

that particular category will determine to a large extent how effective the distribution will be and how many will be in the total program covered by the first demonstrations. But these are demonstrations. And I think that the initial demonstrations are important, and should include a cross-section of the type of communities by size, as well as character of a program. And I think if that is done we will have a representative first-type demonstration which will be followed later by other programs and other approaches.

But I am not in a position to give you a figure on this, Mr. Widnall. I think that the Secretary's testimony will throw some light on it. And I think that the decisions that will be made will be made in the Department.

Mr. WIDNALL. And can you give us criteria to be used in selecting the demonstration cities?

Mr. SHISHKIN. I think the basic criteria that are written in the law are adequate. I think that some improvement can be made. I think that the proposals made by Mr. Reuss and Mr. Moorhead in the amendments proposed might be given some consideration as additional criteria. But I think basically the proposed statute is adequate.

Mr. WIDNALL. Just one more question. Several witnesses suggested that at least the program be broadened as to the number of cities with respect to the planning assistance. And I think this has some very definite appeal. And you could include many of our cities under a broad umbrella giving them the planning assistance that is necessary so that they could try to come in under some future program. Do you think that is wise?

Mr. SHISHKIN. I think that attention should be paid to that and provision should be made. And let me say also in this connection, Mr. Widnall, that we are most appreciative of the leadership and help that you have presented in carrying out of the programs both last year and the year before, and the present consideration, with your knowledge, and your ability to come to grips not only with the general principles but also with the real problems that involve people and local situations. We want to thank you for it.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Shishkin, thank you very much for your very fine presentation here this morning.

It appears to me now that Mr. St Germain on the other end has a very short question. We wanted to give Mr. Townsend an opportunity to testify, too.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I will be very brief.

On page 9 you mentioned the group practice facilities. Is it your understanding, as was given to us earlier this week, that this would be limited to medical doctors licensed to practice in the State, and dentists, or do you feel—would you care to perhaps later on submit this for the record and answer this question—if we should give any consideration to ophthalmologists, chiropractors, and osteopaths in this regard as to eligibility?

Mr. SHISHKIN. No. I think that Under Secretary Cohen has covered that adequately. I think that we are primarily concerned with the group practice by the licensed and standard categories of medical care, including nursing and internship, and all that is involved in the group practice facilities. And dentists. And I think we will stand