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Dear Ms. Bock:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Home Care Project at Children's Hospital National Medical Center. I enjoyed learning more about your project and its approach to care of the chronically ill child. Your discussion of the issues, the lack of community resources, and the research needs struck several responsive chords. There is much that remains to be accomplished in the development of support services for families with handicapped children.

The Office for Maternal and Child Health is supporting two research projects in this area. One project is looking at the policy issues in the care of the chronically ill child. Many of the issues you raise are being studied. The other project is researching a home care program in an urban area. Both of these projects are scheduled for completion this year. You may want to contact Vince L. Hutchins, M.D., Director, Office for Maternal and Child Health, for additional information. He can be reached at 301-443-2170.

We hope to hold a workshop on community resources for the handicapped child, with particular emphasis on the respirator-dependent infant, sometime next winter. I will keep you informed of our plans.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ C. Everett Koop, M.D.

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