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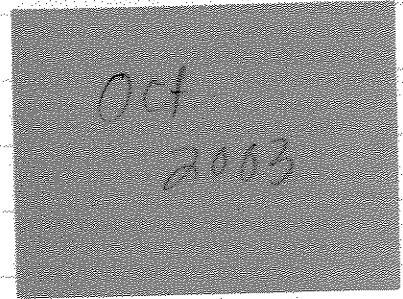
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10-6-03

Family Planning Waiver
Meeting - DITFS
G. Radtke
CEAL Diane
CR - on speaker phone



- This bill is a step backward
- Some people have a problem with "Presumptive eligibility" - The parent's income is not taken into account.
- State pays .10 on the dollar and the feds are paying .90 (funding for this program).
- Total cost of a pap exam: \$200.00
The state's share is \$20.00.
- No parental consent for birth ~~control~~ control (to require this is contrary to federal MFA law).
- ^{It costs} Over \$7000 for a single delivery (teen population)
- CR quest - do other states have the age @ 18 yrs old? G. Radtke said he thinks so but will get back with us.

- The plan the state presented the feds (in order to get money + participate in the program) had to be revenue neutral. Dept. not sure if feds would still provide funds for over 18 yrs old.
- Over \$30,000 participants currently in the program
- State could lose \$150,000,000 in addition to the funds currently supporting the program.
 - * Can't change the rules due to people currently enrolled in the program who are under 18 yrs.
- STD is also treated. This saves money. If the teen pop. may not feel comfortable talking to family about STD's. If there is no where for them to go - some may wait until their condition worsens and gets to the point where they have to enter the healthcare system. This is more costly for the state than a teen getting early treatment under the program.
- Program does not / cannot cover abortions

- The state pays for 85% of pregnancies in 15-18 yr. old age bracket.

- Critics are challenging the definition of "family" for calculating income purposes.

- Same def of family used in this program is used in the *Katie Beckett Program + Senior Care program.
If child is disabled, the parent's income not used @ all.

*^A College woman may have parents w/ money, but since she is 18 yrs old, HFS could not use income anyway.

* Parents pay taxes - their taxes used on their daughter } HFS
Rational

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1618 LAUREL CREST
MADISON, WIS. 53705

608 231-2358

October 7 '03

Dear Senator Ressler,

I understand that one of the Committees you are running will consider Assembly Bill 67, which sounds so broad that it could ruin substantial parts of the improvements which your long and distinguished work and advocacy for Health Care from birth to long-term care has achieved.

One example would seem to be that the breadth of this Bill eliminates all legal force of the Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Living Wills which you have helped to establish for the protection of patients who are too young or too old or are temporarily too overwhelmed by illness to look after themselves.

Another concern (which has just as little to do with abortion) should be that large parts of Wisconsin are not settled densely enough to make a local medical specialist replaceable in time to save an accident-victim's life. As it stands now, however, this Bill appears to offer almost unlimited grounds on which a medical professional could refuse care with legal indemnity from damage claims and even censure.

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In addition, the Bill would appear to offer no warning mechanism for you or me to learn which physicians might refuse what? (Indeed, what will my heavy health insurance premiums still really promise to buy?)

I cannot imagine that you would consent to such destruction of your enviable legislative record.

With thanks -

Most Sincerely
Yours

Else R. Meyer

Halbur, Jennifer

From: Seaquist, Sara
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2003 8:48 AM
To: Halbur, Jennifer
Subject: FW: AB 383/ SB 186 Hearing

CR email...do you know who this guy is? Should I email him for his address (is eagle forum of WI in the district?)?

-----Original Message-----

From: Gilbert Tatarsky [mailto:tatajg@execpc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2003 9:31 PM
To: Sen.Roessler@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: AB 383/ SB 186 Hearing

Dear Sen. Roessler,

I was unable to attend the hearing on AB 383/ SB 186 ,however, as President of Eagle Forum of Wisconsin I want you to know that our organization fully supports these bills.

Minor children are under the authority of their parents and should NOT be given medication or medical treatment of any kind without their parents knowledge and consent.

Thank you for holding the hearing and we hope to see this legislation voted on soon.

Sincerely,

Joan Tatarsky
Eagle Forum of Wisconsin

OCT 09 2003

September 7, 2003

Dear Senator Roessler,

I wholeheartedly support the Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program; all Wisconsin citizens should care about the fundamental rights of all people (regardless of age) to healthcare- including birth control and other family planning assistance.

