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HEALTH STATUTES AMENDMENT ACT, 2026

THE MINISTER OF PRIMARY AND PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES

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(Assented to _____, 2026)

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

Alberta Health Care Insurance Act

Amends RSA 2000 cA-20

1(1) The *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 1(1) Amends chapter A-20 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) The following is added before the enacting clause:

Preamble

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to protecting, promoting and improving the health and well-being of Albertans;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to improving access to the health care system, without financial barriers; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta supports individuals having a choice in how they access care;

NOTE: (2) Preamble.

(3) The enacting clause is amended by adding “THEREFORE” before “HER MAJESTY”.

NOTE: (3) The enacting clause presently reads:

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

(4) Section 1 is amended

(a) by repealing clause (k) and substituting the following:

(k) “extended health services” means, except in section 26, the following goods and services:

- (i) preventative health testing services;
- (ii) goods and services or classes of goods and services that are specified in the regulations;

(b) by adding the following after clause (w):

(w.01) “preventative health testing services” means goods and services or classes of goods and services that are

- (i) provided by a practitioner,
- (ii) made available through a self-referral, and
- (iii) specified by the Minister by order as preventative health testing services;

(c) by adding the following after clause (x):

(x.1) “self-referral” means a self-referral as defined in the *Health Professions Act*.

NOTE: (4) Section 1 presently reads in part:

1 In this Part,

(k) “extended health services” means those goods and services or classes of goods and services that are specified in the regulations and provided to a resident or the resident’s dependants under section 3(2);

(5) Section 3 is amended

(a) in subsection (2) by adding “referred to in section 1(k)(ii)” after “services”;

(b) by adding the following after subsection (2):

(2.1) The Minister shall, in accordance with the regulations, provide extended health services referred to in section 1(k)(i) to residents.

NOTE: (5) Section 3 presently reads in part:

(2) The Minister shall, in accordance with the regulations, provide extended health services to a resident and the resident’s dependants if

(6) Section 4 is amended

(a) in subsection (2.2) by adding “except claims for benefits for preventative health testing services,” after “subsection (2),”;

(b) by adding the following after subsection (5):

(5.1) For the purposes of determining whether benefits are payable to a resident, the Minister may collect, use or disclose information prescribed in the regulations, including the resident’s individually identifying health information as those terms are defined in section 22(25).

(c) by adding the following after subsection (6):

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (6), a resident has no right of appeal in relation to the denial of a payment of a claim for benefits for preventative health testing services.

NOTE: (6) Section 4 presently reads in part:

(2.2) When assessing claims under subsection (2), the Minister may select a random sample of claims for assessment and apply a statistical methodology, including extrapolation based on the assessment of the random sample of claims, to the population of claims from which the sample was drawn.

(7) The following is added after section 6:

Ministerial orders — preventative health testing services

6.1 The Minister may, by order, do the following:

- (a) specify goods and services or classes of goods and services as preventative health testing services for the purposes of section 1(w.01)(iii);
- (b) set the rates of benefits payable in respect of preventative health testing services.

NOTE: (7) Ministerial orders — preventative health testing services.

(8) Section 16(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (q):

- (r) respecting the application, non-application or variation of the application of this Part or the regulations, in whole or in part, to preventative health testing services.

NOTE: (8) Adds regulation-making authority.

(9) Section 17 is amended

(a) by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:

- (a) respecting the rates of benefits payable in respect of basic health services or extended health services, except

for rates of benefits set by order of the Minister under section 6.1(b);

(b) by repealing clause (b) and substituting the following:

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

(c) by adding the following after clause (d):

- (e) prescribing information for the purposes of section 4(5.1).

NOTE: (9) Section 17 presently reads in part:

17 The Minister may make regulations

- (a) respecting 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;*

(10) Section 18(1) is amended by adding “, except a claim for benefits for preventative health testing services,” after “section 4(2)”.

