary care physician.

To determine the supply of nurse practitioners and physician's assistants, two methods were used. For NPs, data on current supply were provided by the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Forum. Using this data as a base year count, future supply was calculated based on the output of New Jersey's NP programs through the projection period. Future supply of PAs was calculated from anticipated output from New Jersey's current program jointly run by CMDNJ and Livingston College of Rutgers University. Also, in-migration of PAs was estimated based on a survey of regional PA programs in neighboring states.

It should be noted that this study was a first attempt by the Department to quantify the potential need for NPs and PAs in New Jersey. As such, it has some limitations which should be understood prior to using its results. First, this study only concerns itself with one sector of the service delivery network, namely office-based primary care. Therefore, the estimates of potential need for NPs and PAs are only partial ones, as these
professionals would be demanded in a number of other settings, such as hospitals and health maintenance organizations. Second, this analysis is based on the assumption of the legality of employment of these health professionals. Since physician's assistants could not legally practice in New Jersey during the project period, the results of this study are based on physicians' perceptions of how they could best utilize NPs and PAs rather than by a study of practices actually using new health practitioners. Further, due to the complexity of the physician questionnaire, a high non-response rate did occur. Therefore, one must be particularly cautious in drawing inferences about the physician population. Consequently, it is recognized that those physicians who chose to respond may be especially favorable toward the use of new health practitioners. Their attitudes and preferences may or may not be typical of the physician population at large. Therefore, appropriate interpretation of the study's results must recognize a possible selection bias within the survey data with the following caveat: the results of the study measure the potential need for NPs and PAs and the productivity gains possible through their efficient use in primary care, but only if the perceptions and attitudes of New Jersey primary care physicians in general were to match or change to correspond to this possibly select, innovative respondent group.
E. The Non-Licensed Health Professions Model

In order to develop data counts on non-licensed professions, county level data based on the Department of Higher Education's 1974 employment survey were aggregated with statewide results of the Occupational Employment Surveys of health settings. Since the resulting data were applicable only to statewide supply, a special method for developing a demand projection model was needed. The method chosen was an institutional-based model.

Using the Department of Health's Standard Hospital Accounting and Rate Evaluation (SHARE) system, 1975 data on all 106 reporting hospitals were drawn to create the data base needed to develop the equations for the non-licensed professions. The individual hospital data used from the SHARE system included hospital type and ownership, certified inpatients, certified patient days, maintained beds and service section employment hours, salaries and units of services. Of the twenty-six service sections in the data base, five were studied in depth in an attempt to develop the equations. These service sections were dietary, laboratory, medical records, nuclear medicine, and respiratory therapy. Also, five data elements missing from the SHARE system were taken from the AHA Guide to Hospitals, including admissions, occupancy rates, total expenses, payroll expenses, and personnel. Using these data, it was possible to develop valid equations for three of the five service centers: laboratory, medical records and respiratory therapy. These equations were developed using the service-center personnel hours as the dependent variable of the regression equation and data items such as inpatient admissions, emergency room visits, outpatient visits, average length of stay, certified inpatient days, certified maintained beds.
non-payroll expense, and average service center wages as the independent variables:

The resulting equations are comparable to equation (5) in the discussion of the licensed professions methodology (page 18). For example, the final equation for laboratory services is:

\[ \text{HRS}_t = 1.026 \cdot V_t + .626 \cdot \text{ALOS}_t + .585 \cdot \text{EXP}_t + I_t - \text{Q}_{10s} \]

where:
- \( \text{HRS}_t \) = the percentage change in laboratory personnel hours resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \( V_t \) = the percentage change in total visits (emergency, outpatient) to time period \( t \).
- \( \text{ALOS}_t \) = the percentage change in average length of stay to time period \( t \).
- \( \text{EXP}_t \) = the percentage change in non-payroll expenses per bed (total expense - payroll expenses divided by beds).
- \( I_t \) = a projected estimate of the impact of national health insurance on the demand for medical services in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
- \( \text{Q}_{10s} \) = an estimate of the productivity changes in the time periods to 1980 and 1985.

The \( t \)-values are shown in parenthesis below each of the three independent variables. In each case, these values are above 1.96, which means that they are significant to the 95% confidence level. The resultant equations for medical records and respiratory therapy can be found in Appendix B.
It was not possible to develop statistically sound equations with the SHARE information for dietary services and nuclear medicine. Therefore, the three professions included in these service areas had to be treated with different methods. Because nuclear medicine was related to radiologic technology, the demand for nuclear medicine technologists is calculated using the radiologic technicians equation explained in the licensed professions methodology.\(^{23}\) However, there was no related professional equation to use as a proxy for the dietary professions. Therefore, the equation first used in the Health Professions Education Master Plan was used to project the demand for dietitians and nutritionists.\(^ {24}\)

### Method for Confidence Band Calculation

As previously noted, the projection of future manpower requirements is not an exact science. Since the Department of Higher Education first began to develop manpower projections, there has been a need for a technique to assess the accuracy of our projections. A method has now been developed to determine the range of accuracy of the projections of demand. Specifically, this technique enables us to place upper and lower limits within which there is a 95% confidence that demand will occur. It is

\(^{23}\) A similar decision was made to use the physical therapy equation for occupational therapists since there were no data available specifically dealing with occupational therapists.

\(^{24}\) op. cit., Department of Higher Education, Appendix E, p. 219.
As described in the past reports, the projections of demand for health professionals are based on the results of regression models. The coefficients of the regression equations represent estimates of the slope of the estimated regression line (page 17). Also, the slope of the independent variable is related to the dependent variable by the following equation:

\[ B_j = \frac{\Delta \ln D_j}{\Delta \ln X_j} \]

where:

- \( B_j \) = the regression coefficient of the \( j \)th independent variable.
- \( \Delta \ln D_j \) = the logarithm of the demand for the \( j \)th occupation (i.e., nursing, dentistry, etc.).
- \( \Delta \ln X_j \) = the logarithm of the \( j \)th independent variable (i.e., population, income, etc.).

It follows that the change in the logarithm (\( \ln \)) of any number is equal to its percentage change. In addition, equation (1) is the mathematical definition of an elasticity and is interpreted as the percentage change in the dependent variable resulting from a percentage change in the independent variable.

The elements of equation (1) can be rearranged in order to project the relative or percentage change in the dependent variable, for projected changes in the independent variable. From equation (1), the following equation is derived:

\[ D_j = \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_j B_j \]

where:

- \( D_j \) = the relative change in the dependent variable (\( \% \Delta D_j \)) and
- \( C_j \) = the relative change in the \( j \)th independent variable (\( \% \Delta D_j \)).
It is possible to estimate a confidence interval around the projected values (i.e., growth rates) of the dependent variable. This calculation provides a low, midpoint and high estimate of demand at an assumed level of confidence (95%). In order to calculate the confidence interval, the mean (expected value) and variance of the $\hat{D}_j$ must be determined.

From equation (2), it was determined that the growth rate of demand for occupation $j$ is a linear function of the growth rates of all the independent variables. The mean growth rate must also be a linear combination of the independent variables. Thus, we have:

$$E(\hat{D}_j) = C_j E(B_j)$$

where:

$E(\hat{D}_j) =$ the expected (mean) value of the growth rate in demand for occupation $j$,

$C_j E(B_j) =$ $C_j B_j \cdot P(B_j)dB_j$ and

$P(B_j)dB_j =$ the probability distribution of the $j$th regression coefficient.

By definition, the variance around the mean projected growth rates $E(\hat{D}_j)$ is defined as follows:

$$\sigma^2_{\hat{D}_j} = \int^{1.0} _{-\infty} \left[ \hat{D}_j - E(\hat{D}_j) \right]^2 \cdot P(B_j)dB_j$$

Substituting equation (2) and (3) into equation (4), we have:

$$\sigma^2_{\hat{D}_j} = \int^{1.0} _{-\infty} \left[ C_j B_j - C_j E(B_j) \right]^2 \cdot P(B_j)dB_j$$

Equation (5) indicates that the variance of the mean projection is a linear combination of the variances of the regression coefficients. This equation can be simplified by removing from the integral sign the weights (growth factors) which are constant from each regression coefficient. Therefore, equation (5) can be rewritten in the following manner:
The variance of the regression coefficient is valid provided that the regression coefficients are independent of one another. If the coefficients are correlated, equation (6) takes the following form:

\[ \sigma^2 D_j = \sum_{j=1}^{n} C_j \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} [B_j - E(B_j)]^2 \, dB_j + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=j+1}^{n} C_j C_k \sigma_{B_j B_k} \]

where:

\( \sigma_{B_j B_k} \) is the covariance between the \( j \)th and \( k \)th regression coefficients.

Where the covariance in equation (6A) is equal to:

\[ \sigma_{B_j B_k} = \frac{\sigma^2 u \Sigma x_j x_k}{(\Sigma x_j)^2 - (\Sigma x_j)^2} \]

where:

\( u^2 \) = standard error of estimate of the regression line

\( \Sigma x_j \) = the sum of the squared values of the \( j \)th variable measured in deviation from the mean of the \( j \)th variable.

\( \Sigma x_j x_k \) = the sum of the cross products measured in deviations from the mean of variable \( j \) and variable \( k \).

Because we cannot assume that the coefficients used in the regression equation are independent, equation (6A) is used with equation (3) to allow for the calculation of the confidence interval around the projected mean demand growth rate. This is calculated using the following formula:

where:

\[ E(D_j) \pm t_{a} \left( \frac{\sigma D_j}{\sqrt{N}} \right) \]

\( t_{a} \) = the value of students t at a preselected level of confidence (\( a = 0.025 \), two tailed or 95\% Confidence Band)

\( \sigma D_j \) = the standard error of the dependent variable calculated from equation (6)

\( N \) = the number of observations in the regression.

As was discussed above, the best estimate of the expected value of the regression coefficient \( E(B_j) \) is the computed regression parameter from a single sample \( (B_j) \). Therefore, in the equations presented above, \( B_j \) will be used to estimate \( E(B_j) \) and \( D_j = E(D_j) \).

It should be noted that, in the case of dental auxiliaries, a confidence interval could not be directly calculated as there are no available regression results. In order to provide an indication of the possible fluctuation of the demand projections, the confidence band derived from the dental demand regression is applied to the dental auxiliary projections. Also, it was not possible to develop a confidence band for the dietitian and nutritionist projections which were developed for the Health Professions Education Master Plan.
III. PROJECTION RESULTS

A. Physicians

An analysis of the future supply and demand for physicians in New Jersey was recently published by the Department. This study showed that New Jersey is moving towards an equilibrium between the supply and demand for physicians, as indicated in Table 1, on the following page, and Graph 1, page 34.

While these projections indicate a favorable manpower situation, recently enacted federal legislation (P.L. 94-484) providing strict limitations on the immigration of foreign medical graduates (FMG's) into the United States will, by 1982, have a substantial impact on the projected growth of the State's supply of physicians. New Jersey depends upon an unrestricted flow of FMG's for a majority of its new licentiate physicians. The demanding set of admissions requirements in P.L. 94-484 may reduce the immigration of FMG's up to 80%, thereby greatly decreasing the inflow of new physicians into the State. Consequently, by 1982, we anticipate a no-growth situation with regard to physician supply. That is, the number of physicians who enter practice will not be sufficient to replace those who leave it due to death, retirement, etc. Therefore, this legislation may create a shortage of approximately 1900 practitioners, or 13% of the projected physician supply by that time (Table 2, page 33, and Graph 2, page 35).

However, the exact level of this shortage will depend on what actions the State takes to alleviate its dependence on FMG's.

TABLE 1
Status Quo Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Physicians 1975-1985

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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply minus Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.*

TABLE 2
Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Physicians Under Immigration Restrictions of P.L. 94-484 1975-1985

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STATUS QUO SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PHYSICIANS
1975-1985

GRAPH 1

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

FTE
17,000

NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS

15,000
13,000
11,500
11,000

14,000
13,770

16,300
16,040

1980
1985

YEAR
Supply and Demand for Full-Time Equivalent Physicians

Graph 2

Supply and Demand for Full-Time Equivalent Physicians

Number of Physicians

FTE
17,000

15,000

13,770

14,000

14,400

16,300

17,000

11,590

11,000

1975

1980

1985

Year

SUPPLY

DEMAND

CONFIDENCE BAND
B. **Dental Personnel**

1. **Dentists**

The results of the projections of supply and demand for dentists through 1985 are shown on Table 3, below, and Graph 3, on the following page. These projections indicate that by 1980 a small surplus of 40 dentists is projected. By 1985, this surplus situation is expected to change to a three per cent shortage in which 180 additional dentists would be needed. The growth in demand between 1980 and 1985 which causes this shortage is a function of the four per cent aggregate impact of expanded dental insurance coverage mentioned in Appendix B. However, since the lower limit of the demand confidence band nearly equals projected 1985 supply, this shortage of dentists should not be considered to be a substantial one.

