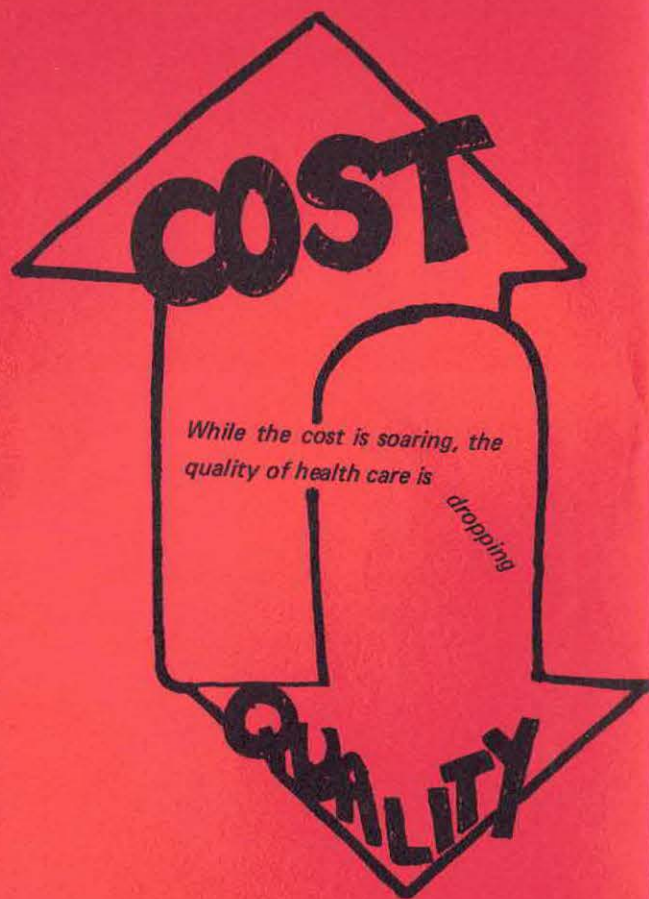




In the 1960's, the total amount of money spent for health care in the U.S. doubled, reaching a high of \$62 billion in 1969. This annual figure was expected to reach \$94 billion in 1975 — but by 1974, it had already hit \$104.2 billion for that year's health bill. (These statistics from Health Right, Vol. 1, No. 3 - 1975 - page 4).

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We are building our program from the ground up — based on a concrete understanding of the health needs of poor and working class women. We are working towards this goal through conducting a door-to-door needs assessment survey.

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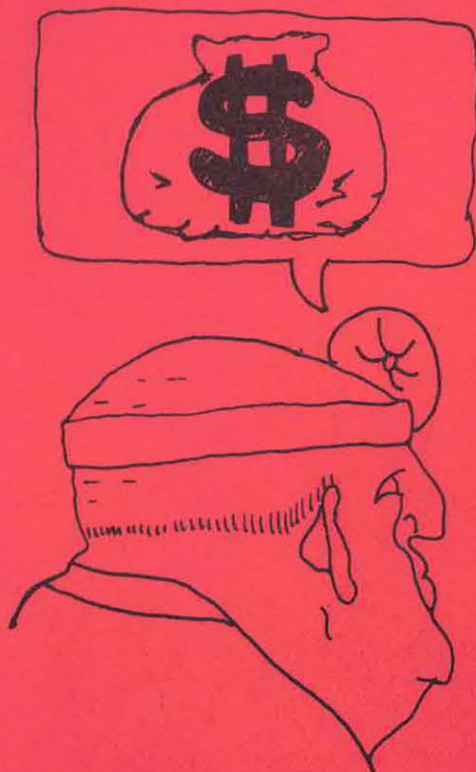
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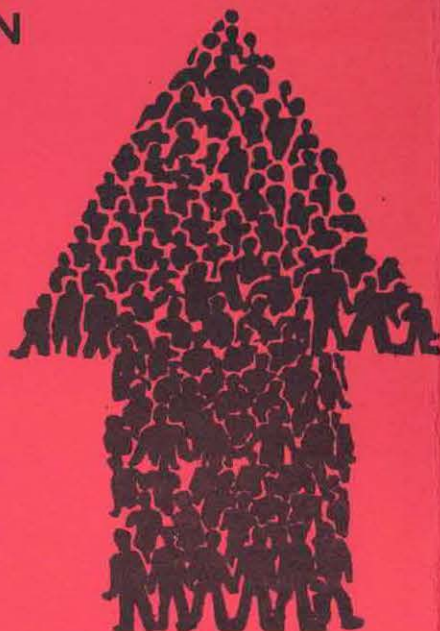
AN UPDATE REPORT

FINDINGS OF OUR SURVEY

- * the majority of women we interviewed were avoiding some type of health care due to cost being too high.
- * specifically what they were avoiding because of cost, most said dental care. The next most common response was gynecological care (12,000 women die each year of undetected cervical cancer).
- * the private doctor is used by more women than any other health care source. 1/3 of the women interviewed think that the reason why health care is so high is because doctors are getting too much money.



ACTION



OUR PROGRAM

Based on what is lacking in the medical care system, the focus of EB's program is preventive health care needs of women and our children.

To this end we offer:

- * medical referral — EB can't bring down the cost of health care but we can help women of our target population find good quality health care at a reasonable price.
- * speakers bureau — this is a service offered which we hope to continue and expand, reaching even more women.
- * health research and publication — to counteract the information monopoly which the medical profession holds.
- * classes and workshops — based on the interests and concerns expressed by people in the survey.

EVENTS

A CALENDAR OF CLASSES 1977-78

1. WELL BODY
first aid
preventive medicine — nutrition
preventive medicine — exercise
Tuesday nights: Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8
2. BIRTH CONTROL and ABORTION
3 sessions
Sat. afternoons Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & 10
3. SELF HEALTH
anatomy
hormone system and hormone therapy
VD & vaginitis
Thursday nights Jan. 5 & 19, Feb. 2
4. POLITICS OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
3 sessions including rape and self-defense
Wednesday nights Feb. 15, March 1 & 15

*We may repeat classes on a different day or night if there is an interest in them.

*For more information & to register
call 335-7669*