NOTE: (10) Section 18(1) presently reads:

18(1) The Minister may reassess, in accordance with this section, any claim for benefits that has been assessed under section 4(2) if the Minister is of the opinion that no benefit is payable in respect of the claim or a benefit is payable in an amount other than the amount claimed.

(11) Section 22(9)(a) is amended by striking out “Alberta Health Act” and substituting “Emergency Health Services Act”.

NOTE: (11) Section 22(9)(a) presently reads:

(9) Notwithstanding subsection (7), the Minister or a person authorized by the Minister may disclose residents’ or practitioners’ registration information obtained under this Part or the Health Insurance Premiums Act

(a) for the purpose of the administration of this Part or the regulations, the Health Insurance Premiums Act or the regulations under that Act, the federal Act or a program that receives funds directly or indirectly from the Minister responsible for the Provincial Health Agencies Act or the Minister responsible for the Alberta Health Act, or

(12) Section 26(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (a):

(a.1) “extended health services” means goods and services or classes of goods and services that are specified in the regulations but does not include preventative health testing services;

NOTE: (12) Adds definition.

(13) The following is added after section 26:

Payor of last resort — preventative health testing services

26.1(1) In this section, “insurer” means an insurer as defined in section 26(1)(b).

(2) If a resident is entitled to claim benefits for preventative health testing services from an insurer, benefits for preventative health testing services may be paid under the Plan to a resident only if

(a) the resident is entitled to receive the benefit under the Plan, and

- (b) the resident has submitted a claim for the benefit to the insurer and the insurer
 - (i) paid none of the amount claimed,
 - (ii) paid only part of the amount claimed,
 - (iii) deemed the resident not to be entitled to receive the benefit, or
 - (iv) denied the claim.

(3) The amount of a benefit paid under the Plan under subsection (2) must

- (a) be paid in accordance with this Act and the regulations,
- (b) not be greater than the portion of the claim that was not paid by the insurer, and
- (c) not be greater than the applicable rate of benefits set by the Minister under section 6.1(b).

NOTE: (13) Payor of last resort — preventative health testing services.

(14) Section 45(v)(ix) is amended by striking out “hospital operator” and substituting “hospital services facility operator”.

NOTE: (14) Section 45(v)(ix) presently reads:

45 In this Part,

(v) *“standard hospital services” means the following services provided to in-patients:*

(ix) *services provided by persons who receive remuneration for those services from the hospital operator.*

(15) Section 53 is amended

- (a) **in subsection (1) by striking out** “health services facilities” **and substituting** “hospital services facilities”;
- (b) **in subsection (2) by striking out** “shall” **and substituting** “may”.

NOTE: (15) Section 53 presently reads:

53(1) A sector Minister shall pay for the provision of insured hospital services by hospital services facility operators in health services facilities to residents who are entitled to receive insured hospital services.

(2) The sector Minister shall make grants to hospital services facility operators for the purposes of subsection (1).

(16) Section 59 is amended by striking out “physician” **and substituting** “participating physician or flexibly participating physician when that physician is participating in the Plan”.

NOTE: (16) Section 59 presently reads:

59 Each patient to whom health services other than insured health services under Part 1 are provided by a physician in a hospital services facility shall pay a fee to the hospital services facility operator, in accordance with the regulations, for

(a) the health services provided to the patient, and

(b) the goods and services provided to the patient in connection with the health services.

(17) Section 71(k) is amended by striking out “health services facilities” **wherever it occurs and substituting** “hospital services facilities”.

NOTE: (17) Section 71(k) presently reads:

71 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(k) *respecting authorized charges for the transportation of patients between health services facilities or between health services facilities and continuing care homes under the Continuing Care Act;*

(18) Subsections (2) to (10) and (12) and (13) come into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (18) Coming into force.

Crown's Right of Recovery Act

Amends SA 2009 cC-35

2(1) The *Crown's Right of Recovery Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 2(1) Amends chapter C-35 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2009.

(2) Sections 1(1)(g)(i)(A) and 41(1)(e)(i)(A) are amended by striking out “an approved hospital under the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*” and substituting “a hospital services facility as defined in Part 2 of the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act*”.

