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A Bill to amend The Treatment Services Act

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## Explanatory Note

**2.** Section 5 provides for treatment services for diseases not specifically mentioned in the Act and section 6 provides for the establishment of a professional advisory committee. The former sections 5 and 6 were previously repealed.

**3.** The program provided by section 7 will now be covered by the new section 5.

**4.** Section 10, clause (b) is amended to remove the restriction on the amount of the subsidy that may be provided for and to increase the kind of treatment service that may be provided. Section 10, clause (b) presently reads:

**"10.** With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister

(b) may enter into an agreement with Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated, or any insurance organization, company or society for the payment of a subsidy thereto in an amount not to exceed one-third of the cost of providing for the residents of Alberta a policy or scheme of insurance covering medical, surgical and obstetrical services, on the condition that the cost of such policy or scheme of insurance to the purchaser is reduced in proportion to the amount of the subsidy, and".

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1963)

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

**1.** *The Treatment Services Act*, being chapter 146 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

**2.** The following new sections are added immediately after section 4:

**5.** Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers it to be in the public interest, he may direct the Minister to provide treatment services in respect of such diseases as may be considered for assistance under a program for multiple handicapped people as recommended by the advisory committee mentioned in section 6, and subject to the regulations, the Minister may provide treatment services for persons afflicted with that disease who

- (a) are residents of the Province, and
- (b) are not, for the purposes of health and welfare services, the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

**6.** In consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta, the Minister shall establish an advisory committee of professional persons to advise on programs under section 5.

**3.** Section 7 is repealed.

**4.** Section 10 is struck out and the following is substituted:

**10.** With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister

- (a) may enter into agreements with Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated or any insurance corporation whose basic program of prepaid medical services or medical services insurance has been

**5. Self-explanatory.**

approved by the Government and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta to make available prepaid medical services or medical services insurance with comprehensive benefits to those eligible residents who desire it and need assistance to purchase the contracts provided by that corporation and to provide a specified dollar subsidy in respect of those residents who need assistance on the condition that the cost of the prepayment premium or insurance to those residents is reduced by the amount of the subsidy, and

- (b) may make regulations defining the residents who are eligible for assistance through a program under clause (a), and
- (c) may, after consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta, make such regulations and enter into such agreements as he considers necessary to carry out a program under clause (a) .

**5.** The following sections are added after section 10:

**11.** (1) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may enter into agreements

- (a) with the Associated Hospitals of Alberta with respect to its Blue Cross Plan, or
- (b) with any insurance corporation,

to provide extended health benefits, exclusive of medical services, and to provide such subsidies as may be decided upon to assist those eligible residents who desire such benefits and who need financial assistance to secure them.

(2) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may make regulations defining the residents who are eligible for assistance through a program under subsection (1).

**11a.** (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish a program to provide financial assistance in cases where because of sickness or disability a resident is faced with expenses that could not reasonably be foreseen and guarded against and that place an undue burden on the financial resources of the resident.

(2) The program may specify the types of expenses in respect of which assistance may be given and the portion of the expense that is to be borne by the resident.

**11b.** (1) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may establish an advisory committee chosen from representative groups in the Province to consider, at least once a year, the operation of prepaid medical and health programs under sections 10 and 11.

**6. Commencement of Act.**

(2) The expenses incurred in the operation of the committee may be paid from the General Revenue Fund of the Province.

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

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