

State's new abortion law becomes effective today

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's most liberal abortion law goes into effect today in New York State. More than 700 women have already been scheduled for the operation in New York City municipal hospitals.

The new law contains no residency requirement and specifies that the number of women who will seek abortions here has ranged from 110,000 up to as many as 500,000 a year.

Under the new law the decision to have an abortion is left to the woman and her physician and the operation is permitted up to the 24th week of pregnancy.

Dr. Shirley Mayer of the city's Bureau of Maternal and Child Care predicted Tuesday that the city's facilities would be adequate for "our own residents, but we'll just have to wait and see about the out-of-towners."

Hospitals in the city have been preparing for the last two months to deal with the expected demand. The City Board of

Health has also approved performance of the operation in certain types of clinics.

The fee for a non-Medicare patient at a city hospital is expected to run from \$10 to \$125. Ward patients at voluntary hospitals will pay about the same while a private patient's cost will depend largely on her physician's fee.

The Blue Shield announced Tuesday it would pay doctors' fees ranging from \$50 to \$150 for its subscribers, married or un-

married. If the abortion is performed in a government-approved facility.

Blue Cross said it will allow payments for abortions performed in member hospitals and for the firm's financing. This will pay maternity benefits including abortion fees for unmarried females.

Both the Roman Catholic Church and a spokesman for Orthodox Jews have reminded their followers that church and Torah law prohibit abortion.

Health insurance subscribers face confusion over abortion

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Cross and Blue Shield subscribers across New York State face confusion as to the benefits supplied by their health insurance policies under the state's new abortion law which takes effect today.

Although the rule of thumb for most parts of the state appears to be that only married women will be covered for the cost of an abortion, the Board of Directors of the Blue Shield unit in the Greater New York City are voted Tuesday to make no distinction between married and unmarried females.

The board said its policies would cover doctors' expenses — ranging from \$50 to \$150 regardless of whether the abortion is performed in a hospital.

The facility where the operation is performed, however, must be government approved.

The Greater New York Blue Shield and Blue Cross unit covers 17 counties in the southeastern part of the state. In all, there are nine such units in the state.

A spokesman for Blue Cross of Western New York Inc., based in Buffalo, said Tuesday that his company would cover only married women with family contracts. He said single women would not be covered under their present policies and that no new policies extending their coverage would be issued.

Blue Shield of Western New York will abide by a similar rule, according to its president John T. Marston, but there will be an exception. Marston said the company will continue to honor a rider in some of its family contracts that extends pregnancy coverage to "any single member of the family."

Blue Shield generally covers physicians' fees while Blue Cross is an insurance policy for hospital costs.

Marston said also that he did not expect his company to follow the downstate board's lead in extending coverage.

In most other parts of the state the opinion appeared to be that only married women named in family contracts would be covered. This was true for Blue Shield of Syracuse, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Central New York and Jamestown Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

A spokesman for Blue Cross of Northeastern New York described his company's coverage in terms that made it appear the narrowest in the state. He

said the Albany-based company intends to continue its present coverage which is limited to wives of subscribers with family contracts, who have abortions for medical reasons.

On the other hand, the Hospital Plan, Inc. of Utica, a Blue Cross-Blue Shield affiliate said that it would recognize abortion coverage for single women covered as dependents in its national group contracts.

Most company spokesmen hesitated to specifically define which abortions would be covered and which would not. Where and why the abortion was performed were cited as additional variables in the companies' decisions about providing benefits.

Increased meat imports announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration has opened the door a little wider for increased imports of meat, but the unprecedented move is not expected to alter hamburger prices much.

About 78 million pounds of additional meat will be allowed in the United States this year under the action announced Tuesday by Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin.

Cattlemen were pleased the increase was not larger and Hardin himself said the extra meat would do little to ease retail prices for consumers.

Most of the imported meat is beef from Australia and New Zealand. A large share of the increase already has arrived in the United States, Hardin told a news conference.

The administration had been under pressure for many months from consumer interests to make more imported meat available to help head off the kind of retail price crunch that hit housewives last summer.

Government statisticians say the average over-the-counter price of hamburger was 66.3 cents a pound in April and 66.7 cents in May. The price was 67.2 cents in May 1969.

But Hardin said the boost in meat imports just won't be enough to stem any increase in consumer costs.

