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(Assented to _____, 1981)

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

1 The Alberta Health Care Insurance Act is amended by this Act.

2 Section 22 is repealed and the following is substituted:

22(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the rates of benefits payable in respect of basic health services.

(2) The Minister may enter into an agreement with the College providing for an annual indexing of the rates of benefits payable, establishing the factors upon which the indexing shall be based and a formula for the calculation of the indexing.

(3) Upon the request of the Minister or the College, and in any event once a year, the Minister shall

(a) meet and review with the College any agreement in force pursuant to subsection (2),

(b) consider any representation made to him by the College relating to the agreement, the rate of benefits or the indexing,

(c) make any amendment to the agreement that appears to him to be justified and is accepted by the College, and

(d) recommend any amendment to the regulations, made pursuant to subsection (1), that are necessary as a result of the agreement or the indexing.

3 Section 32(1) is repealed.

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter 166 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1970.

2 Rates and indexing.

3 Section 32(1) presently reads:

4 *The following is added after section 32:*

32.1(1) Payment made by the Commission to any person in respect of basic health services provided, in accordance with the rates established under section 22, shall constitute payment in full for such services.

(2) Any agreement for remuneration in addition to that provided for in subsection (1) is void.

(3) Any person who demands or accepts any remuneration for providing basic health services in addition to that provided for in subsection (1) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

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

32(1) Where a practitioner

- (a) provides a basic health service,
- (b) submits or intends to submit to the Minister on behalf of a resident a claim for the benefits payable for that service, and
- (c) makes a charge for that service in excess of the amount of the benefits payable by the Minister therefor,

the practitioner, or any employee issuing a bill or account or claim or receipt on his behalf, shall clearly show on each bill or account or claim rendered in respect of the charge, and on a receipt given for payment of all or part of that charge, the amount of the benefits payable by the Minister for that service according to the regulations, as the case may be.

4 New section forbids extra billing.

5 Coming into force.