

ANNUAL HOSPITAL OPD COINSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR BENEFICIARIES WHO RECEIVED HOSPITAL OPD SERVICES, 1995

Deciles (percent)	Annual beneficiary coinsurance
Top 10	\$802
Top 20	505
Top 30	335
Top 40	227
Median	154
Bottom 40	103
Bottom 30	67
Bottom 10	20

MEDIAN BENEFICIARY COINSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR CATARACT SURGERY FOR HOSPITALS IN THE SAME MSA, 1995

Provider	Percent of total volume	Median charges	Median coinsurance payment
Hospital A	39	\$2,751	\$550
Hospital B	52	1,218	244
Others (2)	10		
Total	100	2,002	400

HONORING EUGENE AND DORIS HERDMAN ON THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to extend best wishes to Eugene and Doris Herdman on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, February 9, 1997.

Eugene and Doris Herdman have shared a partnership of love and commitment which has been an inspiration to all who have known them. Enriched by all of life's experiences, their union has endured and grown stronger over time.

Marriage is the principal foundation on which civilization has been built. The loyalty and love that Eugene and Doris Herdman have demonstrated through the past 50 years strengthens the institution of marriage and increases our faith in the idea of trust between human beings.

As Eugene and Doris Herdman celebrate this special occasion, I wish them, their two children, Nancy and Jim, and their two grandchildren, Jon and Alison, many years of happiness and fulfillment.

TRIBUTE TO ELDER WILLIAM ALONZO GIVENS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Elder William Alonzo Givens, who passed away on Christmas Day, December 25, 1996.

Elder Givens was born in Austin, TX, on April 20, 1916, to Arthur Givens and Lizzy Burton. He received his ministry license at the age of 17. In 1929, the Givens family relocated to Midland, TX, where they continued to serve God faithfully, ministering to the needs of many others in the community.

On August 3, 1939, Elder Givens married the former Louise Estelle Thomas. Their blessed union produced seven children, two of whom preceded Elder Givens in death. In December 1942 Elder Givens moved his family to Los Angeles, CA. In 1943, he embarked on a career as a longshoreman, a career that would span nearly 30 years.

In 1976, Elder Givens was assigned by Bishop S. M. Crouch to serve as assistant pastor to the late Walter Sanders at All Nation Church of God in Christ, located in San Pedro, CA.

During his lifetime, Elder Givens traveled throughout California pastoring to the needs of the sick and the shut-in. He not only preached the Gospel, he worked to counsel troubled youths, and those who were in need of spiritual nourishment and fellowship. At his home-going celebration, person after person rose to speak of their love and selfless devotion for this gentle, kind, and always God-fearing man, who loved unconditionally and cherished his family and his God.

Those who knew best of his love for humankind—his family—spoke lovingly of a man who was not only a husband and a father, but of a man who was their friend, counselor, spiritual guide, provider, and protector.

Mr. Speaker, Elder Givens was a man of tremendous character and integrity. His success was measured not in material terms, but in the honorable manner in which he lived his life. His devotion to God was unwavering, and his commitment to the sacrament of marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood, stand as the true measure of this humble servant of our God.

I, therefore, ask you to join me in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of this extraordinary man. In honoring his memory, we extend our condolences to his beloved wife, Louise; his children: Nettie, Linda, Gwendolyn, Jerry, and Robert; and his 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous friends who mourn his loss.

SALUTE TO COYA KNUTSON

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to Coya Knutson, the only Minnesota woman ever elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, who died in October at the age of 84.

Congresswoman Coya Knutson received considerable attention in 1958 when her husband ignited a nationwide debate over the role of women in politics by sending his now-famous "Coya, Come Home" letters to Minnesota newspapers. The letters—which unfairly implied that her public career in Washington was forcing her to neglect her private duties as a wife and mother in Minnesota—were probably responsible for her close electoral defeat in 1958 after two terms.

Before the letters made national news, Knutson seemed a shoo-in for a third term. Her opponent that year—who ran on the slogan "A Big Man for a Man-Sized Job"—helped put her husband up to the letters. It also didn't help that she broke with leaders of the State Democratic Party—including Hubert

Humphrey—by supporting Estes Kefauver over Adlai Stevenson in the 1956 Minnesota Presidential primary. Many of her Democratic friends did not forgive her for that break, and may even have supported the "Coya Come Home" campaign.