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Congress overrides Nixon's veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has overridden a presidential veto of a politically popular \$2.76 billion hospital construction bill, adding new fuel to the election year debate over inflation.

By a 76-19 vote, the Senate Tuesday night completed congressional action on the first veto override in 10 years and rejected a presidential scolding about fiscal responsibility.

There was no comment from the White House but a leading administration supporter in the Senate said the "wholesale political dance" was over.

"It is an attempt to wear down the President by making him fight inflation and the party that started the inflation at the same time," said Sen. Gordon Allott, R-Colo.

Senate action came just five days after the House voted 279 to 96 to re-pass the measure authorizing further construction under the Hill-Burton Act.

Sixty-seven Republicans joined 212 Democrats in that override, 27 more than the required two-thirds of those voting.

The Senate cleared the required two-thirds margin by 12 votes without a single Democrat lining up for Nixon, even though the Southern wing of the party generally has backed the President. Twenty-three Republicans, including GOP Leader Hugh Scott, joined 53 Democrats in the Senate override.

The Nixon administration has been trying to phase out the Hill-Burton program of direct grants and replace it with a program of guaranteed loans.

But the bill Congress has enacted over Nixon's opposition authorizes \$1.26 billion in grants over the next three years, some \$350 over budget requests.

It does include a provision for \$1.5 billion in guaranteed loans but for the first time it requires the President to spend the grant money.

This prevents him from just ignoring it, which past chief executives had done.

When he vetoed the bill last week, Nixon said the measure was "a long step down the road of fiscal irresponsibility and we should not take that road."

He called on the Democratic-controlled Congress in his veto message to "join me" in holding down federal spending.

Democrats however, assailed the President's priorities.

"If the administration can ask us to subsidize a supersonic

transport, bail out Lockheed aircraft, and begin massive new spending for Pentagon and space programs, then I think we can ask the administration to begin to meet this country's crying need in hospital facilities," declared Sen. Walter F. Mondale, D-Minn.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., pointed to Nixon's health message last July when the President said the nation faced a massive crisis in medical care unless something was done about it immediately.

Unfortunately, said Bayh, the Hill-Burton veto contradicted Nixon's earlier statement.

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Rogers at SEATO meeting

MANILA (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers arrived in Manila today for a meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization and said self-reliance has become the keynote for the area's nations, including those beset by war in Indochina.

Asians are seeking through self-help and regional cooperation to solve Asian problems, Rogers said in an airport statement.

"We are glad to see Asian members of SEATO in the forefront of this important development," he added, referring to the Philippines, Thailand, and Pakistan.

"SEATO has played a vital role in helping to maintain the shield to protect the free countries of East Asia against Communist aggression," Rogers continued. "Behind this shield there has been remarkable growth."

"It will be the purpose of our conference which starts here in Manila tomorrow to discuss how the SEATO nations can continue to play a constructive role in maintaining the peace and advancing the development and well-being of the people of this area."

Rogers noted that President Nixon had reaffirmed that the United States would remain faithful to its commitments to friends and allies. He said the United States was proud of its participation in SEATO and its membership in the Pacific community.

But he strongly emphasized the theme of self-help and regional cooperation which Nixon made an important part of his Guam Doctrine last year.

The Guam Doctrine and its application is one of the key questions to be discussed when the SEATO ministers open their 15th annual meeting Thursday.

FAA vows more funds for airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration promises an unprecedented stream of funds for airport development and starting today.

FAA Administrator John H. Shaffer said up to \$15 billion in federal state and local money would be made available for improvement of the nation's airports and airways over the next 10 years.

"We will have a flow of resources into the non-vehicle part of aviation—the airports and airways—that they never before have had," Shaffer told the Aero Club of Washington Tuesday.

Shaffer said the new airport and airways development act taking effect today authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to approve \$840 million in airport development grants over the next three fiscal years.

However, actual appropriations often are much less than such authorized ceilings.

Funding of air navigation facilities will total not less than \$250 million a year through 1975, Shaffer said.

The law also authorizes \$250 million a year for airports served primarily by airlines for general aviation airports which relieve congestion at other airports where traffic density is great and \$30 million a year for airports not served by the airlines.

Another \$15 million will be available annually in planning grants, to assist localities in preparing master plans for airports and aviation systems, he said.

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