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Both CHPCsem, a private non-profit corporation contracted to advise the state health department on health care needs, and the health depart-



partment's health facility planning and construction division, noted that the department turned down about three years ago Hyron Valley's original request to build 153 beds in Commerce Township (which has Unifac Lake and Wallied Lake zip codes).

The hospitals note that the area — crisscrossed by three highways: 690, 275 and I-95 — is sure to grow. And currently there isn't a hospital within 30 minutes of the west side of Oakland County.

Agreed Chuck Manninen, manager of health planning for the Michigan Hospital Association. "Hospitals have bright individuals because strong board makes for a strong hospital."

— Terence Carroll
CHPCsem executive director

"While they're not proposing to relocate, it certainly would mean a di-

"We presently serve a rather large portion of people who seek hospital care in western Oakland County," said Tatum of Sisters of Mercy. "We want to continue serving those patients in a more convenient location."

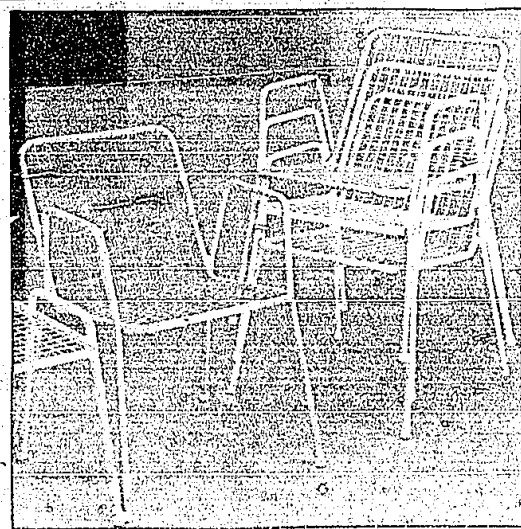
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"A financial planner isn't a magician," she likens the professional to a "money doctor," but warns that some may be too eager to prescribe the medicine before diagnosing the disorder.

plained, "The IRA market is really developing and even if you can discipline someone to save \$5,000 a year, it's beneficial — not necessarily for the tax breaks but for retirement income."

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