I understand that you are a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care, and that this committee has an upcoming hearing on Senate Bill 186. This measure would adversely affect the Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program by eliminating minors' access to crucial medical services ensured by the program. The state should simply not have the authority to determine which ages deserve fair medical treatment.

Please do anything in your power to oppose Senate Bill 186; we should instead reinforce the standards of eligibility set forth in the Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program.

Thank you so much.



Rachel Nordberg
312 Mack Kronshage
1650 Kronshage Dr.
Madison, WI 53706

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600 Welsh Road
Watertown, WI 53098
October 9, 2003

Sen. Carol Rosseler, Chairman
Sen. Health, Children, Families & Aging & Long-term Care Committee
P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707

In re: Public Hearing on SB 186: Removal of Minor Children from the MA Family Planning
Demonstration Project

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Since we are unable to attend the October 14th public hearing on this bill, we are writing to ask you and your committee to support this bill.

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We ask that you and your committee support this much-needed bill. Thank you.

Sincerely your,

John McFarland
Josephine McFarland
John & Josephine McFarland

WISCONSIN STATE SENATE



Carol Roessler
STATE SENATOR

October 9, 2003

Ariane Levesque
1191 High Ave. Apt. C-105
Oshkosh WI, 54901

Dear Ariane,

Thank you for your contact on Senate Bill 186 relating to a Medical Assistance family planning demonstration project minimum age eligibility limitation change.

On September 23, 2003 the full Senate voted 29-4 to send this bill to the Health, Family, Children, Aging and Long Term Care Committee, which I chair. A public hearing is scheduled for 10:00am on October 14, 2003 in room 411 South. Testimony will be heard from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

Thank you again for sharing your views. Please feel free to contact me further with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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CAROL ROESSLER
State Senator
18th Senate District

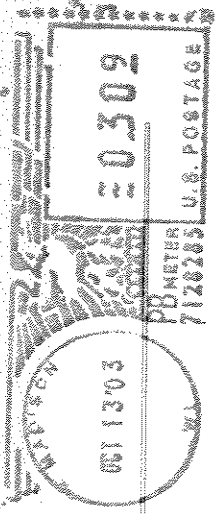
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Carol Roesler
STATE SENATOR

State Capitol, P.O. Box 7882, Madison, WI 53707-7882

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Be Part of the Solution. JUL 01 2003

Dear Legislator: *Sen. Roesler*

I am so thrilled the Wisconsin Medicaid Family Planning Waiver Program has finally started! (Wisconsin women have been waiting over 5 years for it!) This prevention program not only helps women avoid unintended pregnancy but also gets them the medical health care they require to prevent cervical cancer and treat STD's. It gives women and families control over their lives, childbearing, education, and careers.

I know you play an important part in making public policy changes like this family planning waiver. Not only does it help women, but everyone in Wisconsin because it saves state taxpayers money.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
(If you are not supporting this program then please begin now!)

DHFS

**Family Planning Waiver (FPW)
Data for Testimony
October 10, 2003**

1. *List of states have Family Planning Waivers (Attachment 1)*
2. *List of states with Family Planning Waivers with policy on coverage of Teens (Attachment 2)*
3. *Question: Has CMS prepared any evaluation analysis for Family Planning Waivers in other states that they could share?*

CMS has not done evaluation analysis to date for any Family Planning Waivers of other states. This task has been contracted out, and the initial discussions with the contractor will begin towards the end of this month (October). (Source: phone contact with Saul Goldberg, CMS FPW Officer, 10/10/03).

4. *"Summary description" of Family Planning Services Covered under the Family Planning Waiver:*

The FPWP Benefit is less inclusive than the full Medicaid family planning benefit. Abortions and hysterectomies are not covered. Examples of covered services include:

- Contraceptive Services and Supplies
- Pap Tests
- Colposcopy
- STD tests and some other lab tests
- Routine preventive primary care services

5. *Question: What are the Provider Types using Family Planning Waiver Services:*

- Family Planning Clinics
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Midwives
- Nurse Practitioners
- Outpatient hospitals
- FQHC's
- RHC's
- Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Supplies:

- Pharmacies
- Lab & Xray

6. *Outreach for the Medicaid Family Planning Waiver.*

There are no administrative funds allocated for the Family Planning Waiver program. Outreach is being provided via family planning providers with assistance from Health Care Education and Training Incorporated (HCET). The Division of Public Health contracts HCET to train family planning providers in Wisconsin. A subgroup of the HCET Advisory Committee has created outreach materials that may be downloaded from the HCET web page.