But the story of Coya Knutson is far deeper than the "Coya Come Home" letters that gained her national notoriety and ended her congressional career.

In an era when many women in Congress were widows serving out their late husbands' terms, Coya Knutson represented much more. Former Vice President, and Minnesota Senator, Walter Mondale likened her to Hubert Humphrey. "She was full of life," he said. "She was electric and people liked her. She was kind of like Humphrey. She could go into a room and get the dead to wake up."

When she arrived in Washington, Knutson's first choice for a committee assignment was the Agriculture Committee, where she could champion the cause of the family farmers who populated her district. But the committee's chairman "had no interest in women serving with him." Most women of the time would have backed off. Knutson, however, went to Speaker Sam Rayburn and convinced him that she should be on Agriculture. So it was there she served, and it was there that her grasp of issues—and her hard work—eventually earned her the respect of the chairman.

Many of Coya Knutson's legislative priorities still have resonance today. The Washington Post cataloged her congressional work in a story published a short time after her death.

In her four years in Washington, Coya Knutson pushed for the first Federal appropriations for cystic fibrosis research. She introduced the first bill to include an income tax checkoff for Presidential campaign financing. She created the legislation that would eventually establish a Federal student loan program. She supported the equal rights amendment when labor and many liberals still opposed it on the grounds that it could bring an end to legislation enacted to protect women in the workplace.

Unlike most of the women serving at the time, she felt no need to make the big men like her. It was that trait, combined with a real dedication to the job, that tells the real story of Coya Knutson.

During her 4 years in Washington, she did much to pave the way for women who would later serve in Congress. She overcame obstacles and pushed down barriers that women today no longer encounter. She served with grace and accepted defeats without bitterness. Coya Knutson showed the Nation that a woman's place is not only in the home, but also in the House. For that, Mr. Speaker, the Nation owes Minnesota Congresswoman Coya Knutson a tremendous debt of gratitude.

RELEASE MONEY TO SAVE WOMEN'S LIVES

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, a very important vote on family planning will occur by the end of February.

The fiscal year 1997 Foreign Operations appropriations bill directs the President to submit

a Presidential finding to Congress no later than February 1, detailing whether or not the spending restrictions imposed on family planning overseas are having a negative impact on the proper functioning of those programs.

The Presidential finding is to be included in a joint House-Senate resolution on which both bodies must vote by February 28. If both the House and Senate approve the finding, international family planning funds will be released on March 1 rather than the current July 1 release date of funds that have already been appropriated.

I commend to my colleagues' attention the following column written by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in which she portrays the situation of real women's lives and the urgent need for family planning.

TALKING IT OVER

(By Hillary Rodham Clinton)

The pregnant woman wore an alpaca shawl over her blouse and full skirt, the traditional Indian dress in Bolivia. She looked about 36 and was attending a prenatal class at a health clinic I visited this week in the Bolivian capital, La Paz. She was nursing a 3-month-old baby and expecting her eighth child, who she hoped would be her last.

I was in Bolivia to attend the Sixth Conference of Wives of Heads of State and Government of the Americas. Women from countries throughout the Western Hemisphere got together to talk about strategies to eliminate measles, promote education reform and improve maternal health in our region.

Bolivia, a country of majestic beauty in the heart of South America, was an auspicious location for such a discussion. More women die in Bolivia during pregnancy and childbirth than in any other country in South America. But in the face of this human tragedy, Bolivia has become a model of how one nation can respond to the crisis of maternal mortality by galvanizing the government, non-governmental organizations and the medical establishment to launch a nationwide family-planning campaign.

In a country where half of all expecting mothers go through pregnancy and childbirth alone—without medical attention of any kind—Bolivia's aggressive effort to educate women about their own health and their options for childbearing is resulting in safer pregnancies, stronger families and fewer abortions. Without access to family planning, women in Bolivia—and in many developing nations—often turn in desperation to illegal, unsafe abortions that can end in death or serious injury. Deaths from abortion complications account for half of all maternal deaths in Bolivia.

As Bolivia has ably demonstrated, voluntary family planning teaches women about the benefits of spacing children several years apart, breast-feeding, good nutrition, prenatal and postpartum visits and safe deliveries. It also decreases the number of abortions.

Bolivia's success at preventing mothers from dying and lowering abortion rates has been possible, in part, because of help from the United States and other countries. The U.S. Agency for International Development has provided financial and technical assistance to help Bolivia establish a network of primary health care clinics.

