A new program to find former coal miners suffering from black lung disease and treat them for it has been started at Henry Ford Hospital.

Medically known as coal worker's proumoconoists, the disease is brought about by inhaling coal dust which is theb retained in the lungs, causing brekthing difficulty and related prollems.

Persons who have worked in or around coal mines in the United States are, eligible to apply for medical and fingical benefits. Widows or other dependents of deceased coal miners may lads; be eligible for compensation if also the properties of the deceased coal miners may lads; be eligible for compensation if

pendents of deceased coal miners may also, be eligible for compensation if their miner-relative had the disease and was totally disabled by it. Dr. Michael S. Eichenhorn and Dr. Paul A. Kvale are co-directors of the Black Lung Clinic, a part of the Divi-sion of Pulmonary Medicine at Henry Ford Hospital.

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"Former miners and dependents of deceased mine workers can contact the Black Lung Clinic for help in filing for benefits," said Eichenhorn.

"It the U.S. Department of Labor determines that the person is qualified to be examined, we can examine him in the Black Lung Clinic at no cost to the applicant.

applicant.
"And if he is found by the government to be eligible for benefits, then a

treatment and rehabilitation program can be designed specifically for that in-dividual. It may include special exer-cises to improve breathing and gene-cally improve overall physical well; being."

peing. Tompensation can range from \$279.80 to \$559.50 per month to former mine workers who are totally disabled by the black lung disease, according to law.

The Black Lung Clinic at Henry Ford Hospital has been established under a

grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"While we have been treating former coal miners with this disease for years, this grant will allow us to conduct an utreach program to find others who are eligible and can benefit from our treatment and rehabilitation programs," Dr. Eichenhorn said.

The outreach program is being conducted with the cooperation of the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan. Sol P. Balti.



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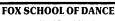
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