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WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 7, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced that the Veterans Administration has undertaken an intensive program to recruit new staff members for VA hospitals in Kansas.

The Senators reported that the Veterans Administration has assigned the highest priority to the recruitment of nurses, followed by Vietnam era veterans whose service experience qualifies them for medical and paramedical duties.

"Quality care for our veterans must continue on the highest level," the Senators said. "We are pleased to see that the VA is taking the action necessary to insure this will be the case."

The Senators said that 65 positions will be filled at the Topeka hospital, 25 at the Wichita hospital and 51 at the Wadsworth hospital.