

**A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR HOSPITALIZATION AND
TREATMENT SERVICES**

NOTE

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Hospitalization and Treatment Services Act*".

The Minister of Health is authorized to provide for part or all of the costs of hospitalization and treatment services for a person and his dependents residing in Alberta. The person must be in receipt of provincial old age assistance, or mothers' allowance, or a supplementary allowance, or a widow's pension and must not be the responsibility, for health and welfare services, of the Government of Canada.

The Minister may provide the costs of hospitalization and treatment services for persons under twenty-five years of age who are resident in Alberta and suffering from the effects of rheumatoid arthritis. This does not apply to persons who are the responsibility of the Government of Canada for health and welfare services.

Also, the Act enables the Minister to provide for the costs of similar services in the case of recipients of Canadian old age pensions or old age security benefits if they have resided in Alberta for three years prior to their application and if they can qualify to a test of means which is set out in section 5. These recipients must not be the responsibility of the Canadian Government for health and welfare purposes.

The Minister is empowered to make agreements with approved hospitals with respect to treatment services for the persons entitled to benefits under this Act. He may also pay for hospitalization and treatment services in an approved hospital that does not enter into an agreement for such purposes but the person receiving the treatment is required to submit the account to the Minister.

The same benefits may be given under section 8 to persons afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Agreements may be entered into with other provinces having similar legislation whereby residents of that province in Alberta may receive benefits under this Act and Alberta residents in that other province receive benefits under the Act or Acts of that other province.

The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may pay to any general hospital operating a school of nursing a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for each nurse trained in and graduated from that school, and may pay to any general hospital operating a

school of nursing the sum of one hundred dollars for each graduate of the school of nursing of any provincial mental hospital who received approximately two years of her training in the said general hospital.

With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may subsidize any insurance organization or company that provides a policy or scheme of insurance for Alberta residents covering all or part of the costs of the special hospital services not provided under standard ward hospitalization, and may make regulations with respect to the subsidy.

The Minister may make regulations concerning applications, investigations, defining and determining income for the purpose of section 5, and such regulations as may be necessary to effect the purposes of the Act.

The expenses incurred in administering the Act are to be met by moneys appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

BILL

No. 52 of 1953

An Act to Provide for Hospitalization and Treatment Services

(Assented to , 1953)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Hospitalization and Treatment Services Act*". Short title

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
- (a) "hospitalization" means the provision of standard ward hospital services, including routine treatment, drugs and dressings; Interpretation
"hospitalization"
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Health; "Minister"
 - (c) "resident of the Province" means a person who, at the time he applies for hospitalization or treatment services, had his home within the boundaries of the Province and had resided therein as a self-supporting person, for twelve consecutive months out of the immediately preceding twenty-four months; "resident of the Province"
 - (d) "self-supporting person" means a person who is able to and does provide subsistence for himself and such dependants as he is under a legal obligation to support without applying for and receiving assistance from public funds; "self-supporting person"
 - (e) "treatment services" means the application of all necessary diagnostic and curative procedures as provided for in the regulations made under the provisions of this Act. "treatment services"

3. The Minister may provide for part or all of the costs of necessary hospitalization and treatment services for a person and his dependants residing in the Province if such person Persons entitled to hospitalization and treatment services

- (a) is in receipt of
 - (i) assistance granted by the Province of Alberta under *The Old Age Assistance Act*, or
 - (ii) an allowance under *The Mothers' Allowance Act*, or
 - (iii) an allowance under *The Supplementary Allowances Act*, or

(iv) a pension under *The Widows' Pensions Act*,
and

(b) is not, for the purposes of health and welfare services, the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

Rheumatoid
arthritis

4. The Minister may provide for part or all of the costs of hospitalization and treatment services for a person under twenty-five years of age who is resident of the Province, and who is suffering from the effects of rheumatoid arthritis, and is not, for the purposes of health and welfare services the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

Pensioners

5. The Minister may provide for part or all of the costs of necessary hospitalization and treatment services for a person

(a) who has resided in the Province for the greater portion of the three years immediately preceding the date he was awarded a pension under

(i) the *Old Age Pensions Act* (Canada), or

(ii) *The Old Age Security Act* (Canada) if he has not been in receipt of a pension under the *Old Age Pensions Act* (Canada) prior to the first day of January, 1952, and

(b) who is

(i) unmarried and his income, inclusive of the pension, is not more than one thousand dollars a year, or

(ii) married and living with his spouse, and the total income, inclusive of the pension, of the recipient and his spouse, is not more than fifteen hundred dollars a year, and

(c) who is not, for the purposes of health and welfare services, the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

Hospitaliza-
tion agree-
ment

6. (1) The Minister is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement upon such terms and conditions as he deems proper with the board, governing body or person who operates an approved hospital as defined in *The Hospitals Act*, for the reception, care and treatment of the persons referred to in sections 3, 4 and 5.

(2) In any agreement entered into, provision may be made for the payment according to the services, facilities and equipment available in the hospital.

Payment
where no
agreement

(3) The Minister may pay to a person who receives hospital services in an approved hospital that has not entered into an agreement with the Minister, an amount equivalent to what the hospital would have been entitled to had such an agreement been made, if the person submits to the Minister the account received from the hospital.

7. The Minister may provide a treatment service for persons afflicted with cerebral palsy who are residents of the Province and who are not a responsibility of the Government of Canada. ^{Cerebral palsy}

8. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may enter into an agreement with the government of any other province of Canada ^{Agreements with other provinces}

(a) that provides hospitalization and treatment services of the nature authorized by this Act, and

(b) that has agreed to and does provide hospitalization and treatment services to persons who are residents of the Province of Alberta and who have moved to that other province,

providing for hospitalization and treatment services to persons who are residents of that other province and who move to the Province of Alberta.

9. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may pay to a general hospital that operates a school of nursing ^{Grants to nursing school}

(a) a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars for each nurse who has trained in and graduated from its school of nursing,

(b) a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for each nurse

(i) who has trained in and graduated from a school of nursing of a provincial mental hospital, and

(ii) who has received, prior to graduation, approximately two years' general hospital training from the school of nursing of the general hospital.

10. With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister ^{Payment of subsidies}

(a) may pay a subsidy to an insurance organization or company providing for residents of Alberta a policy or scheme of insurance covering all or part of the costs of special hospital services not provided under standard ward hospitalization as defined in *The Hospitals Act*, and

(b) may make such regulations as he may deem necessary or advisable in connection with the administration and payment of the subsidy.

11. The expenses incurred in administering this Act shall be paid out of moneys appropriated for the purpose by the Legislature. ^{Appropriation}

12. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying the purposes and provisions of this Act into effect, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations providing for ^{Regulations}

- (a) the time, manner and form of making an application, the information and evidence to be submitted in connection therewith, and the procedure to be followed in the consideration of an application,
- (b) the investigation into applications, and into the eligibility of a recipient to receive hospitalization and treatment services, the reports to be made and the information to be supplied by or in respect of recipients,
- (c) the definition of income for the purposes of section 5, and the manner in which income is to be determined, including the income of a recipient and his spouse, and the determination of the amount thereof that each shall be deemed to receive whether they live together or separate and apart,
- (d) determining the amount that, for the purposes of this Act, shall be deemed income of a recipient from any interest in real or personal property of the recipient or his spouse owned or deemed to be owned at the date of making the application or acquired subsequent thereto.

Coming
into force

13. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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tion and Treatment Services

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Second time.....

Third time.....

HON. DR. CROSS
