

The following report is the result of information gained while attending the Institute on Areawide Planning in Chicago in June 1964 sponsored by The American Hospital Association and the First National Meeting on the subject sponsored by The American Medical Association, in Miami in November 1964.

*The ability to plan is one thing that sets men apart from lower animals. Only a fool would say that planning is not necessary in any human endeavor in which one expects to achieve maximum beneficial results. Therefore, there is a need for planning for hospitals and related health facilities. Further, no hospital has ever been built without extensive prior planning.*

From this point on, there is considerable variance between my philosophy on the subject and that expressed by the majority of the speakers at these meetings. In my opinion, areawide planning, as they advocate it, would eventually destroy our hospital and medical care system as it now exists. Their ideas of what is needed are at odds with our age-old principle of free enterprise in business and professions. Therein lies the essential differences of objectives and ideals.

*The following points are advocated by the areawide planning exponents:*

1. The area involved should be large. (For instance, in Colorado it is advocated that the