### TABLE 3

**Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Dentists in New Jersey, 1975-1985**

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Graph 3

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Dentists in New Jersey 1975-1985

Number of Dentists

1975 1980 1985

Year

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

6,000
5,800
5,000
5,000
4,240
4,000

1980
1985
2. Dental Assistants

The projection of manpower demand for dental assistants was developed using a ratio approach. There are two ratios of assistants to dentists incorporated into two sets of projections. In the first, the base year ratio of dental assistants to dentists in New Jersey (0.947) is used to project demand in 1980 and 1985. This is done by multiplying the projected full-time equivalent supply of dentists in those years by the 0.947 ratio. The results of this current ratio approach are provided in Table 4, page 39, and Graph 4, page 40. These data indicate that a two and a half per cent surplus of assistants is expected by 1980. This surplus will grow to a level of nine per cent, or 550, dental assistants by 1985.

The second ratio approach used for dental assistants incorporates the national ratio of assistants to dentists in 1974 as the basis of the demand calculation. This alternative model was chosen to exemplify what the future demand for dental assistants could be if New Jersey's dentists employed these personnel to as great a degree as dentists do elsewhere. If this were the case, the demand for dental assistants would exceed projected supply in both 1980 and 1985. However, continuing output of New Jersey's current programs would cut this potential shortage in half from a level of 13% in 1980 to 6% or 340 dental assistants in 1985. Table 5 and Graph 5, pages 39 and 41, detail the results of these national ratio based projections.
TABLE 4

Supply, Demand and Need for Dental Assistants at a Continuing New Jersey Ratio, 1975-1985

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TABLE 5

Supply, Demand and Need for Dental Assistants at an Expanded National Ratio, 1975-1985

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GRAPH 4

Supply and Demand for Dental Assistants at a Continuing New Jersey Program 1975-1985

Number of Dental Assistants

- Supply
- Demand
- Confidence Band

1975 1980 1985

1975 1980

4,820 4,950 5,490 6,040

4,800 4,860 5,000 6,000 7,000
Graph 5

Supply and Demand for Dental Assistants at a Expanded National Ratio, 1975-1985

Number of Dental Assistants

7,000
6,000
5,000
4,020
4,000
4,950

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

1975
1980
1985
YEAR

1975
1980
1985
YEAR
3. **Dental Hygienists**

The two ratio approach used for dental assistants was also used for dental hygienists. The New Jersey ratio of dental hygienists to dentists is smaller than the national ratio. This means that proportionately fewer dentists in New Jersey use dental hygienists than do dentists nationally. Table 6, page 43, and Graph 6, page 44, display the future supply and demand for dental hygienists in New Jersey at the current ratio, which is .181 dental hygienists per dentist. The current ratio projections indicate that, by 1985, New Jersey will have a four per cent surplus of dental hygienists, (i.e., a surplus of 40 dental hygienists). However, if New Jersey dentists were to employ dental hygienists at a proportion equal to the national average, a shortage of dental hygienists in the state would occur. This shortage would not be an expanding one, however, as educational output would diminish the shortage from one of 18.5% in 1980 to 12%, or 130 dental hygienists in 1985. This second set of projections is exhibited in Table 7, page 43, and Graph 7, page 45.
TABLE 6

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Dental Hygienists at a Continuing New Jersey Ratio, 1975-1985

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TABLE 7

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Dental Hygienists at an Expanded National Ratio 1975-1985

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GRAPH 6

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Dental Hygienists at a Continuing New Jersey Ratio 1975-1985

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

Number of Dental Hygienists

1,300
1,200
1,100
1,000
900
800
769
700
1975
1980
1985
 YEAR

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GRAPH 7

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Dental Hygienists at an Expanded National Ratio, 1975-1985

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

Number of Dental Hygienists

1,300
1,200
1,100
1,000

Dental Hygienists

900
800
700

769
702

1975
1980
1985

YEAR

1,070
1,090
1,220

294
Unlike the situation with assistants and hygienists, the utilization of dental laboratory technicians in New Jersey is proportionately the same as their national utilization. Accordingly, only one set of projections has been developed for this profession. These projections, which are shown in Table 8, below, and on Graph 8, on the following page, indicate that there will be a nine per cent shortage of these personnel in 1980. By 1985, the absolute size of this shortage will remain relatively stable at approximately 140 technicians. This finding of a projected shortage situation is in conformance with the projections made in the Master Plan. However, the size of this newly projected shortage is substantially smaller than the original Master Plan.

**TABLE 8**

**Supply, Demand and Need for Dental Laboratory Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985**

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<td>1985</td>
<td>1,650</td>
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GRAPH 8

Supply and Demand for Dental Laboratory Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

- Supply
- Demand
- Confidence Band

Number of Dental Laboratory Technicians

1975 1980 1985

1,300 1,440 1,650 1,790

1,800 1,900

1,310 1,570 1,700

1,600 1,700 1,800

1975 1985

YEAR

296
C. Nurses

In 1977, the Board of Higher Education adopted a moratorium policy with regard to nursing programs. This policy places caps on enrollments in associate, diploma and baccalaureate nursing programs until 1980. Since this policy was adopted, a new set of supply and demand projections has been developed for nurses. These new projections indicate that a surplus of nurses is still anticipated in 1985, though it will be a 38% surplus rather than a 78% surplus as projected in the Department's 1976 nursing analysis.\(^{(27)}\)

In part, this reduction in the size of the projected surplus is due to the effect of the Board's policy on limiting growth in nursing programs.

Two sets of projections are presented here. The first, displayed in Table 9 (page 49) and Graph 9 (page 50), shows the effect of continuing the enrollment cap policy throughout the projection period. The second set in Table 10 (page 49) and Graph 10 (page 51) indicates the impact of ending the nursing moratorium policy in 1980. A comparison of these two sets of projections shows an insignificant difference between them. This is caused by the timing needed for the additional nursing students to enter the workforce after the caps are ended (i.e., 1982 for ADNs, 1984 for BSNs). A more substantial difference would exist if the projections were carried out to 1990.

### TABLE 9

Supply, Demand and Need for Professional Nurses under Current Enrollment Policy, 1975-1985

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<td>56,200</td>
<td>54,800 ± 1,700</td>
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### TABLE 10


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<td>46,050 ± 550</td>
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<td>56,500</td>
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Supply and Demand for Nurses Under Current Enrollment Policy 1975-1985
SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

Number of Nurses

60,000
50,000
40,000
39,040

1975
1980
1985

YEAR

D. Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants

The projections of the potential manpower requirements for nurse practitioners and physician's assistants were developed from a theoretical model concerned with office-based primary care utilization of these personnel. As noted in the discussion of the NP/PA model, these data are taken from a hypothetical practice model in which both these professions would be fully employable. Therefore, limitations to these projections do exist and are specified on page 24.

The nurse practitioner manpower requirements for the hypothetical office-based system are presented in Table 11, on the following page, and Graph 11, page 54. As these data indicate, given an efficient office-based primary care delivery system, there would be a substantial need for nurse practitioners in New Jersey. In 1980, a supply of 192 NPs would compare with a projected demand for 715 of these personnel, thereby creating a shortage of 523 NPs. In 1985, the supply of NPs would grow to 319, yet the need gap would increase to 589 due to expanding demand for these nurses.

For physician's assistants, projected supply and demand are presented for 1980 and 1985. These data are shown in Table 12, page 53, and Graph 12, page 54. As with the projections of need for NPs, these projections indicate an expanding need for these personnel. Supply is expected to grow from 109 in 1980 to 230 in 1985, under the assumption that PAs could be employed in New Jersey. The corresponding projections of demand grow from 598 in 1980 to 759 in 1985. Accordingly, the theoretical need for PAs expands from 489 to 529 in 1985.
### TABLE 11

Theoretical Supply, Demand, and Need for Nurse Practitioners in an Efficient Office-Based Primary Care Delivery System 1975-1985

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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply - Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.

### TABLE 12

Theoretical Supply, Demand and Need for Physician's Assistants in an Efficient Office-Based Primary Care Delivery System 1975-1985

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Theoretical Supply and Demand for Nurse Practitioners in an Efficient Office-Based Primary Care Delivery System 1975-1985
Theoretical Supply and Demand for Physician's Assistants in an Efficient Office-Based Primary Care Delivery System 1980-1985
E. Optometrists

The projections of supply and demand for full-time equivalent optometrists are shown on Table 13, below, and Graph 13, on the following page. These projections indicate that an expanding shortage of optometrists is anticipated through 1985. Specifically, the need for additional optometrists will grow from 33 to 110 from 1980 to 1985. This represents a 48% shortage in 1980 and one of 13% in 1985. It should be noted, however, that with the Department's pending implementation of an optometric contract program for New Jersey residents, the projected 1985 shortage should be reduced.

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<td>1985</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply - Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 13

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Optometrists in New Jersey 1975-1985

Number of Optometrists

1,000
900
800
700
690

1975 1980 1985

Year

817
784
862
972
E. Pharmacists

The projection model used for pharmacists is based on the distribution of physicians as they are the source of most prescriptions. As noted elsewhere, two sets of supply projections are used for physicians. The first calculates the status quo supply of physicians as it would have occurred if the new federal health manpower legislation had not been passed. The second supply projection is based on the anticipated impact of the new legislation on newly licensed physicians. Both sets of physician supply projections are used to determine the potential level of future demand for pharmacists in New Jersey. It should be noted, however, that neither series of projections should be considered independently from the other due to the uncertainty about the future supply of physicians in New Jersey.

Table 14, page 59, and Graph 14, page 60, show the results of the pharmacists projections in a status quo physician supply situation unaffected by federal legislation. As these figures indicate, a substantial growth in demand for pharmacists would result in a 10% shortage of pharmacists by 1985. However, since P.L. 94-484 will greatly affect the future growth in physician supply, the second set of pharmacists projections (Table 15, page 59, and Graph 15, page 61) indicates that there may exist a relative balance between supply and demand by 1985. However, the degree to which the demand for pharmacists is balanced with supply, and no shortage of pharmacists projected in the second set of projections, will depend on what actions are taken by the State to alleviate the 1985 projected physician shortage.
### TABLE 14

Status Quo Supply, Demand and Need for Pharmacists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

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<td>1985</td>
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<td>5,110 ± 120</td>
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### TABLE 15

Supply, Demand and Need for Pharmacists Under FMG Restrictions of P.L. 94-484, 1975-1985

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GRAPH 14

Status Quo Supply and Demand for Pharmacists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

Number of Pharmacists

5,500
5,000
4,500
4,000
3,000

1975
1980
1985

YEAR 3U(9)
GRAPH 15

Supply and Demand for Pharmacists Under
FMG Restrictions of P.L. 94-484, 1975-1985

Number of Pharmacists

1975 1980 1985

YEAR

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND
F. Veterinarians

The projections of supply and demand for veterinarians can be found on Table 16, below, and Graph 16, page 64. These projections indicate that a shortage of veterinarians can be expected in both 1980 and 1985. This shortage is expected to grow both absolutely from 69 to 93 veterinarians and proportionately from 8.5% in 1980 to 10% in 1985. However, as the Department's veterinary medicine contract program is now reaching full operation, the State should be able to overcome this projected shortage situation in the near future.

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Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Veterinarians in New Jersey, 1975-1985
G. Dietetic Personnel

1. Dietitians

The projections of supply and demand for ADA registered, as well as baccalaureate level dietitians are provided in Table 17, below, and Graph 17, page 65. These projections indicate that there will be a very small shortage of dietitians in New Jersey in 1980 and 1985. This finding is similar to the small shortage originally projected in the Health Professions Education Master Plan.

**TABLE 17**

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Dietitians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

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Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Dietitians in New Jersey, 1975-1985
2. Nutritionists

The area of nutritionist manpower needs in New Jersey has not been addressed in the Department's master planning activities before. The results of the projections of supply and demand for these health professionals are shown on Table 18, below and Graph 18, on the following page. These projections indicate that there will be a small shortage of 4 nutritionists in 1985. This represents a shortage of six per cent of overall supply.

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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (−) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 18

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Nutritionists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Nutritionists

Year

1975 1980 1985
H. Laboratory Personnel

1. Cytotechnologists

The projections of future supply and demand for full-time equivalent cytotechnologists are shown in Table 19, below, and Graph 19, page 69. Unlike the original projections of the Master Plan, the updated supply and demand figures indicate that a small shortage of these personnel is projected for both 1980 and 1985. The 1985 projected shortage of 19 cytotechnologists amounts to a 12% shortage.