NOTE: (2) Sections 1(1)(g)(i)(A) and 41(1)(e)(i)(A) presently read:

1(1) In this Part,

(g) *“health services” means the following, whether provided inside or outside Alberta:*

(i) *in-patient and out-patient services provided*

(A) *inside Alberta in an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act or other hospital or facility, or*

41(1) In this Part,

- (e) “health services” means the following, whether provided inside or outside Alberta:
- (i) in-patient and out-patient services provided
 - (A) inside Alberta in an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act or other hospital or facility, or

Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act

Amends RSA 2000 cE-12

3(1) The *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 3(1) Amends chapter E-12 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 11 is amended by striking out “*Alberta Health Act*” and substituting “*Emergency Health Services Act*”.

NOTE: (2) Section 11 presently reads:

11 The Minister shall, in recognition of the integral relationship between human health and the environment, co-operate with and assist the Minister responsible for the Alberta Health Act and the Minister responsible for the Provincial Health Agencies Act in promoting human health through environmental protection.

Financial Administration Act

Amends RSA 2000 cF-12

4(1) The *Financial Administration Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 4(1) Amends chapter F-12 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 2(5)(h) is repealed.

NOTE: (2) Section 2(5)(h) presently reads:

(5) This Act, except this section and sections 1, 5, 6, 7, 13(3), 57.1, 77, 80 and 81, does not apply to the following:

(h) a provincial health corporation under the Provincial Health Agencies Act,

Health Insurance Premiums Act

Amends RSA 2000 cH-6

5(1) The *Health Insurance Premiums Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 5(1) Amends chapter H-6 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1 is amended

- (a) by repealing the first clause (f.1);**
- (b) by renumbering the second clause (f.1) as clause (f.3);**
- (c) by adding the following before clause (f.3):**

(f.2) “hospital services facility operator” means a hospital services facility operator as defined in Part 2 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act;

NOTE: (2) Section 1 presently reads in part:

1 In this Act,

(f.1) “hospital operator” means the hospital operator of a health services sector in an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act;

(f.1) “insured health services” means insured health services as defined in Part 1 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act;

(3) Section 21(e) is amended by striking out “hospital operators” and substituting “hospital services facility operators”.

NOTE: (3) Section 21(e) presently reads:

21 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(e) *providing for any matter relating to registration of residents under section 23, including the duties of hospital operators in connection with the registration of unregistered residents receiving hospital services;*

(4) Section 25(6)(b) is amended by striking out “hospital operator, the operator of an institution or person prescribed in the regulations made under Part 2 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act” and substituting “hospital services facility operator”.

NOTE: (4) Section 25(6)(b) presently reads:

(6) *If a registrant files a valid declaration under subsection (1), then, notwithstanding anything in this Act or Part 1 or Part 2 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act,*

(b) *the registrant is personally and solely liable for the payment to a hospital operator, the operator of an institution or person prescribed in the regulations made under Part 2 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act of the entire cost of insured hospital services provided to the registrant and the registrant’s dependants while the declaration is in effect,*

Health Professions Act

Amends RSA 2000 cH-7

6(1) The *Health Professions Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 6(1) Amends chapter H-7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1(1) is amended

(a) by adding the following after clause (m):

(m.01) “eligible individual” means an individual who meets the eligibility requirements set out in the regulations for a self-referral;

(b) by adding the following after clause (cc):

(cc.1) “preventative health testing services” means preventative health testing services as defined in Part 1 of the *Alberta Health Care Insurance Act*;

(c) by adding the following after clause (nn):

(nn.001) “self-referral” means the process by which an eligible individual obtains or seeks to obtain preventative health testing services from a regulated member without a referral from another regulated member;

NOTE: (2) Adds definitions.

(3) Section 1.3 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(k), (m), (n) and (o), in respect of preventative health testing services, a self-referral does not constitute an order or prescription for those services.

NOTE: (3) Adds interpretation provision.

