

DENTAL AUXILIARY UTILIZATION GRANTS PROGRAM

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Objectives

The ratio of dentists to population has been falling for a generation. Efforts are directed to increasing dental professional manpower and to improving the productivity of the dentists.

2. Operation

The Division provides grants to 46 dental schools in the United States so that they can include instruction in the use of dental assistants in their curriculum.

3. History

The program was begun as a small pilot project in the 1950's to demonstrate the use of dental chairside assistants. In 1961, the present grant program was authorized under the appropriation of the National Institute of Dental Research. This program was transferred to the Bureau of State Services in 1964.

It has become a major factor in extending the arm of the dentist and enabling him to care for more patients in better fashion in a given period of time.

4. Level of operation. (See table 1.)

Program: Dental auxiliary utilization grants program.
Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Public Health Service—Bureau of State Services (Community Health).

TABLE 1.—Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67

[Dollar amounts in thousands]

Measure (see committee inquiry for definitions)	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimates	Fiscal year 1967 ¹ estimates
(a) Magnitude of the program (dental students).	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,700
(b) Applicants or participants:				
State government agencies.....				
Local communities or governments.....				
Individuals or families.....				
Other—Dental schools.....	46	46	46	46
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available.....	\$2,160	\$2,269	\$2,399	\$2,399
Obligations incurred.....				
Allotments or commitments made.....				
(d) Matching or additional expenditures.....				
(e) Number of Federal employees (man-years).....	(2) ²	(2) ²	(2) ²	(2) ²
(f) Non-Federal personnel.....				
(g) Other measures of performance.....				

¹ President's budget.² Unknown.

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970

Not answered.

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

Not answered.

7. Coordination and cooperation

The Division maintains and promotes close working relationships with other dental activities of the Service, particularly with the National Institute of Dental Research.