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<td>1985</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>171 ± 2</td>
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GRAPH 19
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Cytotechnologists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Cytotechnologists

170
150
130
115
110
105

1975 1980 1985
YEAR

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND
2. Histologic Technicians

Table 20, below, and Graph 20, on the following page, display the results of the supply and demand projections for histologic technicians. These figures indicate that a 10% shortage, or 12 histologic technicians, is anticipated in 1980. By 1985, the need for additional Histologic technicians will expand to 18%, or 23 technicians.

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GRAPH 20

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Histologic Technicians 1975-1985

- Number of Histologic Technicians
- Supply
- Demand
- Confidence Band

1975 1980 1985

100 110 120 130 140 150 160
3. Medical Technologists

Table 21, below, and Graph 21, on the following page provide the results of the projections of supply and demand for medical technologists. These data are concerned with credentialed medical technologists only (either RMT (ASMT) or MT (ACSP)). The projections indicate a relative balance between supply and demand, with a small 2% shortage projected for 1985.

**TABLE (21)**

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Certified Medical Technologists 1975-1985

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GRAPH 21
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Certified Medical Technologists 1975-1985

Number of Medical Technologists

- 1,500
- 1,400
- 1,300
- 1,200
- 1,100
- 1,000
- 975
- 900

1975 1980 1985
YEAR

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

1,460
1,430
1,210
4. Medical Laboratory Technician

There was no quantitative assessment of the need for medical laboratory technicians in New Jersey in the Master Plan. The projections presented in Table 22, below and Graph 22, on the next page, are the first projections released by the Department for these professionals. Due to the large proportion of medical laboratory technician educational programs in New Jersey which are not AMA accredited (50%), these projections include both certified and non-certified laboratory technicians. These projections indicate that a growing surplus of laboratory technicians is expected through 1985. Specifically, a 10% surplus, or 150 technicians, is anticipated.

*TABLE 22*

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Medical Laboratory Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Supply</th>
<th>Projected Demand</th>
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<tr>
<td>1975</td>
<td>970</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>1,260</td>
<td>1,200 ± 6</td>
<td>+60</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>1,600</td>
<td>1,450 ±11</td>
<td>+150</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.*
GRAPH 22

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Medical Laboratory Technician, 1975-1985

- Number of Laboratory Technicians
- Supply
- Demand
- Confidence Band

Year:
- 1975
- 1980
- 1985

Number of Laboratory Technicians:
- 1,600
- 1,500
- 1,400
- 1,300
- 1,200
- 1,100
- 1,000
- 970
5. Medical Laboratory Assistants

The projections of supply and demand for certified laboratory assistants are shown in Table 23, below, and Graph 23, on the following page. These projections indicate a growing shortage of these personnel. In 1980, a 10% shortage, or 40 certified assistants, is expected, while in 1985 this shortage will grow to 83, or 18%.

### TABLE 23

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Certified Laboratory Assistants in New Jersey, 1975-1985

<table>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>370</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>419</td>
<td>459 ±2</td>
<td>-40</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>470</td>
<td>553 ±4</td>
<td>-83</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 23
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Certified Laboratory Assistants in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Clinical Laboratory Assistants

- 600 -
- 500 -
- 400 -
- 300 -
- 200 -
- 100 -
- 0 -

1975 1980 1985
YEAR

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

553
470
419
459
370
300
200
100
0

1975 1980 1985
YEAR
I. Medical Records Personnel

1. Medical Records Administrators

Table 24, below, and Graph 24, page 79, show the results of the projections for certified medical records administrators. These projections indicate a growing shortage of these personnel. In 1980, a 6% shortage, or eight administrators, is expected. By 1985, this shortage will grow to 19 administrators, or 13%. The Master Plan projected a similar shortage situation.

<table>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>112</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>135 ±1</td>
<td>-8</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>142</td>
<td>161 ±2</td>
<td>-19</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 24

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Medical Records Administrators in New Jersey, 1975-1985
2. Medical Records Technicians

The projections of supply and demand for accredited records technicians are shown in Table 25, below and Graph 25, on the next page. These data show that an expanding surplus of records technicians is anticipated. In 1980, an eight per cent surplus of 18 technicians is projected, and in 1985 this surplus will grow to 52 records technicians. The 1985 surplus represents twenty-five per cent of the projected supply. It should be noted that these projections are made for hospital-based accredited technicians. With increasing demand for record keeping in other health institutions, the demand for these personnel may be greater than that shown below.

TABLE 25

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Accredited Records Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

<table>
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<td>110</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>133 ±1</td>
<td>+18</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>159 ±2</td>
<td>+52</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply - Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Accredited Records Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985
J. Radiologic Personnel

1. Radiologic Technicians

The Master Plan projected a continuing shortage of radiologic (x-ray) technicians through 1985. These projections were made for all four categories of licensed technicians. These included general licenses, chest licenses, therapy licenses and dental licenses. Since the projections were developed (1972), there has been a substantial growth in the number of x-ray technicians licensed by the State, especially those holding general licenses. The new projections outlined below in Table 26 and in Graph 26, on the following page, are concerned with general x-ray licentiates only. Due to a steady growth in supply, an 11% surplus, or 590 technicians, is projected for 1980. In 1985, this surplus is expected to grow to 1,010 technicians, or 14% of projected supply.

**TABLE 26**

Supply, Demand and Need for Radiologic Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
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<tr>
<td>1975</td>
<td>4,068</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>5,570</td>
<td>4,980 + 110</td>
<td>+590</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>6,970</td>
<td>5,960 + 240</td>
<td>+1,010</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 26

Supply and Demand for Radiologic Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Radiologic Technicians

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Supply</th>
<th>Demand</th>
<th>Confidence Band</th>
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<tr>
<td>1975</td>
<td>4,068</td>
<td>5,570</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>5,570</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>6,970</td>
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2. Nuclear Medicine Technologists

The area of nuclear medicine was not addressed in the Master Plan. The data shown below in Table 27 and on the next page in Graph 27 are the results of the projections of supply and demand for nuclear medicine technologists. These data include both ASCP certified nuclear medicine technologists and radiologic technicians working in nuclear medicine. The projections indicate that a shortage of these personnel will continue through 1985. In 1980 there is a projected 7% surplus, or 28 technologists. This will expand to 19% for a surplus of 51 technologists in 1985. It should be noted that these projections concern baccalaureate level nuclear medicine technologists. In the near future, the Department of Environmental Protection will be licensing nuclear medicine technologists who graduate from approved two-year programs.

**TABLE 27**

<table>
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<td>1975</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>205</td>
<td>177 ± 4</td>
<td>+28</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>263</td>
<td>212 ± 9</td>
<td>+51</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (−) denotes a shortage of personnel.
Number of Nuclear Medicine Technologists

Graph 27
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Nuclear Medicine Technologists, 1975-1985

Confidence Band
K. Therapeutic Personnel

1. Occupational Therapists

Table 28, below, and Graph 28, on the following page, provide the projection results for registered occupational therapists. These projections indicate that a decreasing shortage of occupational therapists is anticipated through 1985. This improving manpower situation is a result of the positive effect that the new Kean College program will have on supply. In 1980, a 24% shortage, or 60 therapists, is projected, while in 1985, this will decrease to a shortage of 49 occupational therapists, or 13%.

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<td>1975</td>
<td>214</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>313 ± 10</td>
<td>-60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>378</td>
<td>427 ± 21</td>
<td>-49</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 28

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Registered Occupational Therapists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Occupational Therapists

500

400

300

200

1975

1980

1985

SUPPLY

DEMAND

CONFIDENCE BAND

214

253

313

378

427
2. **Occupational Therapy Assistants**

The results of the projections of supply and demand for certified occupational therapy assistants are shown below in Table 29, and on Graph 29 (page 89). As is the case with occupational therapists, shortages of certified assistants are anticipated in both 1980 and 1985. The shortage of 18 assistants expected in 1980 represents 9% of the 1980 projected supply. While this shortage is expected to increase absolutely to 23 assistants in 1985, it will be proportionately reduced to 8% of projected supply.

### TABLE 29

**Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants in New Jersey, 1975-1985**

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<td>-</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>206</td>
<td>224 ± 7</td>
<td>-18</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>283</td>
<td>306 ± 15</td>
<td>-23</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 29
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Occupational Therapy Assistants

- SUPPLY
- DEMAND
- CONFIDENCE BAND

Year
1975
1980
1985

100
153
200
250
300
350
400
3. **Physical Therapists**

The projections of supply and demand for full-time equivalent physical therapists are shown in Table 30, below, and on the following page, Graph 30. These data indicate that a continuing shortage of these professionals can be anticipated in the future. This shortage is projected to grow from 36 (4%) in 1980 to 110 therapists (11%) by 1985. This increasing shortage is caused by the future effect of National Health Insurance on the demand for physical therapists. This shortage will begin to be confronted with the graduation of physical therapists from the Kean College-C.M.D.N.J. program.

**TABLE 30**

**Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Physical Therapists in New Jersey, 1975-1985**

<table>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>924</td>
<td>960 ± 30</td>
<td>-36</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>1,180</td>
<td>1,310 ± 65</td>
<td>-130</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Physical Therapists in New Jersey, 1975-1985
4. Respiratory Therapists

The projections of supply and demand for registered respiratory therapists are shown in Table 31, below, and Graph 31, on the next page. These data indicate that supply will grow more rapidly than demand over the next decade. In 1980, a surplus of 39 therapists is projected. This surplus will grow to a level of 92 therapists, or well over 30% by 1985. This finding of a large impending surplus of these personnel agrees with the projections originally made in the Master Plan.

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<td>1975</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>112 ±1</td>
<td>+39</td>
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<tr>
<td>1985</td>
<td>235</td>
<td>143 ±3</td>
<td>+92</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 31

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Registered Respiratory Therapists in New Jersey, 1975-1985

Number of Respiratory Therapists

1975 1980 1985
YEAR

SUPPLY
DEMAND
CONFIDENCE BAND

112 151 143 235

60 66 140 180 220 260
5. Respiratory Therapy Technicians

The projections of supply and demand for certified respiratory therapy technicians indicate an expanding surplus for the future. The 1980 projected surplus equals 41 technicians, which represents 9% of the 1980 projected supply. In 1985, this surplus will grow to 89 technicians, or 14%. These data are shown in Table 32, below, and Graph 32, on the following page.

TABLE 32
Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Certified Respiratory Therapy Technicians in New Jersey, 1975-1985

<table>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>467</td>
<td>426±3</td>
<td>+41</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>634</td>
<td>545±8</td>
<td>+89</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
GRAPH 32
Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Certified Respiratory Therapy Assistants in New Jersey 1975-1985

Number of Respiratory Therapy Technicians

- Supply
- Demand
- Confidence Band

1975
1980
1985
Year

300
313
425
467
545
634
6. Speech Pathologists/Audiologists

The Master Plan projected a continuing shortage of speech pathologists/audiologists through 1985. However, declining public school enrollments are reducing the future demand for these personnel. In Table 33, below, and Graph 33, on the following page, the results of updated projections of supply and demand for master's level speech pathologists/audiologists are presented. These projections indicate that a surplus of these professionals is anticipated. The 1980 surplus will amount to 45 speech pathologists and audiologists (5%). This surplus will grow to 55 professionals by 1985, which is also 5% of the 1985 speech pathologist and audiologist workforce.

TABLE 33

Supply, Demand and Need for Full-time Equivalent Masters Level Speech Pathologists/Audiologists, 1975-1985

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<td>805</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>930</td>
<td>885 ± 25</td>
<td>+25</td>
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<td>1985</td>
<td>1030</td>
<td>975 ± 60</td>
<td>+55</td>
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*Manpower Need is taken at the midpoint of demand and calculated as Supply-Demand. Therefore, a negative sign (-) denotes a shortage of personnel.
Graph 33

Supply and Demand for Full-time Equivalent Masters Level Speech Pathologists/Audiologists, 1975-1985

Number of Speech Pathologist/Audiologists

Supply
Demand
Confidence Band

1,200
1,100
1,000
930
975
885
830
800
805
1975
1980
1985
Year
Appendix A:

Definition of Permanent Income
In the development of the projections presented in the body of this report, a new income variable is introduced. Current per capita income is replaced by a measure of permanent income. As defined by Milton Friedman in *A Theory of the Consumption Function* (Princeton University Press, 1957), permanent income is an index of wealth, where wealth includes human capacity as well as the non-human assets ordinarily designated by that term. Friedman's permanent income hypothesis assumes that the consumer has, at any moment in time, some estimate of wealth and adjusts his flow of consumption to this estimate. More precisely, the prime determinant of an individual's yearly level of consumption is the annualized discounted flow of funds generated by the stock of human (education, health) and non-human (stocks, bonds, etc.) wealth.

For the purpose of manpower planning, we are interested in the long run relationship between income and the demand for health care and health manpower. Therefore, the use of permanent income is most appropriate. Since permanent income is based upon wealth, it is independent of temporary changes in income due to windfall losses or gains which may be irrelevant for spending decisions. For example, if a person were to win at a race track, that gain would become part of that individual's income. If we were then to examine the relationship between this person's consumption and current income, the resulting statistical parameter would be biased since it overestimates the impact of this one-time gain. We believe that the addition of the permanent income concept should result in more stable and significant relationships between the demand for health care and income.

In order to measure the relationship between demand and income it is necessary to make the income variable more specific. The
The standard approach is to estimate permanent income as a weighted average of past and present levels of income, i.e.,

\[ Y_p = \lambda_0 Y_t + \lambda_1 Y_{t-1} + \lambda_2 Y_{t-2} + \ldots + \lambda_n Y_{t-n} \]

where:
- \( Y_p \) = permanent income
- \( Y_t \) = disposable income in time period \( t \)
- \( 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1 \)
- \( \sum \lambda_i = 1 \)

We have assumed that \( \lambda_i \) is a declining exponential function of the following form:

\[ \lambda_i = W_i (1-W_i)^i \]

where:
- \( W_i \) = the assigned annual weights to current income. Friedman suggests that \( W_i \) should be set at .33, resulting in a three year time discount period.

Data were collected on per-capita disposable income by county for 1954 to 1974. A computer program was written to successfully weight these income levels in the linear form of the equations given above. These 1974 estimates of county permanent income were then incorporated into our projection model.
Appendix B:

Specifications of the Projection Equations
A. Demand

See page 18 for details.

B. Supply

The physician supply projections are based upon the addition of new licentiates adjusted for in-state retention, and modified for attrition. Two sets of supply projections are presented. In the first, supply is calculated assuming that the factors affecting the annual growth in the State's physician supply will remain essentially unchanged through 1985. The second set of supply projections is built upon assumptions about the effects of the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-484) which promises to substantially alter the trend in the State's physician supply due to its restrictions on the immigration of foreign medical graduates (FMGs).

Data from the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners indicate that 1400 new physician licenses are issued annually. By applying in-state retention rates, this number reduces to 932 annual gross additions to the State's physician labor force. This count is further reduced to 897 when it is translated into full-time equivalents. By calculating expected attrition over the projection period, supply projections in a status quo system are developed. These amount to approximately 14,000 in 1980 and 16,000 in 1985. In order to adjust these projections to reflect the impact of the immigration restrictions of P.L. 94-484, it is necessary to determine the proportion of newly licensed physicians who are FMG's. This proportion is estimated at 75% of all new licentiates. By adjusting
this figure for those FMG's who are American-born and those who can
meet the law's strict immigration requirements, the net effect of
this new legislation is estimated at a 48% reduction in newly
licensed physicians. Applying this factor to the years following
1981 when the law will be fully implemented, 1985 supply is projected
at 14,400 rather than the 16,000 in a status quo system.

Full documentation of these projections is contained in the
Department's Health Manpower Planning Series Report Number One,
"An Analysis of the Need for Physician in New Jersey 1975-1985"
(pp. 13-20).

DENTAL PERSONNEL

A. Dentists

1. Demand

The demand for dentists is calculated using the following equation:

\[
\left( \frac{D}{POP_t} \right) = 1.085 Y_t + 1.647 A_t + 0.2829 V_{ht} + I_t Q_t, \text{ where:}
\]

- \( \left( \frac{D}{POP_t} \right) \) is the percentage change in the dentist-to-population
  ratio resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \( Y_t \) is the percentage change in permanent income to time
  period \( t \).
- \( A_t \) is the percentage change in the age of the base year
  population to time period \( t \).
- \( V_{ht} \) is the percentage change in hospital services provided
  to time period \( t \).
- \( I_t \) is the projected impact of expanded dental insurance
  coverage on the demand for dentists in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
- \( Q_t \) is an estimate of productivity change in the time period
The \( r^2 \) of this equation equals \( .793 \). The effect of increased dental coverage of the demand for dentists is estimated at 4.0% for the period from 1980 to 1985. Dental productivity increases are estimated at 1.6% per year.\(^{(1)}\)

2. Supply

The supply of dentists in 1975 was taken from the Department of Health's Health Manpower Information System. The projection of supply was based on annual additions to the licensed dentist pool taken from the Board of Dentistry and annual attrition from the dental workforce due to death and retirement.

B. Dental Auxiliaries

1. Demand

The demand method used for dental auxiliaries (dental assistants, hygienists and laboratory technicians) is explained in the body of the report (page 19). It uses the current state and national ratios of auxiliaries to dentists as the projection base.

2. Supply

The 1975 supply of dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians was taken from the Department of Labor and Industry's Occupational Employment Surveys. Dental hygienist data are developed from the Department of Higher Education's Health Manpower Information System, which is based on licensure survey data. The projection of supply for each profession uses information

on the output of New Jersey's educational programs(2) adjusted for the in-state retention of these graduates.(3) These data are used in conjunction with annual attrition data to calculate future supply.

NURSES

A. Demand

The nursing equation is as follows:

\[ N_t = 0.9061 P_t + 0.8323 Y_t + 0.4183 V_{nt} + 0.2285 A_t + I_t - Q_{ts} \]

where:

- \( N_t \): the percentage change in nurses resulting from changes in the independent variables below.
- \( P_t \): the percentage change in population to time period \( t \).
- \( Y_t \): the percentage change in permanent income to time period \( t \).
- \( V_{nt} \): the percentage change in hospital services provided to time period \( t \).
- \( I_t \): the projected impact of National Health Insurance on the demand for nurses in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
- \( Q_{ts} \): an estimate of productivity changes in the time period to 1980 and 1985.

The \( r^2 \) of this equation is .928. The National Health Insurance impact is estimated at 5.7% for the period from 1980 to 1985. Annual productivity increases are estimated at 1.5% per year.

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(3) The use of in-state survival ratio for the graduates of New Jersey programs was begun with the Health Professions Education Master Plan. These rates can be found on page 91 of that document.
B. Supply

The baseline supply of registered nurses was taken from the Department of Higher Education's Health Manpower Information System. More recent data on the supply of professional nurses in New Jersey are currently not available. Future supply was calculated using data on new licentiates provided by the Board of Nursing. These data were adjusted for in-state actives and for net increases in nursing program graduates in New Jersey (additional graduates adjusted for "in-state survival"). The effects of the current moratorium on nursing program enrollments were also factored in, with the two-year associate program caps affecting 1979 supply, three-year diploma program caps influencing 1980 supply, and 1981 supply increases influenced by caps on four-year baccalaureate programs. Two sets of nursing supply projections for 1985 are provided. One shows the effect of the continuation of the caps to 1985, while the other indicates the impact of a discontinuation of the policy beginning in 1980. Because of the time required for the increased enrollments to begin to affect the size of the work force, the 1985 impact of ending the enrollment cap policy is not significant. However, a more substantial impact will be evident in the years following 1985.

OPTOMETRISTS

A. Demand

The demand for optometrists is calculated using the following equation:

\[ O_t = 1.024 P_t + 0.591 V_{ht} + I_t \]

where:

- \( O_t \) = the percentage change in optometrists due to changes in the independent variables below.
- \( P_t \) = the percentage change in population to time period \( t \).
- \( V_{ht} \) = the percentage change in hospital services provided to time period \( t \).
- \( I_t \) = the projected impact of National Health Insurance on the demand for optometrists in time period \( t \).

The \( r^2 \) for this equation is 0.958. The impact of National Health Insurance is estimated at 5.7% for the period from 1980 to 1985. It should be noted that age and income were not found to be statistically significant variables, due to the high correlation attributable to the population visits variables.

B. Supply

The supply of optometrists was drawn from a comparison of license data and a 1973 DHHS survey of New Jersey optometrists. It is estimated that there were 690 full-time equivalent optometrists practicing in New Jersey in 1975. Future supply data were calculated using annual workforce attrition information and data provided by the Board of Optometrists on new licentiates through 1977.

PHARMACISTS

A. Demand

The demand for pharmacists is related to the supply of medical practitioners who are able to prescribe drugs. Accordingly, the
model used relates the distribution of pharmacists to the
distribution of physicians, as follows:

\[ P_t = 0.7632 \ \text{PHY}_t + I_t - Q_{ts} \quad \text{where:} \]

\[ P_t = \text{the percentage change in pharmacists resulting from} \]
\[ \text{change in the physicians practicing in New Jersey.} \]

\[ \text{PHY}_t = \text{the percentage change in physicians practicing in} \]
\[ \text{New Jersey to time period } t. \]

\[ I_t = \text{the projected impact of National Health Insurance on} \]
\[ \text{the demand for pharmacists in time period } t \text{ (1980-1985).} \]

\[ Q_{ts} = \text{An estimate of productivity changes in the time period} \]
\[ \text{to 1980, and 1985.} \]

The r^2 of this equation equals .805. The annual productivity gain
is estimated at 2.5% and was calculated from prescription volume
data from the Board of Pharmacists.

B. Supply

The 1975 supply of pharmacists was taken from data provided
by the Board of Pharmacy. Information from the Department of
Higher Education's 1974 survey of pharmacists was used to estimate
the full-time and part-time mix of personnel. Data on new
licentiatates were also received from the Board of Pharmacists.
Using these data and calculations on the attrition of pharmacists
from the New Jersey workforce, future supply was determined.

VETERINARIANS

A. Demand

The demand for veterinarians is calculated using the following
equation:
\[ \dot{V}_t = 0.5402 \dot{P}_t + 1.689 \dot{Y}_t \]

where:

\[ (4.6) \]

\[ (3.0) \]

\[ \dot{V}_t \] = the percentage change in the number of veterinarians resulting from changes in population and income.

\[ \dot{P}_t \] = the percentage change in population to time period \( t \).

\[ \dot{Y}_t \] = the percentage change in permanent income to time period \( t \).

The \( r^2 \) of this equation is \( .857 \).

B. Supply

The 1975 supply of veterinarians was developed using data from the Department of Health's Health Manpower Information System which are based on the results of a 1975 licensing survey. Additional data on non-licensed veterinarians working in research and industry were provided by the American Veterinary Medicine Association. These data indicate that there were 78 veterinarians working as non-licensed veterinarians in New Jersey in 1975.

Future supply was determined using data on the attrition of veterinarians from the New Jersey workforce and data on newly licensed veterinarians provided by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

DIETARY PERSONNEL

A. Demand

As indicated in the narrative, staff was unable to develop a statistically sound equation to use to project the future demand for dietitians and nutritionists. Accordingly, the results of the equation used in the Health Professions Education Master Plan were used in this instance (see Appendix E of the Master Plan, page 221). Demand for these professions was based on the
utilization of hospital services. This equates to a 20.1% increase from 1975 to 1985. These percentages were used to project future demand for both dietitians and nutritionists. In addition a 5.7% increase in demand caused by National Health Insurance is used for the project period ending in 1985.

B. Supply

Data on the 1975 supply of dietitians and nutritionists were taken from the Department of Higher Education's institutional survey. The count of dietitians includes both ADA-registered dietitians and baccalaureate level dietitians who are not ADA registered. Future supply of these professions was calculated using information on graduates of New Jersey programs and data on workforce attrition.

LABORATORY PERSONNEL

A. Demand

The equation for laboratory personnel is provided in the narrative of this report on page 26.

B. Supply

Data on the supply of laboratory personnel in New Jersey were taken from the DHE institutional survey. To these baseline counts were added the results of the Department of Labor and Industry's OES survey of medical and dental laboratories. The base year supply for medical technologists, medical laboratory


(6) Ibid., pp. 9-14.
assistants, cytotechnologists and histologic technicians are assumed to include registered or certified personnel only. Those laboratory personnel who were identified as not certified in the DHE institutional survey are not included in these projections. In calculating future supply for these four occupations, data on the in-state retention of graduates of accredited educational programs were used to determine supply increases, in conjunction with decreases caused by attrition. In the case of medical laboratory technicians, 1975 supply and 1980 and 1985 projected supply include both certified and non-certified professionals. The inclusion of non-certified technicians was prompted by the recognition that approximately one half of the laboratory technicians working in New Jersey are not certified in their profession.

**MEDICAL RECORDS PERSONNEL**

A. **Demand**

The equation used to project the demand for medical records personnel was developed from the Department of Health's SHARE system. This equation is as follows:

\[
MR_t = 0.9454 \text{ IPD}_t + 0.217 \text{ W}_t + 0.105 \text{ ALOS}_t + I_t
\]

where:

- \(MR_t\) = the change in medical records personnel resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \(\text{IPD}_t\) = the percentage change in certified inpatient days to time \(t\).
- \(\text{W}_t\) = the percentage change in average medical records wages to time \(t\).
- \(\text{ALOS}_t\) = the percentage change in average length of stay to time \(t\).
the projected impact of National Health Insurance on the demand for medical records personnel in the time period t (1980-1985).

