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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

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(Assented to _____, 1968)

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

1. *The Alberta Hospital Association Act* is hereby amended.

2. The following section is added after section 3:

3a. (1) The Corporation may enter into agreements or arrangements with Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated (in this section called "M.S.(A.)I."), under which the Corporation is empowered to act as the agent of M.S.(A.)I. for any or all of the following purposes:

- (a) soliciting, negotiating or issuing or entering into basic health contracts;
- (b) receiving fees and subscription charges under basic health contracts and remitting them to M.S.(A.)I.;
- (c) receiving claims for benefits under basic health contracts;
- (d) checking and approving claims for benefits payable under basic health contracts;
- (e) paying claims for benefits under basic health contracts;
- (f) doing any other acts or functions in connection with the administration of basic health contracts.

(2) In subsection (1), "basic health contracts" means individual contracts and group contracts that M.S.(A.)I. is empowered to enter into pursuant to section 3 of *The Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated Act* to provide prepaid coverage for basic health services as defined in *The Alberta Health Plan Act*.

(3) An agreement or arrangement may provide for the payment of fees by M.S.(A.)I. to the Corporation for its services thereunder and may empower the Corporation to do any other acts or enter into agreements with any persons for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to carry out its obligations under the agreement or arrangement.

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill amends chapter 22 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1948.

2. The Alberta Hospital Association operates "The Blue Cross Plan" which provides coverage for hospital and other health services but not for "basic health services" as defined in The Alberta Health Plan Act. Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated, on the other hand, provides coverage for basic health services only.

The new section 3a will enable the Association to enter into reciprocal arrangements with M.S.(A.)I. under which the Association could sell or administer M.S.(A.)I.'s basic health services contracts on behalf of M.S.(A.)I. so that, for example, where an employer had a group contract with the Association and another with M.S.(A.)I., the Association could administer them both.

Similarly, under an amendment to The Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated Act (see Bill 103), M.S.(A.)I. could sell or administer Blue Cross contracts on behalf of the Association.

(4) The Corporation is empowered to enter into agreements or arrangements with M.S.(A.)I. pursuant to section 4a of *The Medical Services (Alberta) Incorporated Act*.

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

