

Bill No. 79 of 1953

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT

NOTE

This Bill amends *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 2 is amended by the addition of clause (m) defining "special hospital services".

Sections 3h, 3i, 3j, 3k, 3l and 3m are added to the Act. Section 3h provides for the designating of special hospital services by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Section 3i provides for the payment by the Minister of a refund for special hospital services in the case of municipal hospital district boards and local authorities entitled to the hospitalization grant provided for by this Act. The refund will not exceed fifty per cent of the amount remitted or paid by the board or local authority on account of special hospital services supplied a ratepayer or contract holder.

Section 3j provides for the payment or reimbursement for special hospital services in the case of a ratepayer or contract holder hospitalized in a hospital other than the municipal hospital district hospital, or an approved hospital with which the board or local authority has a special hospital services agreement.

Section 3k prohibits the payment of a special hospital services grant in respect of a person referred to in section 3d.

Section 3l provides for the making of regulations in connection with the administration and payment of special hospital services reimbursement payments.

Section 3m provides that the Province's share of the costs of providing the special hospital services refund and reimbursement be paid out of moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

This Bill comes into force on the 1st day of June, 1953.

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

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An Act to amend The Hospitals Act

(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. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

Section 2
amended

2. Section 2 is amended by adding immediately after clause (l) the following new clause:

"special
hospital
services"

"(m) 'special hospital services' means the hospital services that have been designated special hospital services by regulation pursuant to section 3h."

New sections
3h to 3m
inclusive

3. The following new sections are added immediately after section 3g:

Special
hospital
services

"3h. The Lieutenant Governor in Council, from time to time by regulation, may designate as special hospital services any or all of such hospital procedures, treatments, services, care, tests, drugs, dressings and medications as are not included in standard ward hospitalization.

Refund of
special
hospital
services
costs

"3i. (1) The Minister may enter into an agreement with the board of a municipal hospital district operating its own hospital and pursuant to such agreement may refund to the board an amount not exceeding one-half of the cost, as determined in the agreement, of supplying special hospital services to the ratepayers and contract holders of the board while in the hospital.

Reimburse-
ment for
special
hospital
services

"(2) If a board of a municipal hospital district or a local authority of a municipality, as the case may be,

"(a) is qualified to receive a hospitalization grant under clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 3a, and

"(b) enters into a special hospital services agreement which

"(i) is made with an approved hospital with which an agreement is in effect under subclause (i) of clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 3a,

"(ii) is approved by the Minister,

"(iii) makes provision for the payment by the board of the municipal hospital district or local authority of the municipality of all or part of the cost of special hospital services provided the ratepayer or contract holder while hospitalized in the approved hospital,

the Minister may reimburse the board of the municipal hospital district or local authority, as the case may be, for part of the cost of the special hospital services in an amount not exceeding one-half of the amount paid in respect of special hospital services by the board or local authority to the approved hospital.

"3j. If

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"(a) a ratepayer or contract holder receives special hospital services as an emergency admission or as a medically referred admission in an approved hospital other than the hospital with which his municipal hospital district or local authority has a special hospital services agreement, and

"(b) the municipal hospital district board or local authority which would have been responsible for his special hospital services pays on account of the special hospital services supplied the ratepayer or contract holder an amount equivalent to the cost of the special hospital services to which he would have been entitled to have remitted in the hospital operated by the municipal hospital district board or to have paid in the hospital with which his municipal hospital district board or local authority has a special hospital services agreement,

the Minister may reimburse the board of the municipal hospital district or the local authority of the municipality, as the case may be, in an amount equal to the amount the board or local authority would have been reimbursed if the ratepayer or contract holder had been hospitalized in the hospital operated by the board or in the hospital with which the board or local authority has a special hospital services agreement.

"3k. The special hospital services grant shall not be paid

Special
hospital
services
grant not
payable in
certain
cases

"(a) in respect of any persons or class of persons who may be excluded by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council from the classes of persons in respect of whom grants are payable,

"(b) in respect of any person who, in the opinion of the medical inspector of hospitals, does not require active treatment in an approved hospital.

"3l. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may make such regulations as may be deemed necessary or advisable in connection with the administration and payment of refunds and reimbursements for special hospital services.

Regulations
re special
hospital
services

"3m. The special hospital services refund and reimbursement authorized by this Act shall be paid out of such moneys as may be appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

Appropriation
for
special
hospital
services
refunds and
reimburse-
ments

4. This Act comes into force on the first day of June, 1953.

Coming into
force

No. 79

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BILL

An Act to amend The Hospitals Act

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HON. DR. CROSS
