

General Assembly approved at the session which ended last week, \$2 million in funds is provided to increase the State's contribution for the medically indigent from \$135 a month to \$210 a month. The significance of this is that it will provide better nursing-home care for patients and will free hospital beds for patients with the more serious illnesses.

Most of us think that the private hospital will continue to be the keystone in this partnership of health care. But your State government is aware that it must give support and assistance to the private hospital system. We are aware, for example, that the State must bear a large share of the responsibility of financing the medical care of the indigent and the medically indigent. Jointly with the federal government, your State has administered the Hill-Burton construction program, under which new hospitals, or additions to existing ones, have been constructed in Baltimore City and the counties. It has been our policy to preserve our partnership for hospital and medical care, on the thesis that it offers the best middle-of-the road solution to the problem of financing and operating our hospital system.

The construction of this building is tangible evidence that the community leadership of Baltimore has recognized and accepted its responsibility in the partnership arrangement. The handsome building which we are dedicating symbolizes the progressive spirit of the people of this city and their devotion to the advancement of the art of healing the sick. Let me commend and congratulate all who had a hand in its creation—your board of trustees, your medical staff, the hospital staff and all others.

Finally, let me express my thanks to you for inviting me to take part in this ceremony. It is indeed a momentous occasion, marking as it does, the passage of another significant milestone in the medical progress of this city and this State. I thank you.

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REMARKS, "EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR" AWARD

BALTIMORE

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I am honored to be present here this morning at this breakfast at which the Maryland Association for Retarded Children makes its "Employer of the Year" awards.

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