

August 30, 1938

Dr. Huntington Williams  
Commissioner of Health  
Municipal Office Building  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Williams:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 26, 1938, with reference to Miss Irene D. Gladden, a public health nurse, who was injured in an automobile accident recently.

I am of the opinion that the City is not liable for the hospital bills under the Workmen's Compensation Law. The duties of a public health nurse are not, in my opinion, of such a nature as to afford protection to her under this law. I would suggest that Miss Gladden obtain the services of a lawyer if she is of the opinion that she has a valid claim against the other party to the accident.

The only other suggestion I might have would be that you recommend to the Board of Estimates, if you should so see fit, that it appropriate out of its Contingent Fund sufficient monies to meet the hospital bills. I, of course, do not know whether the Board of Estimates would grant such a request particularly before the liability of the other party had been established.

Very truly yours,

(signed) CHARLES C. G. EVANS

City Solicitor

CCGE/RRS