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TO OUR READERS:

It has been a remarkable year at Public Health Reports. After 27 years at PHR, Marian Tebben retired and we miss her. Marion Hearon, who retired, is no longer here to help us. We have moved the editorial offices to Boston, forcing ourselves off the typewriter and abruptly into electronic communication technology. And, as you see in this issue, the journal has been redesigned.

We want to thank everyone who has made the new look possible: Paris Pacione and his staff from the Technical Services Branch, Donna Young and Lisa Mongelluzzo; Glenn Pierce at The Magazine Group for his design talent and expertise; and our consultant here in Boston, Robin Chase. For those who follow typography, you will see that the page is slightly larger and our new typeface is Adobe Caslon.

We have also begun to incorporate new content, starting with feature articles and commentaries of broad general interest. New departments have begun to appear in recent issues. Policy and scientific contributions from the field, which remain at the core of the journal, are becoming better and more timely. For this we thank our contributing editors in public health agencies throughout the Federal Government. These improvements will continue in upcoming issues.

Every day, we get immediate reactions from our authors with whom we work to make their manuscripts accurate, short, crisp, and readable. We would like to hear from our readers as well. Please send comments to us at phr@phsbos.ssw.dhhs.gov or to the Editor, Public Health Reports, Room 1875, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203.

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