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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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AN ACT TO ELIMINATE EXTRA BILLING

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First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1986)

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 7 is struck out and the following is substituted:

7(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 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

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter A-24 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 7 presently reads:

7 The Minister may make regulations

(a) prescribing the rates of benefits in respect of basic health services or extended health services;

(b) respecting the manner in which benefits are to be paid and the persons to whom benefits are to be paid, the conditions of payment and the information required to be submitted in connection with claims for benefits;

(c) specifying, within the classes prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the goods and services that are basic health services or extended health services for the purpose of the Plan.

(d) recommend any amendment to the regulations, made pursuant to subsection (1), that may be necessary to give effect to the agreement or the indexing.

7.1 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations specifying, within the classes prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the goods and services that are basic health services or extended health services for the purpose of the Plan.

3 Section 20 is struck out and the following is substituted:

20(1) Payment made by the Minister to any person in respect of basic health services provided, in accordance with the rates established under section 7, shall constitute payment in full for the 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.

4 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

3 Section 20 presently reads:

20(1) If a practitioner submits or intends to submit to the Minister on behalf of a resident a claim for the benefit payable for a health service and he charges or intends to charge the resident an amount in addition to the benefit payable by the Minister for that service, the practitioner, or an employee issuing a bill, account, claim or receipt on his behalf, shall clearly show

(a) on the claim to the Minister, the amount that the practitioner has charged or intends to charge the resident in addition to the benefit payable by the Minister for that health service, and

(b) on the bill, account, claim or receipt given to the resident,

(i) the amount that the practitioner has claimed or intends to claim from the Minister as the benefit for that health service, or

(ii) in the case where the amount of the benefit for that health service is to be assessed by the Minister, a reference to the fact that the practitioner has claimed or intends to claim an amount to be assessed.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.

4 Coming into force.