7. *Medicaid Births/Deliveries in CY 2001*

	Total # MA	# mom age 15-17
# MA births	26,405	1,872
# MA deliveries	25,976	1,860

(Source: 2001 Linked Birth Events File)

8. *Enrollment Data:*

- Since the beginning of the FPW program (01/01/03), **at least 41,594** women have been eligible for FPW /FPW PE benefits for some time period. (This number is qualified as "at least" because some women have their FPW eligibility overwritten by eligibility for regular Medicaid categories and therefore do not show up in the Meds data.)
- On October 5, 2003, 31,423 women were eligible for FPW and FPW PE.

9. *Presumptive Eligibility Data (Attachment 3)*

10. *Question: Is the Family Planning Waiver Demonstration Waiver part of the FMAP exclusion?*

A change in the eligibility requirement of the Family Planning Waiver would cause us to lose enhanced FMAP provided through the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (which is expected to bring in about \$150 million. If eligibility is limited now, we stand to lose approximately \$90 million over the next three quarters).

Medicaid Family Planning Waivers

BACKGROUND: In recent years, several states have moved to expand eligibility for family planning services under Medicaid by securing approval (officially known as a “waiver” of federal policy) from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (formerly, the Health Care Financing Administration). Some have obtained approval to continue Medicaid coverage for family planning for women who are otherwise losing Medicaid coverage postpartum. (All states are required to fund pregnancy-related care, including family planning services, for 60 days postpartum at least to women with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level—far above most states’ regular Medicaid eligibility ceilings.) Other states have granted coverage solely on the basis of income to women not previously covered under Medicaid.

EXTEND COVERAGE FOR WOMEN LOSING MEDICAID POSTPARTUM

6 APPROVED
(amount of time postpartum)

Arizona	(2 years)
Florida	(2 years)
Maryland	(5 years)
Missouri	(1 year)
Rhode Island	(2 years)
Virginia	(2 years)

EXTEND COVERAGE FOR WOMEN LOSING MEDICAID FOR ANY REASON

2 APPROVED
(number of years after losing coverage)

Delaware	(2 years)
Illinois	(5 years)

GRANT COVERAGE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF INCOME

10 APPROVED
(income ceiling as % of the federal poverty level)

Alabama	(133%)
Arkansas	(133%)
California	(200%)
New Mexico	(185%)
Mississippi	(185%)
New York	(200%)
Oregon	(185%)
South Carolina	(185%)
Washington	(200%)
Wisconsin	(185%)

4 PENDING APPROVAL
(income ceiling as % of the federal poverty level)

Colorado	(150%)
Minnesota*	(275%)
North Carolina	(185%)
Oklahoma	(185%)

* Would also cover men and women who are losing Medicaid coverage.

Other States' Family Planning Waivers¹
Policy on Coverage of Teens and Use of Teens Income for Eligibility²
 5/22/03

State	Coverage	Income Requirements/% FPL/Use of PE	Status
New York	Teens covered	Teen's own income (200%) No PE	Approved Oct. 2002
California	Teens covered	Teen's own income (200%) Uses PE*	Approved
Washington	Teens covered	Teen's own income (200%) --	Approved
Oregon	Teens covered	Teen's own income (185%) --	Approved
Alabama	19-44 covered	Adult's income (133%) --	Approved
Colorado	15-44 covered	Teen's own income (150%) Uses PE	Pending
New Mexico	15-45 covered	Teen income initially (185%) After two years, family income used. Uses PE	Approved June 2003
Mississippi	19-44 covered	(133%) Uses PE	Approved Jan. 2003
North Carolina	19-44 covered	(185%) No PE	Pending
Oklahoma	19-44 covered	(185%) No PE	Pending
Minnesota	Teens covered	No income req. for teens Uses PE	Pending

*Colorado uses Presumptive Eligibility with an income "self-disclosure" form.
 -- Unable to locate data.

¹ The States surveyed include state granting coverage solely on the basis of income. Other waiver projects extend coverage only for women losing Medicaid postpartum.

² This information was gathered from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' web page (including original documentation from state waiver applications), the Allen Guttmacher Institute web page and a telephone interview with New York State Medicaid.

**Family Planning Waiver (FPW)
Presumptive Eligibility (PE) Study
5/14/03**

1. A non-random sample of **247** Family Planning Waiver PE applications was selected from EDS files during the week of March 17, 2003.