(4) The following is added after section 1.94:

**Regulations re preventative health testing services —
conditions, restrictions and limitations**

1.941 The Minister may make regulations respecting conditions, restrictions or limitations that apply to self-referrals or preventative health testing services.

NOTE: (4) Preventative health testing services — conditions, restrictions and limitations.

(5) Section 134.1 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Ministerial regulations

134.1 The Minister may make regulations

- (a) respecting eligibility requirements for the purposes of section 1(1)(m.01);
- (b) respecting inspectors, inspections and inspection committees for the purposes of Part 3.1.

NOTE: (5) Section 134.1 presently reads:

134.1 The Minister may make regulations respecting inspectors, inspections and inspection committees for the purposes of Part 3.1.

(6) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (6) Coming into force.

Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2)

Amends SA 2024 c16

7(1) The *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2)* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 7(1) Amends chapter 16 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2024.

(2) Section 8(2)(b) and (c) are repealed.

NOTE: (2) Section 8(2)(b) and (c) presently read:

(2) Section 1(1)(f) is amended

(b) by adding the following after subclause (xii.1):

(xii.2) the Department of Seniors, Community and Social Services;

(c) by adding the following after subclause (xiii.1):

(xiii.2) the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services;

Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Amends SA 2025 c10

8(1) The *Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 8(1) Amends chapter 10 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2025.

(2) Section 22 is repealed.

NOTE: (2) Section 22 presently reads:

22(1) *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is amended by this section.

(2) *Section 1(g)* is amended

(a) *by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:*

(i) *a hospital operator of a health services sector in an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act other than a hospital operator that is a regional health authority, provincial health agency or provincial health corporation under the Provincial Health Agencies Act,*

(b) *by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:*

(i) *a hospital operator of a health services sector in an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act other than a hospital operator that is a provincial health agency or provincial health corporation under the Provincial Health Agencies Act,*

(c) *by repealing subclause (v);*

(d) *by repealing subclause (vi).*

(3) Section 35(2)(b) and (d) are amended by striking out “corporation other than a provincial health agency or provincial health corporation” **and substituting** “corporation, other than a provincial health agency or provincial health corporation,”.

NOTE: (3) Section 35(2)(b) and (d) presently read:

(2) *Section 1(1)(b)* is amended

(b) *by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:*

(i) *a non-profit corporation other than a provincial health agency or provincial health*

corporation that operates an approved hospital under the Provincial Health Agencies Act,

(d) by repealing subclause (ii) and substituting the following:

(ii) a non-profit corporation other than a provincial health agency or provincial health corporation that operates a facility as defined in the Mental Health Act,

(4) Section 45(42)(a)(xiv)(B) and (C) are amended by striking out “and communities” and substituting “, communities or health programs”.

NOTE: (4) Section 45(42)(a)(xiv)(B) and (C) presently read:

(42) Section 23 is amended

(a) in subsection (1)

(xiv) in clause (s)

(B) by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:

(i) respecting the establishment of health foundations as corporations to benefit facilities, provincial health agencies, community health councils and communities,

(C) by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:

(i) respecting the establishment of health foundations as corporations to benefit facilities, provincial health agencies and communities,

Pharmacy and Drug Act

Amends RSA 2000 cP-13

9(1) The *Pharmacy and Drug Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 9(1) Amends chapter P-13 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1 is amended

(a) in subsection (1)

(i) in clause (z.1)

(A) by adding the following after subclause (iii):

(iii.1) a record of all written orders the pharmacy receives, including an identification of the written orders that the pharmacy transfers to another pharmacy or pharmacist,

(B) by adding the following after subclause (iv):

(iv.1) a record of all drugs sold from or through the pharmacy under a written order, including the written order, the name of the drug, the amount sold and the name and contact information of the regulated health professional to whom the drugs are sold,

(C) in subclause (v) by adding “or sold” after “dispensed”;

(ii) by adding the following after clause (aa):

(aa.01) “regulated health professional” means a person

(i) who is a regulated member under the *Health Professions Act*, other than a regulated member described in clause (aa.1), and

- (ii) who is authorized by an Act of the Legislature of Alberta or an Act of Parliament to prescribe a Schedule 1 drug;

(iii) by adding the following after clause (ee):

- (ff) “written order” means a written order issued under Part 3.1 directing that a drug be sold to the regulated health professional named in the written order.

(b) in subsection (2)

- (i) **by striking out** “this Act and codes” **and substituting** “this Act, codes”;
- (ii) **by adding** “and Ministerial orders under section 29.3” **after** “adopted under this Act”.

NOTE: (2) Section 1 presently reads in part:

1(1) In this Act,

(z.1) “record” means the records of a pharmacy, whether in written, photographic, magnetic, electronic or other form, and includes, without limitation,

(v) a record of the pharmacy services provided, including the name of the person or persons who dispensed a drug,

(2) In this Act, a reference to “this Act” includes the regulations and bylaws made under this Act and codes of ethics and standards for the operation of licensed pharmacies adopted under this Act.

(3) Section 10(1)(d) is amended by adding the following after subclause (iii):

- (iii.1) all drugs sold to a regulated health professional are sold under a written order that has been received by the pharmacy,

NOTE: (3) Section 10(1)(d) presently reads in part:

10(1) A licensee must

(d) ensure that

(iii) a patient or a patient's agent is able, with reasonable ease, to contact a clinical pharmacist who is engaged by the pharmacy,

(4) Section 29.1 is amended

(a) by adding the following after subsection (1.1):

(1.2) Subject to a Ministerial order under section 29.3, the council shall, in accordance with procedures set out in the bylaws, develop or propose the adoption of standards for the operation of licensed pharmacies respecting written orders, including, without limitation, standards

- (a) respecting the selling of drugs under a written order, and
- (b) respecting the content of written orders.

(1.3) The council may make the standards developed or proposed for adoption under subsection (1.1) applicable, in whole or in part or with modifications, to written orders.

(b) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) A council

- (a) may adopt a code of ethics and standards for the operation of licensed pharmacies after it has reviewed and considered the comments received from a review described in subsection (2) as it relates to ethics and standards described in subsections (1) and (1.1), and
- (b) shall adopt standards for the operation of licensed pharmacies after it has reviewed and considered the comments received from a review described in subsection (2) as it relates to standards described in subsection (1.2).

NOTE: (4) Section 29.1 presently reads in part:

(3) A council may adopt a code of ethics and standards for the operation of licensed pharmacies after it has reviewed and considered the comments received from a review described in subsection (2).

(5) The following is added after section 29.1:

Part 3.1 Written Orders

Written orders

29.2(1) This section applies in respect of Schedule 1 drugs that are authorized for sale under section 29.3(1)(a).

(2) A regulated health professional may issue a written order directing that a specified quantity of a drug be sold to that regulated health professional.

(3) A drug sold to a regulated health professional shall only be used for the purpose of providing treatment to patients in accordance with a Ministerial order under section 29.3(1).

(4) A written order is not a regulation as defined in the *Interpretation Act*.

Ministerial orders

29.3(1) The Minister may, by order,

- (a) determine the Schedule 1 drugs or classifications of Schedule 1 drugs that are authorized for sale by written order,
- (b) determine the maximum quantity of drugs to which a written order may apply,
- (c) determine any processes or procedures that a regulated health professional must follow with respect to drugs to which a written order may apply,

- (d) impose limits or restrictions respecting written orders or the drugs to which a written order may apply, or
 - (e) make any other determination the Minister considers necessary with respect to written orders or the drugs to which a written order may apply.
- (2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to a Ministerial order made under this section.

NOTE: (5) Part 3.1 Written Orders.

(6) Section 31 is amended

(a) by repealing subsection (2)(a) and substituting the following:

- (a) be compounded, dispensed or sold pursuant to a prescription,

(b) by adding the following after subsection (2):

(2.1) Subject to Part 3.1 and the standards adopted under section 29.1(1.2), Schedule 1 drugs that are authorized by a Ministerial order under section 29.3(1)(a) may be sold under a written order.