The $r^2$ of this equation is .71. The expected impact of National Health Insurance equals 5.7% up to the period ending in 1985.

B. Supply

The 1975 supply of medical records personnel is taken from the DHE institutional survey results. Only data on certified professionals are used. For administrators these data are based on the above noted survey. For accredited records technicians, survey data were compared to the 1975 AMRA Registry and its count of ART's was used in a full-time equivalent format. Future supply is calculated using the historical trends from the AMRA Registry for administrators and program graduates and attrition data for technicians.

RADIOLOGIC PERSONNEL

A. Demand

The equation used to calculate the future demand for radiologic technicians and nuclear medicine technologists was developed using distributional data provided by the Board of X-Ray Technicians Examiners. It is shown below:

$$\Delta X_t = 1.007 P_t + .751 A_t + .8426 Y_t + I_t - Q_{ts}$$

where:

- $P_t$ = the percentage change in population to time period t.
- $A_t$ = the percentage change in age of the population to time period t.

It is shown below:

$$\Delta X_t = 1.007 P_t + .751 A_t + .8426 Y_t + I_t - Q_{ts}$$

(1.7)

(2.0)

(1.7)
\[ Y = \text{the percentage change in permanent income to time period } t \]
\[ I_t = \text{the projected impact of National Health Insurance on} \]
\[ \text{the demand for x-ray personnel in the time period } t \]

\[(1980-1985) \]
\[ Q_{ts} = \text{An estimate of productivity changes in the time period} \]
\[ \text{to 1980 and 1985.} \]

The \( r^2 \text{ of the equation is } .954. \) The impact of National Health Insurance

is estimated at 5.7\% over the projection period ending in 1985.

Annual productivity increases are estimated at 1\% per year.

B. Supply

The 1975 supply of x-ray technicians was estimated from data

provided by the Board of X-Ray Technicians Examiners. Base year

supply data on nuclear medicine technologists is taken from the

DHE institutional survey. This count includes both ASCP registered

technologists and x-ray technologists working in nuclear medicine.\(^8\)

Future supply for x-ray technicians is calculated using the

historical growth trend in licensure provided by the Board of

X-Ray Technicians Examiners. The supply projection for nuclear

medicine technologists is based on the in-state retention of New

Jersey program graduates and normal attrition from the workforce.

THERAPEUTIC PERSONNEL

A. Occupational and Physical Therapists

1. Demand

The demand for occupational and physical therapists is

calculated using the following equation:

\[^8\text{Ibid., p. 13}\]
\( \frac{\text{PT}}{\text{Pop}}_t = 0.826 \cdot V_{ht} + 1.48 \cdot Y_t + 0.792 \cdot A_t + I_t - Q_{ts} \) where:

- \( V_{ht} \) = The percentage change in hospital services provided to time period \( t \).
- \( Y_t \) = The percentage change in permanent income to time period \( t \).
- \( A_t \) = The percentage change in the proportion of aged in the population to time period \( t \).
- \( I_t \) = The projected impact of National Health Insurance on the demand for therapists in time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
- \( Q_{ts} \) = An estimate of productivity changes in the time period to 1980 and 1985.

The \( r^2 \) of this equation equals .70. The impact of NHI is estimated at 5.7% for the period from 1980 to 1985. Therapist productivity increases are estimated at 1.4% per year.

2. **Supply**

The base year count of physical therapists was taken from the Department of Higher Education's Health Manpower Information System. The 1975 supply of registered occupational therapists is based on data provided by the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association. This information was transformed into full-time equivalents by using the full-time/part-time mix for occupational therapists found in the Department's institutional survey. The future supply of physical therapists is calculated by using
data on new licentiates provided by the Board of Medical Examiners; the future effect of graduates of the Kean College program; and, a calculation of workforce attrition for physical therapists. The future supply of occupational therapists is calculated using historical information on the growth of registered therapists in New Jersey; new additions to the workforce from the Kean College program; and anticipated workforce attrition by these personnel. Calculation of 1980 and 1985 supply for certified occupational therapy assistants is based on graduate output of current programs; in-state migration of certified assistants; and, future attrition of assistants from the workforce.

B. Respiratory Therapists and Technicians

1. Demand

The demand for respiratory therapy personnel is calculated from an equation developed from the Department of Health's SHARE System, as follows:

\[ RT_t = 1.031 \text{ IPD}_t - 0.6413 \text{ W}_t + 0.5012 \text{ CEX}_t + 1.0 \text{ I}_t \]

where:

- \( RT_t \) = the change in respiratory therapy personnel resulting from changes in the variables below.
- \( \text{IPD}_t \) = the percentage change in certified inpatient days to time \( t \).
- \( \text{W}_t \) = the percentage change in average respiratory therapist wages to time \( t \).
- \( \text{CEX}_t \) = the percentage change in non-payroll expenditures per bed to time \( t \).
- \( \text{I}_t \) = the projected impact of National Health Insurance on the demand for respiratory therapy personnel in the time period \( t \) (1980-1985).
The $r^2$ of this equation is .68. The expected impact of NHPL equals 5.7% for the period from 1980 to 1985.

2. Supply

The 1975 supply of respiratory therapists and technicians was developed from the Department's institutional survey and information provided by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Association for Respiratory Therapy. Future supply is calculated using data on program graduate levels, adjusted by in-state survival rates, examination pass rates, and full-time equivalent information. Separations from the workforce are also calculated for respiratory therapy personnel.

C. Speech Pathologists/Audiologists

1. Demand

The equation used for speech pathologists/audiologists is:

$$SP/At = 0.886 \ SE_t + 1.32 \ Y_t + TE_t$$

where:

$$SE_t = \text{the percentage change in school enrollments to time period } t.$$

$$Y_t = \text{the percentage change in permanent income to time period } t.$$

$$TE_t = \text{the projected impact of increasing budgets in New Jersey for special education on the demand for speech pathologists/audiologists to time period } t.$$

The $r^2$ of this equation equals .892. The projected impact of budget increase on speech pathologists/audiologists is 5% for
the period to 1985.

2. Supply

The 1975 data on the supply of masters level speech pathologists and audiologists in New Jersey was provided by the Department of Education. Future supply of these professionals was estimated using educational output data on New Jersey's master's level programs adjusted for in-state retention and full-time equivalency. Workforce attrition is also used in the calculation of 1980 and 1985 supply.
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Appendix V

Summary of Major Findings and Recommendations of Scope and Cost Study for Health Professions Education Programs in New Jersey (DRAFT)
The major findings and recommendations of this study are briefly summarized in the following narrative. These conclusions are based upon extensive and thorough analyses and discussion of the costs and benefits of the policy alternatives which appear in the actual study. Therefore, they are not repeated within this summary. It should be noted that these findings and recommendations reflect the current status of the scope and cost study which is still in draft form so they may not be final. All fiscal projections are given in terms of current dollars.
Medical Education

The Department's most recent projections of the State's need for physicians indicate that presently the supply of physicians is rapidly approaching demand for these practitioners. However, recently enacted federal health manpower legislation, which provides new limitations on the immigration of foreign medical graduates (FMG's) into the country will, by 1982, have a substantial impact on the projected growth in the State's physician supply. Since New Jersey currently depends upon an unrestricted flow of FMG's for a majority of its new licensees, it is projected that the new federal immigration restrictions will create a shortage of 1900 physicians by 1985. This shortage represents 13% of the projected physician supply for that year. However, while this State is facing an acute shortage of physicians, nationally there is strong evidence that the historical shortage of physicians is coming to an end, chiefly because of the rapid growth of medical education over the past ten years. It should be expected, therefore, that if the State continues to attract out-of-state U.S. medical school graduates at its present rate, the State should reap some benefits from the increase of graduates from out-of-state domestic medical schools. Staff estimates that the State could gain an additional 350 physicians by 1985, which would reduce the projected 1985 shortage from 1900 to 1550 physicians. This shortage represents 10.5% of the projected 1985 supply. In addition to the projected physician shortage, there is growing evidence that many urban and rural areas within the State and public correctional and health care facilities suffer from serious primary care physician shortages (i.e., a maldistribution problem).

Given these projections of future manpower needs, staff explored a number of strategies aimed at meeting the State's projected medical services needs in the most economical, efficient and qualitative manner. As a result of this analysis the following recommendations are made:

1. The State's first priority should be to develop programs aimed at: (a) retaining a larger percentage of the physicians currently educated by the State; (b) attracting more American medical graduates from other States, and; (c) correcting the State's present geographic and specialty maldistribution of physicians. The Department has developed two such programs which have been endorsed by the Board and should be implemented.

a. The newly enacted Graduate Medical Education Program will establish a statewide mechanism to improve the quality of primary care graduate medical education in the State through short-term...
grants-in-aid to support the educational costs of selected programs. This will improve physician supply by attracting a larger number of CMDNJ and other American medical graduates to the State to practice. Further, since the funds provided by this program will be utilized to encourage the development of primary care residency programs, it will enhance the quality of medical care available to our population by making a significant contribution toward relieving the present specialty maldistribution problem.

b. The Physician-Dentist Loan Redemption Program currently pending in the State legislature has been designed to specifically address the acute shortages of primary care physicians and dentists in many areas of the State. The program can address these needs by providing an attractive financial incentive for a selected number of graduates of the CMDNJ and FDU School of Dentistry to practice primary care medicine and dentistry in those areas and facilities designated as underserved.

2. A high priority should also be given to the education of appropriate numbers of physician support personnel, specifically nurse practitioners and physician assistants, who can be employed to increase the productivity of the present supply of physicians. If physician assistant enabling legislation is passed in New Jersey, the State can, through continuation and possible addition to its physician assistant and nurse practitioner programs, make a significant supply of these practitioners available to the State's primary care physicians. The analysis set forth in the staff study concludes that if these professionals are effectively utilized within physician practice settings the resulting productivity improvements could substantially reduce the State need for additional physicians.

3. The staff study presents projections of gross expenditures and State appropriations required for a variety of medical student enrollment options for New Jersey Medical School (NJMS), Rutgers Medical School (RMS) and the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine (NJSOM). These projections are presented in Table A1. For NJMS these enrollment options represent logical alternatives given the capacity of the physical plant in Newark. For RMS and NJSOM the eight options chosen for the staff analysis include both currently approved plans for the South Jersey Medical Education Program, and the CMDNJ's proposal for expansion of the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine.
II. Option I assumes a class size of 120 for NMS which represents present budget which results in the following projections for the upcoming FY for 1982.

Upon further examination, the projection parameters are very similar to those of Option 2. However, Option 2 provides a more realistic approach to the educational and instructional needs of the medical school.

III. Option II proposes a class size of 120 for NMS which represents potential budget with projected increases over the next few years. The projections are based on past trends in the difference between the college working fund and appropriations. The resulting savings can be allocated towards the educational needs of the medical school.

IV. Projections of undergraduate medical school budgets, for FY 1982, are presented in Table 1. The dollar amounts are based on past trends in the difference between the college working fund and appropriations.
One alternative examined was to hold enrollments to present FY 1979 levels and accept the consequences of a major shortfall in physician supply and the utilization of present physical plant below its maximum capacity. This would mean holding entering class size to 272 students. Even so the costs of fully phasing in and maintaining this position would be $41 million, an increase of $14 million over the FY 1979 budgets for those educational units.

At the other extreme, if we were to accept the CMDNJ proposal for the development of a free-standing school of osteopathic medicine in the Camden area, while also increasing enrollments at NJMS to its full capacity, total enrollments could be increased 62% to 440 students per class. However, this alternative could require a State appropriation of $54 million, $27 million over the FY 1979 budget.

We propose a middle position that fully utilizes our facilities and faculty resources and provides a class size that is responsive to projected manpower needs and can be achieved in an efficient and economical manner. By proposing the following array of programs, enrollments can be increased to 400 students per class, at a cost of approximately $45 million in appropriations. Although this class size is 50 students below the level that could be achieved through the above proposal, it could be implemented by a state appropriation of $9 million less per year, and without any addition to the College's physical plant. This can be accomplished in the following manner:

a. Enrollments at NJMS should be permitted to grow to 200 students per class which represents the College's estimate of the maximum capacity of the existing physical plant in Newark.

b. Enrollments at RMS-Piscataway should be permitted to reach the current planned enrollment level of 108 students per class.

c. Osteopathic students should continue to receive basic science instruction jointly with RMS students in order to fully utilize that campus's physical plant and basic science faculty. Since the College estimates that the Piscataway basic science facilities can accommodate up to 140 students per class, NJSM enrollments could grow at least to 32 students per class.

d. In addition, the COTRANS program should be utilized to increase third and fourth year enrollments at both RMS and NJSM. COTRANS students are third-year American transfer students from foreign medical schools. Staff recommendations is that 15% of these third year transfer students could be added to the
above noted class size of 32 students at NJSOM for a new total of 48 students per class. The addition of 48 COTRANS students would permit the RMS-Piscataway clinical program to maintain a class size of 108 students, some of whom are COTRANS students, and a clinical class size of 48 students at Cooper Hospital, some of whom would also be COTRANS students. Since COTRANS students have already completed their basic science education, there is no need to expand physical plant or basic science faculty to accommodate these additional students.

