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COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC ACT

REV. MR. ROBERTS

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Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1989)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "community health clinic" means a facility at which members of a community health clinic society and their dependents receive or are intended to receive health care or medical services on a non-institutional basis;

(b) "Director" means the Director of Community Health Clinic Services appointed pursuant to section 6;

(c) "medical services" includes diagnostic, surgical, nursing, physical therapy, optical and optometrical, dental, and any other services designated as insured for the purposes of the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act*;

(d) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged by the Lieutenant Governor in Council with the administration of this Act;

(e) "society" means a society incorporated under the *Societies Act* that is intended to operate a community health clinic.

Incorporation	2 Any 5 or more persons may incorporate a society subject to being licensed under this Act.
Objects	3 The object of a society is to operate a community health clinic to promote the general health and physical well-being of its members and their dependents by providing medical and other health care services on a non-profit basis with an emphasis on preventative medicine and non-institutional care.
Operation	4 A community health clinic must be operated and directed by the board of a society.
Agreements	5 A society may make agreements, not inconsistent with its objects, with one or more duly qualified medical practitioners, nurses or any other health professional duly registered under the <i>Health Disciplines Act</i> to provide for services rendered to the members of the society and their dependents.
Director	6 The Minister shall appoint a Director of Community Health Clinic Services to oversee the licensing and operation of community health clinics.
Licences	7 The Minister shall make regulations specifying requirements for licences to operate community health clinics, duration of licences, and requirements for the renewal of licences.
Proposals	8 In order to receive a licence to operate a community health clinic, a society must submit a proposal to the Director specifying the nature of the services to be offered, details of the professional and other staff proposed, a description of the facilities, equipment and premises to be utilized and any other information required by the regulations.
Licence issue	9 The Director shall receive proposals to operate community health clinics and shall issue a licence to any society that meets the requirements specified in the regulations.

- Non-transferability** **10** A licence to operate a community health clinic is not transferable.
- Review** **11** Community health clinics shall be subject to review and inspection under the *Health Facilities Review Committee Act* on the same basis as a hospital as defined in that Act.
- Funding** **12** In addition to moneys received under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, a community health clinic may receive and expend any funds provided by the Minister out of money appropriated by the Legislature to the purpose, for the general operation of the clinic and any other purpose consistent with its objects.
- Canadian preference** **13** Notwithstanding any international treaty or obligation of Canada, in contracting for any services community health clinics shall give preference first to Canadians, Canadian non-profit organizations, and Canadian-controlled businesses.
- Regulations** **14** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations governing community health care clinics and societies.