The clinic I visited in La Paz is one that the United States helped start. Called PROSALUD (which, loosely translated, means "for the good of health" in Spanish), the clinic has doctors and nurses who offer round-the-clock prenatal, obstetric and pediatric services, as well as counseling about

family planning in a poor neighborhood of 15,000 people. In the first six months of this year, the clinic staff provided 2,200 medical consultations, delivered 200 babies, registered 700 new family-planning users and immunized 2,500 children.

There are obvious benefits of such a program to Bolivian women, children and families, but health and family-planning services also help alleviate poverty and contribute to the economic stability of a democratic ally in our hemisphere. Yet opponents of foreign assistance and particularly of family planning in Congress are trying to eviscerate U.S. funding for programs like the one I saw at PROSALUD. Some argue that the United States has no national interest in the health and well-being of other countries' citizens. Others mistakenly suggest that family planning is being used to encourage—rather than decrease—abortions. In fact, our government has prohibited funding of any overseas project that promotes abortion since 1973.

Ignoring this, Congress last year approved draconian cuts in family-planning assistance amounting to a 35-percent reduction in funds. To add insult to injury, the cuts were accompanied by new restrictions that delayed delivery of aid for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

Similar harsh cuts and delays are included in the current budget, meaning that many organizations could again be denied assistance for months and then receive it only in monthly installments.

According to a recent analysis by five population organizations, the funding cuts alone will result in an increase of 1.6 million abortions, more than 8,000 maternal deaths, and 134,000 infant deaths in developing countries.

Family-planning campaigns at work in Elclvia and elsewhere represent sensible, cost-effective and long-term strategies for improving women's health, strengthening families and lowering the rate of abortion. My husband's administration remains committed to the continuation of these investments. And I will do everything I can to ensure that U.S. support for these initiatives continues. If you share my concern, I hope you will add your votes to mine and give all women everywhere the same opportunities for their lives we take for granted in ours.

TRIBUTE FOR JAMES M. MURPHY

HON. JAMES M. TALENT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. TALENT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. James M. Murphy. Mr. Murphy has been recognized as the 1996 Outstanding Businessperson of the Year by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce. This award highlights his continuing efforts not only with the chamber, but with the entire St. Louis construction and business community. It is indeed an honor to recognize his hard work and efforts as an outstanding leader and citizen.

The following proclamation was presented to Mr. Murphy by the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments.

Whereas Jim Murphy, president of Murphy Company Mechanical Contractors and Engineers, has served as the president of the Olivette Economic Development Commission, and

Whereas his leadership of the Commission has contributed to the economic stability of

Olivette, and created economic growth for the City of Olivette, and

Whereas he has achieved unprecedented national success for his company in the construction and business communities, and

Whereas he has served the St. Louis business community through leadership and dedication, and

Whereas he has unselfishly devoted both time and effort to the health and welfare of the St. Louis community by supporting charitable, civic and business organizations, and

Whereas he has demonstrated the highest ethical values in the conduct of his business and personal life, and

Whereas his support of educational excellence has contributed to providing unlimited opportunity for future business and community leaders. Therefore be it

Resolved, That James J. Murphy, Jr., be honored by the membership of the Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce as the 1996 Outstanding Businessperson of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I join the chamber and the St. Louis business community, in honoring Mr. Murphy for his continuing service to our community. His efforts are an inspiration to us all.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY E. McDEVITT

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Honorable Judge Mary E. McDevitt on the occasion of her retirement from the 39th district court in Roseville, MI. It will be my pleasure to enter this statement into the official CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in February when the 105th Congress convenes.

Over the years, Judge McDevitt has enjoyed a fine reputation as a distinguished jurist in our community and throughout the State of Michigan. She has demonstrated her legal expertise both as a Justice of the Peace in Erin Township and in Roseville where she has served as district judge for 39 years.

Judge McDevitt also served as a probation officer and investigator for adoptive and boarding home parents as the Macomb County Probate Court, Juvenile Division. She has been affiliated with many professional organizations, such as the American Bar Association, and has generously volunteered her time for civic activities.

Mr. Speaker, on the special occasion of her retirement after 39 years on the bench, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending best wishes to Judge McDevitt and her entire family. Her dedication and commitment will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO JIM KELLY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim Kelly on the occasion of his retirement as quarterback for the Buffalo Bills.

Throughout its celebrated history, the Buffalo Bills have never enjoyed the tremendous