

With regard to sources of patient funds the following summarizes the results of the ANHA survey:

TABLE 7.—*Distribution of patients by sources of funds for payment of nursing home care*

	Percent of patients
Total.....	100
Source of funds:	
Personal or family funds.....	37
Medical assistance for aged.....	27
Other public assistance.....	17
Social security.....	15
Veterans' Administration.....	2
Blue Cross.....	(1)
Commercial insurance.....	(1)
Other.....	2

¹ Less than 1 percent.

Source: Unpublished data from the American Nursing Home Association.

C. TREND OF CAPITAL OUTLAYS

A large gap exists in present-day information on capital outlays for nursing homes. Other than for facilities receiving Federal aid for construction, no data are available on the presumably large dollar volume of work which has been going on in this field.

Federal assistance in nursing home construction is provided principally through three agencies—the Public Health Service (Hill-Burton program), the Federal Housing Administration, and the Small Business Administration.

Hill-Burton program.—In August 1946, Congress passed the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, establishing what is generally known as the Hill-Burton program. Federal participation in approved projects may range from one-third to two-thirds of the total costs of constructing and equipping the project.

In 1954 the act was amended to authorize funds specifically for the construction of public and voluntary nonprofit nursing homes and chronic disease hospitals. In 1964 the chronic disease and nursing home categories were combined into a single category designated as "long-term care."

By June 30, 1965, Hill-Burton funds had provided a total of 50,308 long-term care beds (chronic disease and nursing homes) either in new facilities or as additions to existing facilities. The total cost of these projects amounted to nearly \$679 million with the Federal contribution amounting to more than \$225 million and the State and local share totaling \$454 million. The following table shows the dollar volume of projects approved each year since 1955: