

□ Major Problems In The County (Continued)

- TennCare did not solve all the health care problems, i.e. obstetricians, orthopedics, and limited pediatric care
- Many older people on fixed incomes have difficulty meeting their commitments, their personal expenses, drug expenses, and ancillary medical services
- Medicare, Medicaid, and Managed Care are in the position of rationing care (2)
- As a result of Medicare, Medicaid, HCFA, OSHA, and OBRA, government supported patients are being managed with much less efficiency than in previous years
- AIDS
- Body Lice (connotation of other health problems associated with uncleanness)
- Violence
- Very few accessible TennCare MD's for preventative health care
- Large number of elderly among the poor
- Rural and poverty areas that have health problems
- Emotional and mental health of adolescents (ex., children of single parent families)
- Food Safety (Food service employees do not practice safe and sanitary food handling)
- Visual/Dental health of school children
- Health care of students in the poverty level
- Housing is unaffordable to many, however, there is a group working on providing affordable housing at the present time
- Adult TennCare population doesn't have access to preventative services
- Some individuals "choose" not to access health care due to priorities in other areas, i.e. car, TV, etc.
- Many residents (especially elderly) are without running water
- Testing well-water is expensive (\$300) and correction is costlier

□ Ways Health Could Be Improved In The County

- Services for people who need visual and dental health
- More accessible mental health, such as, individual counseling and support groups
- More education regarding health issues
- Nursing home(s) in Fairview
- Neighborhood clinic in Franklin with access to OB care, Pediatrician, or Nurse Practitioner. Teaching parenting, nutrition, and other preventative-type classes
- Access to Drug & Alcohol treatment
- Assistance with AIDS
- Transportation to services
- Study specific problems and design corrections
- Increase personal responsibility for individual health
- Hold employers responsible for providing health care to employees
- Educate the community regarding its problems
- Decrease dependency on the "government" to provide assistance and place responsibility on the community to provide for themselves