4. Although it is recommended that joint basic science instruction of RMS and NJSOM students be continued, staff recognizes the problems of academic control and logistics perceived by the NJSOM faculty as stemming from the utilization of Rutgers Medical School basic sciences faculty and facilities in Piscataway for the instruction of NJSOM students. Therefore, it is recommended that outside consultants, possibly from Michigan State's innovative allopathic and osteopathic programs, be engaged to aid the Department and the College in exploring the feasibility of the following alternatives:

a. The organization of basic sciences at RMS into a separate school with an independent dean (i.e., neither RMS nor NJSOM). Under this concept both allopathic and osteopathic faculty would have formalobile means for input into curriculum and quality control matters to assure that the distinctive needs of each school are satisfied where reasonable, necessary and efficient.

b. Alternatives to alleviate the logistical problems posed by the clinical instruction of first and second-year NJSOM students based in Piscataway while osteopathic clinical faculty and facilities are located in the Camden area. These should include the use of allopathic Central Jersey hospitals for the clinical instruction of osteopathic facilities in the area, and, possible jointure, to some degree, of the clinical instruction of RMS and NJSOM first and second-year students.

Staff estimates that by the end of the physician manpower projection period these increases in CMDNJ enrollments along with the other alternatives recommended above would decrease the projected statewide physician shortage to 434 physicians, 3% of the estimated supply in that year. It should be noted, however, that
the recommended enrollment increases will only be phased in by the end of the projection period. Therefore the full cumulative impact on future physician supply of these enrollment increases will not be felt until after the projection period, so that the benefits of these increased enrollments are not fully reflected in these data.

5. Expenditure projections provided by the College for NJMS, RMS and NJSOM assume combined enrollments of 220-315 in Ph.D. and post-doctoral biomedical sciences programs. These enrollments are 40-100% above FY 1979 enrollment of 156. They represent maximum efficient enrollments given the projected sizes of basic science faculties under each option. The Department recognizes that the presence of biomedical sciences graduate programs has a positive impact on undergraduate medical education because it enhances the quality of research conducted at each school, and it increases the College's ability to recruit first-rate basic science faculty. On the other hand, although there is no New Jersey-specific data available, recent national studies indicate an impending surplus of biomedical scientists. In this regard, further increases at the GSBS and in the RMS graduate program cannot be justified especially since these programs are very costly. Therefore, the Department should not finance significant increases in Ph.D. and post-doctoral enrollments beyond budgeted levels unless a specific need for these professionals can be demonstrated.

Dental Education

According to the Department's most recent projections, the State is nearly at an equilibrium situation with regard to dental manpower, that is, by 1985, the State's projected supply of dentists will be almost sufficient to meet its demand for these personnel, and only a small state-wide shortage is projected. However, although the State's need for dentists is diminishing, the current level of educational effort is needed to maintain these favorable projections. In light of these projections, therefore staff makes the following recommendations:

1. The State should, at least in the short-term, continue to subsidize the Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry, following the present contract approach, in order to maintain the current level of dental education in the most efficient and economical manner. This recommendation was drawn from an analysis which concluded that the future cost to the State of subsidizing FDU would be significantly less than the alternative of significantly increasing dental student enrollments at the New Jersey Dental School. However, it is recognized
that a number of the variables which govern forecasts of the State's dental manpower needs may change. In the light of this caveat, therefore, the question of long-term support of FDU should be left open. The Department should periodically evaluate the contract program in the light of any foreseen and significant decreases in the State's need for dentists.

2. With regard to future levels of support for FDU, staff recommends that increases over the present proportion of the deficit assumed by the State should be linked to increases in the number of FDU graduates remaining in the State to practice.

3. Staff analyzed the implications, in terms of appropriations requirements and manpower needs, of a number of dental student enrollment options for the CMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School. The analysis indicated that significant economies of scale in terms of decreasing cost per dental student could be achieved by increases in enrollment at NJDS. However, enrollment growth beyond present plans to increase entering class size from 80 to 88 students, results in only small additional decreases in cost per student and is not warranted given the favorable manpower situation. Therefore, the CMDNJ-NJDS should be permitted to continue its present policy to increase dental student enrollment to 88 students per year. Unless new developments arise which unfavorably alter the projected need for dentists, enrollment should not be increased beyond that point.

4. The expenditure and appropriation projections for NJDS assume a combined enrollment of 59 students in the School's post-doctoral dental specialty and residency programs, a doubling of the present enrollment of 29 students. This enrollment was chosen as a maximum, cost-effective enrollment given the projected size of the NJDS faculty. It is estimated that $1,270,000 or 15% of the dental school's total projected expenditure budget, would be devoted to the instruction of these students. Department staff recognized that the presence of a graduate program has a positive effect on DMD-level dental education because it enhances the quality of research conducted at NJDS and it increases the College's ability to recruit first-rate dental faculty. On the other hand, there is no data available which documents the need, if any, within the State, for additional dental specialists. Therefore, given the cost of these programs and the lack of information on the need for dental specialists, the Department should not approve any increases in post-doctoral enrollments above currently funded levels unless a specific manpower need can be demonstrated.
Other Issues in Financing Medical and Dental Education

1. CMDNJ Teaching Hospitals

The CMDNJ staff developed ten-year projections of expenditures and state appropriations required to operate the new College Hospital, Raritan Valley Hospital and other, affiliated hospitals. Presently, the State's appropriation to Raritan Valley and the College Hospital and the CMDNJ's subsidy of affiliated hospitals are made to cover the cost of caring for the medically indigent and additional costs of hospital operation which can be attributed to medical education and are not covered by third party payors.

The projections indicate that Departmental support for the CMDNJ's core teaching and affiliated hospitals could rise 38% from $15.9 million to $22 million by FY 1988. However, staff projects that over the next few years, one or more new pieces of legislation (i.e., the recently enacted State hospital rate setting law, the pending State medical indigency bill, national health insurance) will provide funding for indigent care through hospital rates covered by third party payors or through general revenues. Staff estimates that the removal of a large portion of indigent care support from the DHE budget would reduce future appropriations by at least $10 million annually. This would drop FY 1988 appropriations 24% below the FY 1979 level, from $15.9 million to $12 million: $9.5 million to support the College Hospital and Raritan Valley Hospital and $2.5 million to subsidize the additional operating costs of affiliated hospitals engaged in significant medical education activity. It is recommended that Department staff monitor the progress of this legislation and work towards the proper removal of the cost of caring for the medically indigent from the higher education budget.

2. Tuition at the CMDNJ

Since 1975 medical and dental school tuition for in-state residents has risen from $1,050 to $4,000. These tuition increases were due to both budgetary pressures and the belief that medical and dental students should pay for a more equitable portion of the net educational costs of their professional training. However, a general policy to determine equitable future increases in tuition at the CMDNJ has never been set by the Board of Higher Education. The staff examined two policy options for the determination of tuition levels. The first option was the CMDNJ's policy that changes in tuition be annually indexed.
to the percent of increase or decrease in the educational cost per student, using the tuition base of $4,000. The alternative policy would be to charge medical and dental students a high rate of tuition, perhaps $8,000 to $12,000 per year, while supplying students with sufficient loan monies to finance their education and offering them an opportunity to have up to 85% of these tuition costs remitted back to them by the State through practices in an underserved area in New Jersey.

Nursing Education

Assuming present nursing program enrollment caps remain in place, the State can anticipate a near balance between nursing supply and demand. A relatively small surplus of nurses is projected by 1985. However, in order to maintain this equilibrium situation, the magnitude of current educational efforts should be maintained. The question reviewed by this study is whether the State should continue to support private college and diploma nursing programs through the Aid to Schools of Professional Nursing Act. Staff recommends the following:

1. Given the contribution of these programs to the State's supply of nurses, it appears desirable both from a fiscal and educational viewpoint to continue financial support of private college and hospital nursing programs. However, given that it is only necessary to maintain present educational efforts in this area, total support should remain at its current level.

2. Future support of diploma schools of nursing should be contingent upon their meeting program accountability measures instituted by the Department in cooperation with these programs and the State Association for Diploma Schools of Nursing. These will include requests for data on educational and employment outcomes of these programs and establishment of yearly reports on the educational costs of these programs.

3. Steps should be taken by the Department and nursing programs to expand opportunities for educational mobility from diploma and associate degree programs to upper division baccalaureate nursing programs. Currently practicing RN's especially have difficulty in upgrading their education because very few of our baccalaureate institutions make provision for their special needs. Department staff and HPEAC are now developing a number of policy recommendations aimed at expanding opportunities for educational mobility. However, at this time it is recommended that collegiate institutions which currently have generic BSN programs be encouraged to develop plans for special education programs for practicing RNs through the provision of modest start-up grants.
Veterinary Medical Education

The Department's updated projections indicate that the State's current shortage of veterinarians will grow to approximately 100 full-time equivalents by 1985 or approximately 10% of the projected supply of veterinarians in that year. Therefore, staff recommends the following with regard to future veterinary medical education efforts:

1. The Department should continue support of the existing veterinary medical education contract program as a means of both meeting the State's shortage of veterinarians and securing access to veterinary medical education for New Jersey residents, without constructing and maintaining a school in this field.

2. The Department should continue to take steps to maximize minority participation in this program. These steps include: (a) maintaining a contract with Tuskegee Institute; (b) including veterinary medicine as a career area in the new Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Dental School Programs for Educationally Disadvantaged Students; (c) working with the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association to form a recruitment team composed of minority members of that organization.

3. The Department should work with existing schools and the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association to implement a mechanism for tracking New Jersey veterinary graduates. In this way substantial data on the rates of return to New Jersey of contract program graduates can be collected to determine whether it is necessary to establish the administrative mechanism needed to enforce compliance with a requirement that program participants establish practice in New Jersey.

Optometric Education

The Department's manpower projections indicate that the State's current minimal shortage of optometrists will increase significantly by 1985. Further, if no provision is made to obtain access to optometric colleges for State residents the projected 1985 shortage will worsen. Therefore, staff recommends the following:

1. The Department of Higher Education was recently authorized to initiate a contract program with out-of-state colleges of optometry to secure places for qualified New Jersey residents. This contract program should be implemented in order to meet projected optometric manpower needs without the necessity of constructing and maintaining a school of optometry.
2. In implementing this program, the Department should work with contacting Schools of Optometry and the New Jersey Optometric Association to track program graduates in order to determine the necessity of requiring graduates to practice in New Jersey.

3. As in the Veterinary Medical Education Program, measures should also be taken to maximize minority participation.

Allied Health Professions Education

The Department's most recent projections indicate the following with respect to the State's needs for allied health professionals:

1. The State can anticipate significant surpluses in a certain number of allied health professions.

2. At the same time, shortages are still projected for other selected types of personnel.

3. Given recent trends in health care delivery and the population's changing health services requirements, the State can anticipate the need for a number of "new" health professions.

The staff study projected future enrollments and State support levels for allied health professions education programs at the CMDNJ-School of Allied Health and at the formula-funded public colleges and universities. It was found that total State support for allied health professions will grow from $7,575,000 in FY 1979 to $12,200,000 by FY 1988, if: (1) enrollments for existing programs continue to grow as a function of past trends; (2) all present allied health program development plans proposed by non-CMDNJ units were approved by the Board and implemented; and (3) the Board approves all the programmatic changes and additions which the CMDNJ-School of Allied Health Professions would like to implement over the next ten years. This represents a 72% growth over the next ten years. This projected increase in State support does not necessarily represent net increases in funding. For the most part, at least in the formula-funded institutions, these allied health program increases could be funded by a reallocation of present levels of support. Nonetheless, these cost implications underline the need to take steps to insure the efficient allocation of educational effort and support dollars to allied health programs in view of both manpower need and program costs. The staff makes two recommendations regarding future allied health professions program approval: These are:
Regionalization of health professions programs should be strongly considered with regard to the initiation of new programs and the consolidation or termination of existing programs. As part of the 1980 Higher Education Statewide Planning effort, the Department has established a task force on Regionalization in Health Professions Education. That task force is charged with making a review of the number and variety of health professions education programs in the State offered at three levels - associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees - for the purposes of identifying met and unmet programmatic needs on a regional basis and recommending priorities regarding the initiation, consolidation or termination of programs. Recommendations are to be based not only on manpower needs but also on such considerations as: character and mission of individual institutions within a region (i.e., "experience, resources and/or potential" in the health field); quality of individual programs as measured by such indices as rate of student passage of certification exams, and professional program accreditation; viability as measured by student demand, enrollment, number of degrees awarded and employment of graduates.

