Senate told nursing homes must charge lower rates for Medicaid patients

Maryland Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs told a U.S. Senate panel that nursing homes have no right to require patients to pay private-patient fees after they become eligible for lower Medicaid rates.

This practice employed by certain segments of the nursing home industry throughout the country, Mr. Sachs said, is both "illegal and immoral."

To make "an additional five or ten dollars a day," he said, nursing homes that engage in this practice "deny poor people their legal entitlement to Medicaid in violation of federal law."

Testifying before the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging in Washington, D.C., Maryland's Attorney General sharply criticized the federal government for failing to enforce the law to protect Medicaid patients.

Although federal officials have agreed that private pay requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries violate federal law, Sachs said that the Reagan Administration has not moved to stop the practice.

"When public officials blink at an illegal practice, the public loses confidence," Sachs said. "This is another instance in which the Reagan Administration is failing to exercise its responsibility to see to it that Title XIX (Medicaid) benefits are not unlawfully denied to poor people who are nursing home patients."

Attorney General Sachs issued an opinion in July, 1982 declaring private pay agreements illegal under federal and state rules which prohibit a nursing home from charging more than the Medicaid rate as a requirement for a patient's continued stay in the home.

Some nursing homes, however, refuse to accept a patient unless they agree to pay the higher rate for at least a year, even if they become eligible for Medicaid benefits during that time.

Mr. Sachs noted that the practice violates the Social Security Act, federal regulations including the Federal Patient Bill of Rights requirements and the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

Mr. Sachs pointed out that most Maryland nursing homes stopped requiring that Medicaid patients pay the higher fee when they were notified that the Attorney General had declared the practice illegal.

However, two dozen homes have refused to comply with the ruling and sued the state over it. A hearing before the Board of Review of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the case is scheduled later this week.

In his prepared statement, Sachs also noted that the practice has occurred in California, Michigan, Florida, New York and the State of Washington.

"No resident of a nursing home, in Maryland or elsewhere, should be the victim of the insidious suggestion that legitimate entitlement to Medicaid may be postponed so that nursing homes may make more money than they are entitled to from their poorest patients," Mr. Sachs told the Senate Committee.

—AREA OBITUARIES—

Mary L. Graham

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Leather Graham were held at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Burial was at the Eastview Cemetery.

She was born to Jesse and Emma Edwards on January 10, 1948 in Florence, S.C. orence.

She died on September 28.

She is survived by parents; son, James Graham; daughter, LaKeina Scott; sister, Patricia Sumpter.

Lee A. White

Lee A. White, son of Arnold and Alice Robinson, was born March 9, 1900 in Winston Salem, N.C. He died on September 29 after a illness.

He came to Baltimore as a young man and joined John Wesley Methodist Church. Later, he attending the Christian Community Church of God regularly.

After moving to West Baltimore, he joined Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, where he was baptized in 1963. He later went back to Christian Community Church of God.

Funeral services were held at Christian Community for Mr. White on Thursday, October 4. Burial was at the Maryland National Memorial Park. He is survived by wife, Meredith.

A. J. Shackleford, Jr.

Funeral services for A.J. Shackleford, Jr. were at Fountain Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 3. Burial was at the Cedar Hill Cemetary.

Mr. Shackleford was a native Baltimorean, born July 5, 1953. He died on September 29.

He attended local public schools and was a graduate of Southern High. Mr. Shackleford attended Bowie State College.

After college, employment came with the Pepsi Cola Allegeny Company for six years.

He is survived by mother, Bettie Washington; stepfather, Leon Washington; father, A.J. Shackleford; two sisters, Brenda McKay and Joanne Williams; three brothers, Rickey Shackleford, Gregory and Mark Washington; grandmother, Bessie McCotter.

Walter Carter

Walter Briscoe Carter, prominent baker, died on Friday, October 12.

He was a wellknown baker for 45 years, owning his own business and attracting many customers through the years.

A skilled artist in baking, Mr. Carter specialized in his own creations, producing some of the finest breads, cakes and pastries.

His very first business was at Gilmor and Presstman Sts. As the business grew larger, he moved to Laurens St. near Stricker St.

Mr. Carter is survived by his wife, Estelle Carter; his sister, L. Olivia Bates and other relatives.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Wed., October 17 at William C. March Funeral Home.

