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WorldCat record id: 421348622 The origins of the Public Health Service hospital system date to the passage in 1798 of the law creating the Marine Hospital Fund to care for merchant seamen.

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Fitzhugh Mullan's Plagues and Politics New York: Basic Books, 1989, the most recent of the three, gives a good overview of the Service's history and goals up to the present. Legislation enacted by Congress broadened the powers of the PHS by authorizing investigations into human diseases such as tuberculosis, hookworm, malaria, and leprosy, sanitation, water supplies, and sewage disposal. Hansen's Disease Center formerly the National Leprosarium.

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