2. The PE certification periods represented on these applications is mid-March through the end of May (i.e., two calendar months following the month of the PE application).

3. PE sample applicants by age:

- 15 years = **6**
- 16 years = **19**
- 17 years = **17**
- 18 and over = **205**

4. Of the **247** PE applications in this sample:

- Applied through county as of 4/16/03 = **200 (81%)**
- Applied through county as of 5/14/03 = **222 (90%)**

• 247
• 220 had applied (90%)
✓ 94% found elig for FPW via
MMA/BC

5. Of the **222** women who, as of 5/14/03, had applied through the county:

- **220 (99%)** have had their eligibility determined in CARES with **2** still in process

6. Of the **220** women whose FPW eligibility had been determined by the county as of 5/14/03:

- **196 (89%)** determined eligible for 12 months of the FPW benefit
- **10 (4.6%)** determined eligible for full benefit Medicaid/BadgerCare
- **14 (6.4%)** denied:
 - ✓ **6** over income (**2.7%** of finalized cases)
 - ✓ **4** failed to verify mandatory information (**1.8%** of finalized cases)
 - ✓ **4** voluntarily withdrew from the program (**1.8%** of finalized cases)

10/17/2003

Contact Detail

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Contact Date: 10/10/2003

Contact Type: Phone Call

Summary: supports SB 186

Issue:

Position:

Description:

Status: Pending

Closed Date:

Assigned: Halbur, Jennifer

Owner: Halbur, Jennifer

Note **Note Date:**

Summary:

Contact Type:

Description:

Reese, Jeffrey M.
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Home: (920) 929-8796

Email: jmreese@hotmail.com

Contact Date: 10/10/2003

Contact Type: Phone Call

Summary: opposes SB 186

Issue:

Position:

Description: Jeff called to say he opposes this bill.

Status: Pending

Closed Date:

Assigned: Halbur, Jennifer

Owner: Halbur, Jennifer

Note **Note Date:** 10/13/2003

Summary: He sent a follow up e-mail

Contact Type:

Description: Senator Carol Roessler
 State Capitol, Room 8 South
 PO Box 7882
 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Roessler,

I am writing to ask you to save the Family Planning Waiver in the Senate Health Committee on Tuesday, October 14. Oppose those who are seeking to exclude young women from the Waiver through S.B. 186. Legislators supporting S.B. 186 have misused our democratic process and excluded the public from debate.

I support Wisconsin's Family Planning Waiver because it provides vital reproductive health care to thousands of women who lack insurance, and because it is estimated to reduce the teen pregnancy rate by 15%. Preventing teen pregnancy is highly cost effective. In a time of fiscal crisis, it is simply irresponsible to dismantle a successful program that is 90% funded by the federal government. The Family Planning Waiver program is estimated to save Wisconsin taxpayers millions over the next five years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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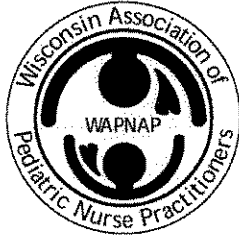
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Wisconsin Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

October 12, 2003

Senator Carol Roessler
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Sen. Roessler,

Re: AB 383 and SB 186

On behalf of the Wisconsin Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners I urge you to **oppose legislation** which limits the number of women who have access to family planning services, cancer screens, and sexually transmitted infection detection and treatment. We are particularly concerned about legislation which limits or restricts health services to young women between the ages of 15-17. Family Planning Waivers prevent teen pregnancy through education and birth control. It is also important for low income women of all ages to have access to preventative health care services including family planning services.

Thank you for advocating for preventative health care for women of all ages.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ohm, MS, RN, CPNP
WAPNAP President
608-238-3751

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Halbur, Jennifer

From: HBSandK@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2003 12:25 PM
To: Sen.Roessler@Legis.state.wi.us
Cc: Sen.Kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Brown@legis.state.wi.us; Sen.Schultz@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: SB 186 Family Planning Waiver Hearing Oct. 14, 2003

I strongly urge you as Republicans on the Health Committee to vote against SB 186 - Family Planning Waiver - at the hearing this Tuesday, Oct. 14. As a long time Republican activist and a state board member of the Family Law section of the Wis. Bar, I urge your support for the plan. This was a proposal by Gov. Thompson to provide poor women with health care including cancer screening, reduce teen pregnancies and abortions, and save taxpayers money. This could jeopardize the entire program for 44,000 women since it would violate the conditions of the waiver. It would be nice in an ideal world if all teens could talk to their parents about their sexuality, but they can't. This legislation would prevent health care for them even if they did have parental consent.