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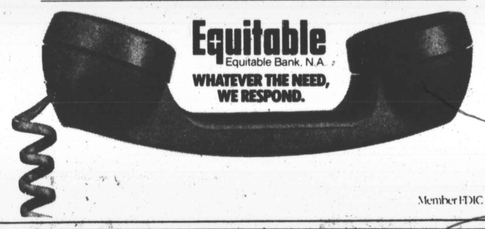

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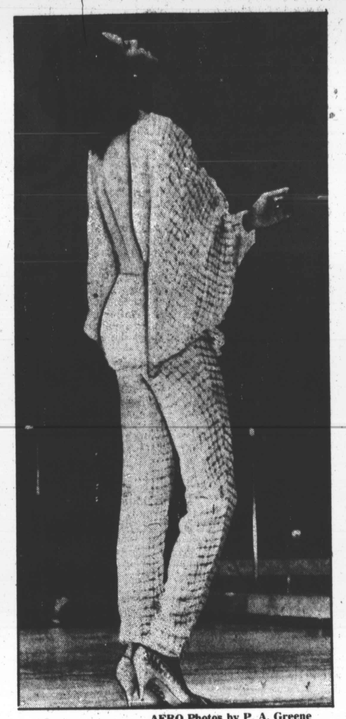

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"O-OH, MY ACHING BACK" moaned one of the musicians as this stunning "cut to there" outfit was aired during the 27th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall.

THIS DAZZLING COCKTAIL DRESS, an eye-opener in scintillating see-through lace, was described by moderator Shayla Simpson as the kind of dress that's bound to leave a "lusting" impression.

SIMPLISTIC BUT ELEGANT is this shimmery satin evening wear which combines shapeliness with chic.

A SUNBURST DESIGN and polka dots set off this gown with the "Hostess" look.

SUITED TO A "T" — This "classy" suit boasts a long fur boa and a nifty hat to set it off.

WRAPPED FOR THE COLD is this model in an interestingly-designed coat which boasts a matching scarf and trim which coordinated with the sporty hat.

AWARDS TIME — During the intermission of the Ebony Fashion Fair Baltimore Alumnae Chapter president Mrs. Mary Demory (L) presents a plaque to Mrs. Vivian Edwards Washington, as Dr. Levi Watkins Jr., who also received a plaque, looks on. Mrs. Washington was awarded for her work with adolescent pregnancy and Dr. Watkins for his outstanding research and accomplishments in cardiac surgery.

The sold-out crowd which gathered at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall Sunday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. for the 27th annual Ebony Fashion Fair was not disappointed.

The show, sponsored by the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., called Color Fantasy, was a sparkler.

The fashions which ran the gamut from Casual, Beach and Loungewear to Afternoon and After Five to Hostess to formal and even bridal wear, were gorgeous.

Colors were brilliant, in every hue imaginable. Styles which were by designer greats from around the world and locally (including again Baltimore's Charlene Hyman) were versatile and unique.

There were dresses that could be worn short or long; skirts that could be worn as capes; belts that could also be used as scarves, and many, many other "convertibles."

The fabrics and the designs in them were bold and dashing, featuring sunburst designs, stripes, dots, plaids and others in leathers, wools,

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PHI DELTA KAPPA SORORITY PLANS 62ND CONCLAVE

The Executive Committee of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Gamma Chapter, is diligently working toward its sixty-second Anniversary Conclave to be held in Charm City at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, July 27 through August 3, 1985.

The Executive Committee members are Leanna Ferrell, basileus; Ruby Cauche, Supreme Basileus; Ardena Dixon, Eastern Regional Director; Rose Gallop, Ethel Hunter, Geraldine Shepherd, Ruth Fauntleroy, Juanita High, Mildred Barkley, Ernestine Dunston, Beatrice Avery, Asalee Portee, Calperia Cann, Althea Lucas; Also Charlotte Williams, Charlotte Brooks, Vera Bethune, Nellie Bowie, Myrtle Stanley, Claire Dorsey, Yvonne Woods, Thelma Rice, Aurora Chambers, Mildred Harriday, Lucille Johnson and Yvette Kearney.

The theme of their conclave "The Pursuit of Excellence: A Challenge To Fulfill" helps underscore today's need to develop the full potential of our youth as society moves into the increasingly competitive world of high technology.

For 62 years, the women in this organization have served the children through education. It is believed that the time and effort invested in the Sixty - Second Anniversary National Conclave will pay a bounty of dividends for educators and children alike.

Events leading up to this conclave are: a vitally interesting Breakfast to be held at the Forum, Friday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m., chaired by Charlotte Brooks. This meeting is held annually in conjunction with the Maryland State Teacher's Convention. The speaker of the hour is Dr. Gretta Burnett. The Sorority's Sweetheart Ball will be held January 25, 1985.

MORGAN U WOMEN MOVE TOWARDS GOALS

"The Morgan State University Women have launched a fifty year anniversary celebration with special concern for current students," said Mrs. Essie Banks, the president at a recent fundraiser.

She praised Mrs. Dorothy Riley, the chairperson for the success of the event at the

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