The feasibility of instituting program cost analysis should be studied, and the results considered for use in the approval of new health professions' education programs. In order to better inform decision-making concerning the allocation of scarce financial resources to allied health professions education, the Department should explore the feasibility of instituting a cost methodology which is able to analyze the total costs of health professions programs within one consistent framework. This cost methodology should be designed as both a cost allocation and a program planning tool. It should be based on program structure and content and possess the capacity to estimate the costs of new curricula.

Implications of These Recommendations on Future Health Professions Appropriations

The Table on the following page summarized the fiscal implications of the study's recommendations concerning health professions education programs. In brief, the study concludes that if the above program recommendations were implemented, health professions education's share of DHE resources could grow 14% to 19%. This represents a constant dollar appropriation increase of $21.6 million for the health professions.
### TABLE B
### COMPARISON OF FY 1979 APPROPRIATIONS AND FY 1988 CONSTANT DOLLAR PROJECTIONS OF NET STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISCRETELY FUNDED(1) HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND TOTAL DHE APPROPRIATIONS

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(1) Does not include estimated support for allied health professions subsumed in formula budgets of non-CMDNJ units since this is not a net increase in support.
(2) Percentages may not add up due to rounding.
(3) The projection parameters used to develop the educational unit budgets are based on the College's perception of an ideal, fully funded budget. However, projections of FY 1988 total DHE appropriations are based on past trends. Therefore, CMDNJ educational unit projections were scaled down by a 15% deflation factor to make the College's appropriations forecast more comparable to projections of the overall DHE budget. This deflation factor is based on past trends in the difference between the College's working budget minus the current year's salary program and the BHE recommendation for that year.
(4) The FY 1988 hospital unit appropriations projection assumes that $10 million in indigent care costs will be removed from the College's hospital budget.
(5) Projections provided by DHE Office of Budget and Fiscal Planning. Based on simple regression analysis utilizing higher education net State unadjusted appropriation from 1967-1978. The standard error of this estimate, excluding CMDNJ units, is ± $12,061.
(5) This is a projection of future State support for higher education provided by the DHE Office of Budget and Fiscal Planning. It is based on a simple regression analysis utilizing total state revenues from 1967-1978. The projection assumes that higher education will continue to receive its current share of total state revenues. The standard error of this estimate is ± $\$0,674.
Extraordinary program appropriations are projected to increase from $4.7 million in FY 1979 to $5.7 million in FY 1988 and their share of the total DHE budget will grow from 1% to 2% of total DHE appropriations.

The primary source of growth in health professions education appropriations is a large increase for the CMDNJ State appropriations for the College are projected to grow from $54.3 million in FY 1979 to $72.2 million in FY 1988, and its share of DHE resources could grow from its current approximately 17% by FY 1988. As the Table demonstrates, this increase is entirely due to the growth of CMDNJ educational units. Their appropriations requirements are projected to rise from $38.6 million in FY 1979 to $60.1 million, a 56% increase in appropriations. It should be noted, however, that these projections of CMDNJ educational unit appropriations needs do not include the possibility that a part of the cost of clinical faculty at Rutgers Medical School and the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine will be covered by third party payors due to the fact that these faculty will provide patient care services as part of their activities at the College's core teaching and affiliated hospitals. If in fact a portion of clinical faculty salaries are covered by third party payors, staff estimates that CMDNJ educational appropriations would be reduced by approximately $6 million to $53.1 million by FY 1988, reducing the College's share of the total DHE budget by approximately 1%, to 16% of the total.

The health professions education appropriations forecast is compared to a projections of total DHE appropriations based on past trends in higher education support. As you will note, however, the Table also presents another, reduced forecast of State support which points to the possibility of a future funding gap for higher education as a whole. This reduction is caused by a decrease in total State revenues as projected by DHE staff. It is meant to illustrate the possible fiscal constraints under which the entire higher education system may be functioning over the next ten years.

These fiscal projections and the fact that the primary source of growth in health professions education will be for appropriations to support undergraduate medical education, underline the need to insure that the State's medical education programs are conducted in a qualitative but still efficient manner. In 1977, at Department request, the New Jersey Dental School conducted an excellent self-study which outlined a number of cost containment strategies for its undergraduate and graduate dental education programs. A number of these recommendations have been implemented by
NJD9 and the Department has requested that the dental school's faculty and administration review the remaining recommendations and establish a timetable for their implementation. It is recommended, therefore, that a similar study be conducted of the current operational modes at New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers Medical School and the New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine in order to determine if steps can be taken to reduce program costs at these institutions while maintaining a high level of academic excellence and integrity.
Appendix VI

Staff Paper on the Coordination of the Department of Higher Education with New Jersey's Health Systems' Agencies
Coordination of Health Professions Education Planning
Initiatives at State and Local Levels

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Offices for Health Professions Education
and Health Manpower

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Introduction

This paper has been developed to facilitate the coordination of health manpower planning activities at the health service agency level with the ongoing system functioning within the New Jersey Department of Higher Education. The Department has been actively involved in health manpower planning since 1972 when the development of the Health Professions Education Master Plan began. In 1973, the Master Plan was completed and approved by the Board of Higher Education. Since its approval the Health Professions Education Master Plan has provided policy guidelines for educational program development in the health professions throughout New Jersey's higher education network.

An integral element of the Master Plan was the specification of peer advisory mechanisms in the areas of program development and planning. The central mechanism used to ensure advisory input from all relevant sectors is the Health Professions Education Advisory Council and its substructure. The Department provides staff to this advisory network from the Office of Health Professions and the Office for Health Manpower. The Office of Health Professions Education is involved with health professions education policy and program development activities, as well as coordination of activities and programs of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The Office for Health Manpower, on the other hand, concerns itself primarily with the technical and quantitative aspects of health manpower planning, including projections of future supply and demand for certain health professions in New Jersey.
We have developed this information paper for use in each of the health systems agencies in the state. We expect that this narrative will enable you to understand what the history and current status of health professions education planning in New Jersey are; what the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Higher Education are in this area; who are the people at the state level involved in health professions planning; what services and information we might provide your agency as you develop a local health manpower planning capacity; and, how your agency can be linked to this planning process to ensure that you are afforded effective input into it. In this manner, we hope to develop good coordination between state and local health manpower planning activities, while perhaps enhancing the same among the five HSAs.

It should be recognized that this paper concerns itself solely with health manpower planning as it relates to the development of post-secondary educational programs. As such, other important areas will not be addressed herein, namely CETA and secondary level vocational-technical educational planning activities, and hospital-based educational programs. Also, health manpower data collection and analysis responsibilities are no longer centralized within the Department of Higher Education. These activities are now coordinated through the Department of Health's Health Data Research and Analysis Services Unit which is under the direction of Mr. Henry Watson. Requests for current health manpower and other health related data should be directed to that unit.
The remainder of this report is organized as follows:

- Description and current status of the Health Professions Education Master Plan;
- Organization of the Health Professions Education Advisory Council;
- Description of the program review process;
- Organization of the Offices of Health Professions Education and Health Manpower and their current activities;
- Local agency functions in the health professions education planning process;
- Mechanisms for local coordination with state manpower planning initiatives; and,
- An appendix with supporting documentation.

The Health Professions Education Master Plan

Over a period of two years, the New Jersey Department of Higher Education developed the first Health Professions Education Master Plan (HPEMP), to address the need for a coordinated network of educational programs to meet the State's future needs for health manpower. The development of the Master Plan involved the three main groups which would ultimately be affected by its implementation: post-secondary institutions preparing health professionals; professional and licensing organizations in the health professions and employers of health personnel; and the general public receiving health services from graduates of the programs involved. In recognizing these publics and their needs, and in order to facilitate concrete and reasonable educational planning, it was necessary to focus on only a portion of the more than 125 separate occupations which make up the health professions field. Twenty-five occupations were chosen as a starting point, representing the highest priority fields necessary to a sound contemporary health care system, and each of these was studied in some depth in terms...
of current supply, projected needs utilization, existing training programs, and emerging trends in patterns of education and career mobility. A copy of NPEMP is included with this report under separate cover.

In attempting to take an overall look at the relationship between the current and projected delivery of health care and its relationship to the education of health professionals, the Master Plan set six major objectives for the development of health professions education in New Jersey:

1. The planning of an educational system which will promote the concept of the team approach in the delivery of health services.

2. The recognition of the higher education community as a full, active and responsible partner in the making of decisions which will affect the future shape of health care systems.

3. The identification of pedagogic approaches which can contribute to the development of successful programs.

4. The establishment of standards and mechanisms to assure quality in clinical training, recognized as a prime component of all programs.

5. The development of a matrix to guide statewide and institutional decisions regarding the numbers and types of health personnel needed.

6. The creation of an advisory mechanism for planning, program review, evaluation and maintenance of standards.

The Master Plan was developed to reflect the continuing...
search for balance between the levels of preparation and retraining of health personnel and their performance of duties, by calling for modifications in existing curricula, additional areas of study, and specialized training. In addition, a fundamental assumption has been that the shortage of such prime professionals as physicians, dentists and pharmacists cannot be met merely through increasing their numbers; auxiliary personnel must be properly trained and then permitted to take over aspects of the traditional duties of these top professionals. The team approach to health is therefore foreseen as a major (although not all-pervasive) characteristic of future health delivery systems. Finally, three collateral goals are basic to the recommendations made in the Master Plan: the recruitment of personnel, particularly from the educationally disadvantaged and minority population groups; the retention of these personnel through opportunities for skills upgrading and continuing education; and the development of career mobility through the articulation of proficiency and equivalency examinations.

These considerations, and the proposed implementation of the Master Plan's goals, are elaborated within the twelve chapters of its text. One chapter provides specific manpower data and projections on the 25 occupations selected. The Plan makes 116 specific recommendations, 43 of which relate to general objectives, and 73 to particular needs of the individual occupations. The central areas HPEMP's recommendations concern include: the team concept, credentialling, recruitment, retention, and mobility, continuing education, regionalization, institutional sharing of resources, health facilities (clinical) resources, faculty
preparation and development and health sciences research. Specific recommendations for each of these areas, as well as those concerning manpower needs by occupation can be found in the HPEMP.

When it was developed, the Master Plan was envisioned as a "rolling" plan which would be refined and revised on a periodic basis. Since its approval in 1973, updated changes—in its health manpower projections based on new data have been made for several professions. Furthermore, the Health Professions Education Advisory Council's Planning Committee has worked to revise the policy recommendations contained in the original document. Their recommended changes and priorities are currently under review by the Department. It is anticipated that a refined series of projections and recommendations will be disseminated by the end of the year.

Organization of the Health Professions Education Advisory Council

In 1972, while the Department was developing the Master Plan, the Board of Higher Education approved the establishment of the Health Professions Education Advisory Council (HPEAC) "to advise the Chancellor and the Board of Higher Education on planning, curriculum, coordination, and program evaluation in this field". HPEAC includes representation from all sectors of New Jersey's higher education network, the state health planning agency, consumers, providers, and professional societies. There are two standing committees of HPEAC, the Planning and Program Committees. Only one, the Planning Committee, currently has subcommittees (see
The Planning Committee has major responsibility for updating the Health Professions Education Master Plan. Membership on this committee reflects the general representation of the parent body. The substructure of the Planning Committee is currently comprised of four subcommittees, one each concerning nursing, mental health, public health and health manpower. In the past, other subcommittees have confronted special issues for the Planning Committee in such areas as physical therapy and respiratory therapy. New subcommittees may be convened in the future as issues arise. The current subcommittees are described below:

1. The Nursing Subcommittee was organized early in the development of HPEAC. Charged with recommending specific guidelines, standards, and programs for nursing education in New Jersey, this subcommittee includes representation from the New Jersey Board of Nursing, the New Jersey Society for Nursing Service Administrators, the New Jersey League for Nursing, The New Jersey State Nurses Association, and practitioners and educators. Among the study groups which the subcommittee has created are a masters degree level group, a continuing education group, and educational flexibility and mobility group, and an inter-disciplinary group to analyze the relationship of evolving nursing care service delivery modes to professional nursing education programs.
Figure 1 - Organizational Chart of Health Manpower Advisory Network
2. The Mental Health Subcommittee is charged with examining present educational offerings and advising on changes needed to meet the needs of a reorganized system of mental health care delivery in the State. Current membership includes representation from academic institutions and the state agency and professional associations involved in mental health.

3. The recently created Public Health Subcommittee is to develop guidelines for masters level education in the area of public health. A broad range of membership exists on this subcommittee involving representatives from colleges and universities and practitioners in the various areas of public health.

