

for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism or narcotic addiction, the purposes for which the portion of the grant under this part which relates to such facilities may be made, the percentage of the cost to be met by such portion of the grant, and the duration of such portion of the grant shall, subject to limitations in such regulations, be determined as though the grant is being made for operation, staffing, and maintenance of facilities under part C, in the case of facilities for prevention and treatment of alcoholism, or part D, in the case of facilities for the prevention and treatment of narcotic addiction."

USE OF ALLOTMENTS FOR COST OF ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 305. Section 403 of the Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963 (42 U.S.C. 2693) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) (1) At the request of any State, a portion of any allotment or allotments of such State under part A of title II shall be available to pay one-half (or such smaller share as the State may request) of the expenditures found necessary by the Secretary for the proper and efficient administration during such year of the State plan approved under such part; except that not more than 2 per centum of the total of the allotments of such State for a year, or \$50,000, whichever is less, shall be available for such purpose for such year. Payments of amounts due under this paragraph may be made in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Secretary may determine.

"(2) Any amount paid under paragraph (1) to any State for any fiscal year shall be paid on condition that there shall be expended from State sources for such year for administration of the State plan approved under such part A not less than the total amount expended for such purposes from such sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968."

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,
Washington, D.C., March 18, 1968.

HON. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is in response to your request of March 6, 1968, for a report on H.R. 15758, a bill "To amend the Public Health Service Act so as to extend and improve the provisions relating to regional medical programs, to extend the authorization of grants for health of migratory agricultural workers, to provide for specialized facilities for alcoholics and narcotic addicts, and for other purposes."

This bill embodies the legislative proposal contained in a draft bill submitted by this Department to the Congress on March 4, 1968, to implement the recommendations on extension and improvement of regional medical programs contained in the President's March 4, 1968 Message on Health. The bill also includes the legislative proposal contained in that draft bill relating to temporary extension of the program of grants for health services for migratory agricultural workers. In addition, H.R. 15758 embodies the legislative proposal contained in the draft bill submitted by this Department to the Congress on February 8, 1968, to implement the recommendations on prevention and treatment of alcoholism and narcotic addiction contained in the President's February 7, 1968 Message on insuring the public safety and meeting the challenge of crime in our society. (This last mentioned proposal was also included in H.R. 15281, on which we reported to your Committee on February 26, 1968.)

We urge early enactment of this proposed legislation.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that enactment of this proposed legislation would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

WILBUR J. COHEN,
Acting Secretary.