This bill is bad for women's health care. Please vote against it.

Judith Hartig-Osanka
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Racine, WI 53402
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Halbur, Jennifer

From: Marie [mariemadt@excite.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2003 8:01 PM
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sen.feingold@legis.state.wi.us; sen.kohl@legis.state.wi.us
Cc: sen.roessler@legis.state.wi.us; sen.kanavas@legis.state.wi.us; sen.brown@legis.state.wi.us;
sen.schultz@legis.state.wi.us
Subject: Bills AB 383 & SB 186

Dear Sirs/Madams:

As a member of WAPNAP (pediatric advanced practice nurses) I strongly oppose these bills. Excluding teens from the program renders Wisconsin out of compliance with our waiver application. The State would have to seek a new or amended waiver and it is uncertain if it would be granted. In addition excluding women ages 15-17 from the program could jeopardize the entire program. The purpose of the waiver was to prevent teen pregnancy. These bills would prevent low cost confidential family planning services for women who need it the most. I urge you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

Marie D. Heiligenstein, CPNP
3305 Shady Lane
Madison, WI 53705

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Seth Foldy, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

c: Patrick Curley, Intergovernmental Affairs



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October 9, 2003

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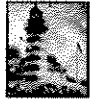
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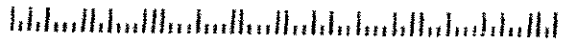


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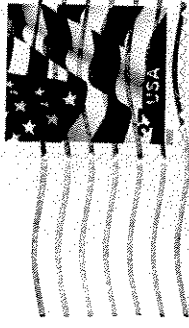
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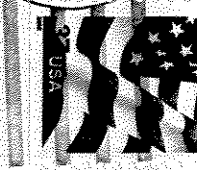
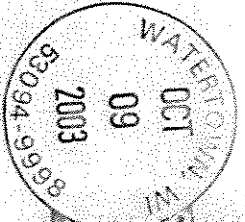
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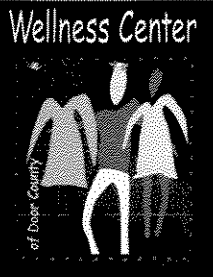
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Dear Senator Roessler:

I am writing to express my grave concerns regarding the proposed eligibility changes in the Medical Assistance Family Planning Waiver in Wisconsin to exclude reproductive health care services for females between 15-17 as proposed by Senate Bill 186 and Assembly Bill 383.

As a nurse practitioner who provides reproductive health services to males and females in Door County I want to tell you what my reality is every day. Since the implementation of the MA Family Planning Waiver I have seen an increase in the amount of teens coming through our clinic. And the good news is that they have access to services without financial barriers that have kept them from seeking health care IN SPITE of their being sexually active for a number of years. There hasn't been a single case of a teenager coming in deciding to have sex because they have access to reproductive health services.....the reality is that they have been out there doing things that you and I never dreamt of at this age.

While there are some who believe that abstinence based teaching is the only way, the incidence of young people who identify themselves as "abstinent" but who are having oral sex has skyrocketed. There is even written documentation of a group of 12 year olds at a local public school who are actively engaging in oral sex parties. Alarmingly, the youngsters engaged in these activities have a false sense of security in the choices that they are making. Ignorance provides that false sense of security, not information or health care.

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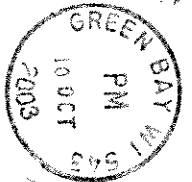
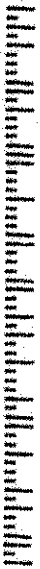
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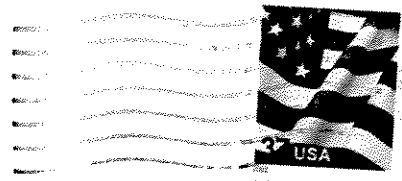
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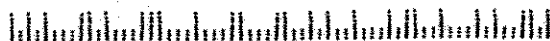


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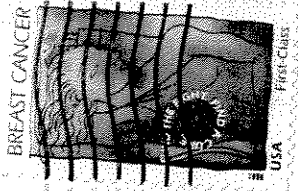
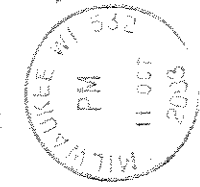
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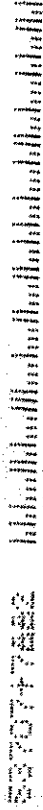
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