

(b) Operating Costs

Estimates of operating costs of clinics and other outpatient facilities are available only for rehabilitation centers. For 296 rehabilitation facilities reporting to the Association of Rehabilitation Centers in 1963, income in that year totaled \$96.8 million or an average of \$327,000 per center. Total expense for the same year reached \$101.7 million—an average of \$344,000 per center. In terms of patients served, annual expense per patient averaged about \$458.

2. USER CHARGES

(a) and (b)—A thorough search of all available literature has not provided any type of information on user charges for service in clinics or other outpatient facilities.

(c)—Data are not available on the extent to which costs of clinics and other outpatient facilities are met out of general tax resources and general obligation borrowings of State and local government units.

C. TRENDS OF CAPITAL OUTLAYS

1. ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Other than for the types of facilities receiving construction aid under the Hill-Burton program (public health centers, diagnostic or treatment centers, and rehabilitation facilities) data are not available on the dollar volume of construction for clinics and other outpatient facilities.

The original Hill-Burton Act (Public Law 79-725) provided Federal assistance to States and local communities for construction of public health centers. While separate funds are not designated for the construction of such centers, but are included in the overall authorization for hospital construction, the amount of \$65.9 million out of a total of \$2.4 billion has been used for public health center construction from 1948 to June 30, 1965.

As of June 1965, Hill-Burton funds had assisted in the construction of 1,045 public health centers with an additional 116 built in combination with general hospitals; 726 diagnostic or treatment centers; and 338 rehabilitation facilities. Table 5 shows the number of such projects approved each year and the Federal and State or local funds involved. A more detailed breakdown of the State or local contribution is not available.

2. SOURCES OF FINANCING CAPITAL OUTLAYS

Although each applicant for Hill-Burton aid must submit a financial statement including data on the applicant's financial resources, the information relating to public health centers, diagnostic or treatment centers, and rehabilitation facilities has not been summarized. The work involved prohibits undertaking such a summarization at this time. Even were the data readily available, they would represent a very small portion of the capital outlay picture for all clinics and other outpatient facilities.