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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

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(Assented to _____, 1967)

HER 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* is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is struck out and the following is substituted:

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;
- (b) "resident of the Province" means a person lawfully entitled to be or remain in Canada who makes his home and is ordinarily present in Alberta, but does not include a tourist, transient or visitor to Alberta;
- (c) "treatment services" means services, supplies, appliances and things rendered or furnished for the purpose of or in connection with diagnosis, treatment or care.

3. Section 3 is amended by striking out the words "a person and his dependants residing in the Province if such person" and by substituting the words "a resident of the Province and his dependants residing in the Province if such resident".

4. The following section is added after section 3:

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

- (a) has at any time been entitled to receive treatment services pursuant to section 3, and
- (b) is in receipt of a pension under the *Old Age Security Act* (Canada), and
- (c) has a cash income which, together with that of his dependants, if any, is no greater than the maximum amount prescribed by the regulations for persons with or without dependants, as the case may be.

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill amends R.S.A. 1955, chapter 146.

2. Section 2 presently reads:

2. In this Act,

- (a) and (b) Repealed. (1961, c. 35, s. 3)
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;
- (d) Repealed. (1961, c. 35, s. 3)
- (e) "resident of the Province" means a person who has resided in the Province for a period of twelve consecutive months out of the twenty-four months immediately preceding the date of his application for hospital or treatment benefits;
- (f) Repealed. (1961, c. 35, s. 3)
- (g) "treatment services" means the application of all necessary diagnostic and curative procedures as provided for in the regulations made under this Act.

3. Section 3 presently reads:

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

- (a) is in receipt of
 - (i) assistance granted by the Province of Alberta under The Old Age Assistance Act to persons who resided in the Province for the greater portion of the three years immediately preceding the date such assistance was awarded,
 - (ii) an allowance under The Mothers' Allowance Act,
 - (iii) an allowance under The Supplementary Allowances Act,
 - (iv) a pension under The Widows' Pensions Act,
 - (v) an allowance under The Blind Persons Act,
 - (vi) an allowance under The Disabled Persons Act,
 - (vii) a pension under The Disabled Persons Pensions Act,
 - (viii) an allowance under Part III of The Public Welfare Act, or
 - (ix) support as a ward of the Government under The Child and Welfare Act,
- (b) is not, for the purposes of health and welfare services, the responsibility of the Government of Canada.

The amendment is made to conform to the defined term "resident of the Province".

4. A new section is added to continue the provision of treatment services to persons who cease to be eligible under section 3 when they cease to receive assistance under any of the Acts named therein upon becoming entitled to an Old Age Security pension.

5. The following section is added after section 6:

7. Where the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers it in the public interest to do so, he may by order authorize the Minister to provide for part or all of the costs of treatment services to any class of residents of the Province specified in the order in respect of any illness or condition specified in the order.

6. The following section is added after section 8:

9. The Minister may enter into an agreement with any person or association of persons for the purpose of facilitating the provision of treatment services under this Act.

7. Sections 10 to 11c are repealed.

8. (1) This Act, except section 7, comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

(2) Section 7 comes into force on the day upon which The Alberta Health Plan comes into force.

5. The new section 7 will permit the Minister to provide for the cost of treatment services to other classes of residents in addition to those referred to in sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Act (i.e., welfare recipients, persons suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and multiple handicapped persons).

6. Agreements by the Minister as to provision of treatment services.

7. Sections 10 and 11 authorize the establishment of the present medical plan and extended health benefits plan which are proposed to be replaced by the Bill for The Alberta Health Plan. Sections 11a, 11b and 11c are to be re-enacted as part of the Bill for The Alberta Health Plan.