

# FEDERAL NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED



rural providers. A Managed Care Task Force, with Sen. Stratton Taylor as chairman, is following the program in an oversight capacity. This program was implemented on July 1, 1996, and increases in rates to Medicaid recipients are part of the experiment. HCFA will monitor implementation of this and other programs throughout the 5-year life of the demonstration projects.

A plan to increase federal participation for Medicaid and foster care funding was presented to agency heads who were members of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, last month, which cited pilot programs in Oregon, Illinois and Florida as possible models for some funding practices.

—GERRY CHERRY  
11/14/96

## MILITARY & DEFENSE

### PRESIDENT SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

■ (WASHINGTON) "On November 14, 1994, by Executive Order 12938, I declared a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and the means of delivering such weapons. Because the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivering them continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States, the national emergency declared on November 14, 1994, and extended on November 14, 1995, must continue in effect beyond November 14, 1996. Therefore, in accordance with section 202(d) of the National

Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), I am continuing the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938.

"This notice shall be published in the Federal Register and transmitted to the Congress."

Signed by President William J. Clinton,  
November 12, 1996.

—THE WHITE HOUSE  
11/13/96

## PROCLAMATIONS

### NATIONAL FARM CITY WEEK 1996

In 1840 Daniel Webster said, "when tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers therefore are the founders of human civilization." We pause each year at this time to express our gratitude to American farmers and the millions of Americans working in agriculture-related jobs, and we recognize the importance of agriculture and the essential role that farmers play in our national life. Intertwined with our national history, culture, and economy, American farms continuously sustain us and people around the world with rich produce and crops. Thanks to the professionalism and care of American farmers, we enjoy an abundance of quality and affordable food.

American agriculture is among our Nation's most vital industries, alone generating more than 15 percent of our gross domestic product. Bolstering our economy with a bounty of healthful foods, American agriculture supports more than 21 million jobs, and agriculture-related industries continue to expand, producing good, high-paying jobs and creating \$1 trillion for the American economy each year.

The success of American agriculture is a testament to the benefits of farm-city partnerships that stretch all the way from the farmer to the consumer, with thousands of participants in between — researchers, extension agents, scientists, agribusiness companies, shippers, inspectors, processors, manufacturers, marketers, and retailers, all helping to guarantee Americans a safe, abundant food supply. For more than 40 years, Americans have observed National Farm City Week in celebration of these partnerships.

During National Farm City Week, we celebrate Thanksgiving when Americans will gather around the dinner table to count our

Nation's many blessings. Among them is America's agricultural richness and the collaboration between rural and urban communities that helps guarantee our rich quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 22 through November 28, 1996, as National Farm City Week. I call upon all Americans in rural and urban communities alike to join in recognizing the accomplishments of our farmers and all the hardworking individuals who cooperate to produce an abundance of affordable, quality agricultural goods that strengthen and enrich our country.

—THE WHITE HOUSE  
11/12/96

### National Family Caregivers Week 1996

At this special time each year, we give thanks for our many blessings. Among those blessings are the quiet but heartfelt contributions made on a daily basis by our Nation's caregivers, particularly on behalf of the elderly in our society.

The true value of the role that caregivers play in the lives of America's families is immeasurable. Providing physical comfort and emotional reassurance, these strong and selfless people care for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves. The vast majority of caregivers are family members — often older relatives — and women provide most of the informal care that their families receive. Of the millions of people who provide informal care to older adults, over half are spouses or children. While many caregivers experience stress and frustration in fulfilling their caregiving responsibilities, and many sacrifice personal opportunities to care for a loved one, most regard the challenges of caregiving as a rewarding and satisfying experience.

By the year 2030, one in five Americans will be at least 65 years old, compared to one in eight today. In addition, the number of older Americans will double, from the present 34 million to about 69 million. At the same time that our population is aging, more older persons are suffering from chronic illnesses and face potentially disabling conditions. Moreover, individuals with lifelong disabilities are living longer and

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*"Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."*

Franklin D. Roosevelt  
speech in Marietta, Ohio  
July 8, 1938