4. The Health Manpower Subcommittee was established from an earlier advisory body, the Interagency Advisory Committee of Health Manpower. That committee was organized to provide advice to the Department in its development of the 1974 Uniform Survey of health professionals and to provide commentary on the creation of a federally funded health manpower information system. With the successful completion of the two-year federal health manpower linkage project, the Interagency Advisory Committee was shifted to the Department of Health's Health Data Research and Analysis Services where it was reconstituted as the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data (TACHD). TACHD advises on the development of the State's Cooperative Health Statistics System. With this relocation of the Department of Higher Education's manpower advisory
group, the Department created the Health Manpower Subcommittee to provide advice on the health manpower projection methodology (to determine the future manpower supply and demands in New Jersey) and to analyze the results of manpower studies completed by the Department. This subcommittee serves a dual role, also advising TACHD.

HPEAC's other standing committee, the Program Committee, has responsibility for coordinating the review of newly proposed educational programs in the health professions. This review, which is mandatory for all public institutions of higher education and most private colleges, occurs whenever these institutions propose new programs. Further explanation of the review process is made in the following section. The Program Committee currently has representation from the collegiate sector, the New Jersey Hospital Association, and consumer representation from HSA V. Further description of past organization and summary of actions of HPEAC and its substructure can be found in the Appendix I of this report.

The Program Review Process

As previously noted, all New Jersey's public colleges, the State University, and most private colleges are required to submit new program plans to the Department for Board of Higher Education approval before such programs can begin to enroll students. In the area of health professions, such review and approval is controlled under two forms of documentation, the Preliminary Program Announcement and the Program Approval Document.

The Preliminary Program Announcement (PPA) is the first
official communication from a college to the Department stating an intent to develop a new program. The PPA must be submitted over a year prior to the planned implementation of the program. Among the items which the PPA specifies are: name of program and degree to be granted, objectives of the program offering, general need for the program, anticipated program enrollment, date to be offered, program cost and resources to support this cost, regional manpower need, and conformity with the Health Professions Education Master Plan. Upon receipt of the PPA, it is sent to every other collegiate institution in the State for their commentary. In the past, the PPA was also sent to each of the four Comprehensive Health Planning agencies for commentary. This submittal to the CHPs was intended for their general information and to elicit their comments as to the relationship of the intended program's graduate output to local health manpower needs for the concerned health profession. Furthermore, consideration as to the appropriateness of any intended clinical arrangement by the new program with a local health facility was usually included in the agency's response. With the evolution of the Health Systems Agencies, the Department will be referring these PPA's to each of the five HSAs for local agency response. The turnaround time for the entire processing of PPAs is limited. Immediately upon receipt of a PPA, the Department sends out requests for commentary throughout the State. Responses are expected to be returned to the Department within a period of one or two weeks. All such responses to the PPA are then analyzed and sent to the submitting institution along with an advisory recommendation from the Department concerning the proposed program. The submitting
college uses this input to decide whether or not to continue the program development process.

If a submitting institution decides to continue the program development process, it develops detailed program documentation for submittal to the Department and Board of Higher Education for final program approval. This documentation, known as the Program Approval Document (PAD), must be submitted to the Department no later than nine months prior to the anticipated program start-up date. The PAD details the entire program design from enrollment size and anticipated graduate output to course curriculum design and faculty appointments. Upon receipt of the PAD, it is referred to the Program Committee which reviews the documentation and makes comments and recommendations. These are relayed to outside consultants, chosen by the Department, in cooperation with the submitting institution, who are responsible for a site visit and evaluation of the proposed program design. The consultants' report is transmitted to the Program Committee which makes its recommendation to the Board of Higher Education. The Department takes the HPEAC recommendation and refers it to the Board along with its own recommendation for the proposed program. The Board will then either approve or disapprove the program as proposed and designed by the college.

Recently, the Board of Higher Education has moved to carry its program coordination activities to the area of existing programs. The Health Professions Education Master Plan has projected that by 1985, New Jersey would be faced with a surplus of professional
nurses. Nevertheless, existing nursing programs began to increase enrollments at substantial rates. So great were these increases that nursing program outputs were bringing New Jersey to the surplus situation faster than first anticipated. In order to diminish the severity of the impending surplus, the Department recommended that limits be placed on enrollments at current levels. The proposal and its supporting analysis received much response, both positive and negative from HPEAC, its manpower and nursing subcommittees, and several constituencies. Recently, the Board decided to accept the recommendations for enrollment caps for a period of three years, premised on annual manpower reports from staff. It is conceivable that in other similar program growth situations, the Board may choose again to exercise its prerogatives for coordination of existing programs.

Organization of the Office of Health Professions Education and Office for Health Manpower

The Offices of Health Professions Education (OHPE) and Health Manpower (OHM) are responsible for health and health manpower related matters within the Department of Higher Education. Organizationally, both these offices report directly to Mr. Edward Cohen, the Assistant Chancellor for Health Professions Education. Staff in each office and their general responsibilities are detailed in Figure 2 on the following page.

It is appropriate to further explain some of the ongoing activities of OHPE and OHM. First, both these offices have been closely involved in the evolution of a tuition policy for medical and dental students. Recently, tuition levels for these students
FIGURE 2

Organization of OHPE and OHM

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<td>1. Coordination of budgetary and faculty activities of the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and its clinical affiliates. Development of medical and dental loan redemption program.</td>
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<td>1. Coordination of Department activities involving veterinary medical education and nursing.</td>
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<td>2. Staff assistance to HPEAC and its committees and subcommittees and to the Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee.</td>
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<td>1. Coordination of all health manpower forecasting activities, loan redemption activities, Graduate Medical Education Council activities.</td>
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<td>1. Coordination of health manpower data collection activities and federal contract responsibilities.</td>
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were raised by the CMDNJ Trustees to $4,000 for new in-state medical and dental students. In the future, tuition charges will be indexed to changes in the per student net education costs of these programs. These net educational costs, at present are estimated at $17,000 for medicine and $21,800 for dentistry.

Staff has also worked to develop a loan forgiveness program for medical and dental graduates. Such a program will enable students to redeem a large portion (85%) of their loan principal in return for service in an underserved area designated by the State. It is anticipated that through this program, current patterns of medical and dental maldistribution can be significantly altered. Legislation creating this program has been proposed in both houses of the Legislature as S-1543 (in the Senate Education Committee) and A-2032 (passed committee - pending in Assembly).

An important element of this legislation will be the designation of medical and dental manpower shortage areas by the Department of Health with inputs from the Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data. We feel that this process is an important one for HSA coordination. Accordingly, the Departments of Health and Higher Education, through their manpower advisory group, are beginning to develop a method to determine local health manpower scarcity areas. HSA involvement has been and will continue to be an integral element of this development stage. In this way, we hope to develop a unified methodology which pays appropriate attention to each area's special concerns and needs.

A third area with which the OHM has been closely involved for some time is graduate medical education. Graduate medical education
is that educational activity following the award of a MD or DO, in other words, internship and residency training. For a period of over two years, a group designated as the Council on Graduate Medical Education has been meeting unofficially in New Jersey to discuss issues relating to the quality, distribution, and types of residency programs offered in the State. Currently, well over half our residencies are held by Foreign Medical Graduates (FMG's) and few programs are offered in primary care. The Council is seeking to be recognized as a statutory body under the aegis of the Department and Board of Higher Education. It would recommend strategies for coordinating and funding residency programs in needed specialties and geographic areas. To this end, Senate Bill S-1387 has been proposed to enable the creation and start-up funding of a Council on Graduate Medical Education. HSA involvement with the various activities of the Council will be affirmed through agency involvement on one or more of subcommittees of the Council, which include Finance, Manpower, Operations and Recruitment.

The Office for Health Manpower is also completing the first year of a two year DHEW funded health manpower contract. This is the second such contract which the Department has received from DHEW. During the First contract, OHM created a statewide health manpower information system and disseminated a series of health manpower data reports which provided data on physicians, dentists and hygienists, nurses, selected non-licensed health professionals, and inventories of health professions education programs and clinical training sites (see Table 1 on the following page for a listing of these publications). The Department's current contract requirements include the detailing of a data collection methodology for
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non-licensed health professions; the development of a model for the tracking of health professions program graduates both geographically and occupationally; the completion of a series of health manpower projections, and coordination of our ongoing planning activities with those of the HSAs and the State Agency. This introductory paper is one manner in which we hope to affect such coordination.

As previously mentioned, manpower reports were developed from data collected and processed by the Department of Higher Education in 1974. The Department has developed software for this data base: a user's manual for this software can be found in the Appendix II. More recent manpower data can be obtained from the Department of health professions education programs and clinical training sites in New Jersey. Both these inventories, Numbers 4 and 6 of Volume I of the Health Manpower Information Series are included with this report (Appendix III). An updated version of this inventory of programs will be developed for publication by October 1977. The clinical resources inventory will be integrated with planned Department of Health surveys. Finally, an integral element of our master planning process has been the creation of statewide forecasts of future supply and demand for several health professions. These include physicians, dentists, veterinarians, nurses, dental hygienists, dental laboratory technicians and assistants, pharmacists, medical technologists and laboratory technicians, radiologic technicians, dietitians, physical therapists, and several other allied health professions. All these projections are in the process of being updated. Upon their completion, the results of our analysis will be sent to each HSA.
Local Agency Functions in the Health Manpower Planning Process

The role of the local health planning agency in the health professions planning process was first specified by a special HPEAC study group in 1973. We believe that each agency should define for itself what such planning functions should be. As we have given this matter much thought, we would like to suggest that you consider the following as potential central areas to a health professions education planning capacity:

1. Identification of local health manpower needs and surpluses and the communication of such findings to relevant state agencies and local educational institutions. This includes the development of shortage area designation applications.

2. Verification of appropriateness of clinical facilities to be used by educational institutions in health professions programs.

3. Identification of local needs for in-service and related continuing education or training programs.

Once your agency has determined its priority with regard to health manpower planning and the above functions, we would like to suggest two alternatives to effectively achieve whatever health manpower planning objectives you have selected. The first option would be to relegate health manpower planning responsibilities solely to staff which would initiate relevant planning activities and respond to outside inquiries concerning manpower. This choice would be the most efficient means for an agency to respond to manpower planning
responsibilities. It might also, however, be less effective than the second option, as it could foster somewhat narrow plans due to lack of input from those agencies and people in the local area that are active in the health professions area, including educators, practitioners, and employers. The second option would be to involve a group of these people either formally or informally in the local health manpower planning process. This could be accomplished by utilizing an existing advisory committee with this kind of representation; forming either a standing or ad hoc working subcommittee of an existing committee; or creating a working advisory committee charged with the responsibility for health manpower. If the agency chooses this second option to affirm outside advice in the manpower area, it should carefully select representation from appropriate constituencies. On the broadest scale, these might include representation from secondary education institutions; CETA programs, vocational technical schools, two and four year colleges, health care provider institutions (especially those which offer in-service training), health care professionals and practitioners, consumers and community representation. The choice of scale and method of involvement rests with your agency. It is hoped that you do not underestimate the importance of creating a health manpower planning capacity and that each agency can determine an appropriate level of involvement in this area to complement other planning functions.

Conclusion

In concluding this paper, we would like to review the mechanism
now in place to coordinate the local agency with the Department of Higher Education's planning process.

Starting immediately, your agency will be sent copies all Preliminary Program Announcements (PPAs) submitted to the Department by colleges proposing health professions education programs. Comments of the agency or its manpower committee or both may be provided. These should be concerned with the perceived local need for the program and its graduates and the appropriateness of the clinical affiliation proposed, if any. Such commentary should also weigh the proposed program as to its conformity to any local or regional plans. Your response will be studied by the Department and it will be sent to the collegiate institution which submitted the PPA.

The other mechanism for your involvement in our planning process is through representation on the Department's advisory bodies. First, each agency will continue to appoint a community representative to serve on HPEAC or its standing committees. The onus for HSA staff coordination and appraisal of HPEAC actions is with the agency and its chosen representative. Upon request we can also send the agency copies of HPEAC minutes. A second level of input is concerned solely with HSA staff. This is provided by agency representation on the manpower subcommittee which serves both HPEAC's Planning Committee and the Department of Health's Technical Advisory Committee on Health Data. In the coming months, we expect the manpower group to be involved with the review of planned manpower data collection and reporting activities at DH,
the development of a method for determination of local health manpower shortage areas, and the review of DHE's new series of health manpower projections. Your agency's involvement in these activities will be beneficial to us and, we expect, helpful to you. If you have any questions on this paper or on any other matter related to health manpower and health professions education, you should feel free to call any of the staff of the Offices of Health Professions Education and Health Manpower. Also, Jon Tomson will serve as liaison to your agency; he can be reached at (609) 292-8052.