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Higher Wages Of Hospital Personnel Accounts For Rise Of Patient Care Cost

An impartial statewide survey of hospital costs revealed that wages for hospital employees account for virtually 70 per cent of the increased cost of hospital care, according to a report issued today by the Michigan Hospital Association.

At the same time, its findings indicated that the widespread adoption of group health programs like Blue Cross was not a significant factor in the increase in the cost per patient-day of 49 per cent between 1947 and 1951.

The survey, begun a year ago at the request of State Insurance Commissioner Joseph A. Navarro, was the first such study that included the possible impact of group health insurance on hospital payment programs on hospital costs.

The Michigan Hospital Association sponsored the survey which was made by Arthur Anderson & Co., a Chicago firm of accountants and auditors recommended by Commissioner Navarro as competent and impartial.

It covered in detail the cost operations of ten Blue Cross preferred hospitals which represented a cross-section of all Michigan hospitals.

The survey found that between 1947 and 1951 the average cost per patient-day rose from \$15.53 to \$22.83, an increase of 47.5%.

Wages and salaries for hospital personnel accounted for \$5.15 of that increase, 68.2 per cent.

The report said that about 73 per cent of that increase in payroll cost was for higher salary rates and the remaining 27 per cent for additional employees.

However, the survey pointed out that despite these wage increases, average salaries for hospital employees in 1951 were still considerably below the average for comparable jobs in non-manufacturing industry.

For example, hospital maintenance workers average \$51.37 a week as compared to an average of \$75.69 in industry.

And while the average weekly wage of all employees in the hospital diet and kitchen department was \$33.54, cooks in restaurants averaged \$15 a week and dishwashers \$10.

In regard to additional employees, the report had this to say:

"An important factor in the increased number of employees required per patient-day was the reduction of the normal work week during the period reviewed by an amount ranging from four to eight hours a week."

The survey found that the second biggest factor in the increase in cost per patient-day was supplies which accounted for 16 per cent of the rise.

This rise in the cost of supplies "reflects primarily an increase in pharmacy costs which was occasioned by the increased use of drugs in treatment of patients."

Sgt. Howard Packard Returns From Korea

Sgt. Howard C. Packard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Packard of 2315 Greening, is enroute to the United States after serving in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division.

A chief of section in Battery B of the 69th Field Artillery Battalion, Packard entered the Army in September, 1951, and received basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He arrived in Korea in May, 1952.

Now the senior American Division on the Korean Peninsula, the 25th Infantry landed in Korea in May, 1952.

The survey established by its review that there is no apparent relationship between a hospital's cost per patient-day and its volume of Blue Cross cases.

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Opera Star

HORIZONTAL

1. Pictured opera star

2. She is a gradually

15. Vegetable

16. Smoke deposit

17. Arrive

18. Sad cry

20. Type measure (pl.)

21. Happen

22. Upon (prefix)

31. Compass point

35. Somatium (symbol)

36. Written form of letter

37. Hebrew deity

38. Decree

39. Flower

40. Musical

41. Chilli

42. Charm

43. Sluggers

44. Elbow

45. Boy's nickname

46. Preposition

47. Part of mouth

48. Persian coins

49. Musical direction

50. Leave out

51. Source

52. Ogle

53. Indigent

54. Most minute

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