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BILL 92

A Bill respecting Alberta Medical Carriers

HON. DR. ROSS

Explanatory Note

General. At the 1963 session of the Legislature The Treatment Services Act was amended to provide for the establishment of the Alberta Medical Plan. Under the Plan, persons who are poor insurance risks because of their health or age are entitled to obtain medical coverage from any company operating under the Plan. As a means of sharing this risk a corporation called Alberta Medical Carriers was set up. The purpose of this Bill is to ensure that the benefits of the Plan will be readily available to all residents of the Province and to spread the risk fairly among all companies selling medical coverage in the Province.

2. Definitions.

3. All companies offering medical coverage are to participate in the Alberta Medical Plan unless exempted.

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(Assented to _____, 1964)

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 Alberta Medical Carriers Act*".

2. (1) In this Act,

- (a) "Alberta Medical Carriers Incorporated" means the corporation of that name established under *The Societies Act*;
- (b) "Alberta Medical Plan" means the Alberta Medical Plan established under *The Treatment Services Act*;
- (c) "medical coverage" means a contract, agreement, scheme, fund or arrangement whereby a resident is covered for medical or surgical care or services, or the cost or a portion thereof when rendered to such resident by or under the direction of a physician, but does not include any limited or incidental coverage arising out of or provided in conjunction with a contract of accident, motor vehicle liability, employers' liability, public liability, or workmen's compensation insurance.

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, words used in this Act have the same meaning as they have in the Alberta Medical Plan.

3. (1) No person shall maintain in force, make or renew any contract of medical coverage in Alberta unless he also offers for sale and sells when required under the Alberta Medical Plan standard contracts and group standard contracts in accordance with and subject to the Alberta Medical Plan, and becomes and remains an approved carrier under the Alberta Medical Plan.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Minister of Health on the recommendation of the Co-ordinating Directorate may exempt any person from the requirement of offering and selling standard contracts or group standard contracts or both.

4. All companies offering medical coverage are to participate in the risk sharing arrangements of Alberta Medical Carriers Incorporated, unless exempted.

5. Commencement of Act.

- (3) This section shall not be construed as
- (a) requiring a person who offers only group contracts of medical coverage to offer individual standard contracts, or
 - (b) requiring a person who offers only individual contracts of medical coverage to offer group standard contracts.

(4) Any person who fails or refuses to sell a standard contract or group standard contract with respect to any eligible resident when requested to do so and when required to do so under this Act and the Alberta Medical Plan is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

4. (1) Every person who maintains in force, makes or renews medical coverage in Alberta shall become and remain a member in good standing of Alberta Medical Carriers Incorporated and shall

- (a) comply with the by-laws, rules and regulations of the corporation, and
- (b) pay any assessment made upon him by the corporation pursuant to such by-laws, rules and regulations and the Alberta Medical Plan.

(2) Alberta Medical Carriers Incorporated may exempt any person, either wholly or in part, from the requirement of paying an assessment pursuant to the pooling arrangements operated by the corporation.

(3) *The Arbitration Act* applies to any differences arising between Alberta Medical Carriers Incorporated and any member thereof respecting the amount of an assessment or any other matter and, unless otherwise agreed upon, the reference shall be to two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party.

(4) The amount of any assessment made by the corporation on a member is a debt due to the corporation and, subject to subsection (3), is recoverable by action.

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

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