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CINCINNATI, OHIO -- ^{#4/11} "The crisis has been a long time in coming, but we are fast approaching a virtual breakdown in our health care system," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said tonight.

Dole spoke at the annual United Cerebral Palsy Foundation meeting here.

The Kansas Senator said one of the major problems is the lack of manpower.

"No amount of money, no insurance program, can buy top-quality health services for the nation as a whole unless there is adequate health manpower," he said. "If we fail to zero in on this problem, we invite the emergence of two parallel and unequal health-care systems -- one for the poor and one for the affluent."

Dole said the Nixon Administration is working on several programs to help solve the problem. One program would provide additional training for medical corpsmen returning to civilian life. The training would enable them to follow careers in auxiliary health professions such as therapy and rehabilitation. Also under consideration is the creation of a health service corps to supplement the U.S. Public Health Service.

"Quality health care for all Americans is not an impossible dream," Dole said, "but we must fully utilize our capabilities."