NOTE: (6) Section 31 presently reads in part:

(2) Schedule 1 drugs may

(a) be, subject to subsection (3), compounded, dispensed or sold only pursuant to a prescription, and

(7) This section comes into force on Proclamation.

NOTE: (7) Coming into force.

Provincial Health Agencies Act

Amends RSA 2000 cP-32.5

10(1) The *Provincial Health Agencies Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 10(1) Amends chapter P-32.5 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

(2) Section 1(l)(i) is amended by striking out “*Alberta Health Act*” and substituting “*Emergency Health Services Act*”.

NOTE: (2) Section 1(l)(i) presently reads:

l In this Act,

(l) “sector Minister” means, with respect to

(i) the acute care health services sector, the Minister responsible for the Alberta Health Act,

(3) Section 1.973(3) is amended by adding “or designate 2 members as co-chairs” after “as chair”.

NOTE: (3) Section 1.973(3) presently reads:

(3) The responsible Minister shall designate a member as chair and may designate a member as vice-chair.

(4) Section 1.975(o)(iii) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(iii) the acquisition, leasing and disposal of land, buildings, assets and equipment by provincial health corporations,

NOTE: (4) Section 1.975(o)(iii) presently reads:

1.975 *The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations*

- (o) *respecting the financial matters of provincial health corporations, including regulations respecting*
- (iii) *the acquisition, leasing and disposal of assets and equipment by provincial health corporations,*

(5) Section 1.9761(l) is amended by striking out “Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act” and substituting “Protection of Privacy Act”.

NOTE: (5) Section 1.9761(l) presently reads:

1.9761 In this Part,

- (l) *“personal information” means personal information as defined in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;*

(6) Section 1.97695(2)(b)(ii) is amended by striking out “to”.

NOTE: (6) Section 1.97695(2)(b)(ii) presently reads:

(2) In addition to the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions prescribed under the general bylaws, a hospital utilization committee

- (b) *shall provide to the provincial health agency any information or records required by the provincial health agency that relate to*
 - (ii) *to any other function of the committee,*

(7) Section 1.97699993(k) is amended

- (a) in subclause (i) by adding “including to provide health care education to communities served by an approved hospital,” after “communities,”;
- (b) in subclause (iii) by striking out “sector Ministers” and substituting “the oversight Minister”.

NOTE: (7) Section 1.97699993(k) presently reads in part:

1.97699993 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (k) *respecting hospital foundations, including regulations*
 - (i) *respecting the establishment of hospital foundations as corporations to benefit approved hospitals, hospital operators and communities,*
 - (iii) *respecting prohibitions, exemptions and terms and conditions relating to the establishment and operation of hospital foundations, including regulations authorizing sector Ministers to grant or amend exemptions and establish or amend terms and conditions,*

(8) Section 5.09(1)(c) is amended by striking out “ending 2 years after the date on which this section comes into force” and substituting “beginning on the coming into force of this section and ending on December 31, 2026”.

NOTE: (8) Section 5.09(1)(c) presently reads:

5.09(1) In this Division,

- (c) *“transitional period” means the period ending 2 years after the date on which this section comes into force.*

(9) Section 5.094(1)(l) is amended by striking out “ending 2 years after the date on which this section comes into force” and

substituting “beginning on the coming into force of this section and ending on December 31, 2026”.

NOTE: (9) Section 5.094(1)(l) presently reads:

5.094(1) In this Division,

(l) “transitional period” means the period ending 2 years after the date on which this section comes into force.

(10) Section 5.0991(3)(b) and (c) are repealed and the following is substituted:

- (b) with respect to a labour relations matter other than one referred to in subsection (1)(b)(iv) or (v), the Board may declare the following:
 - (i) the initial employer or initial bargaining agent continue as parties to the labour relations matter;
 - (ii) the successor employer or successor bargaining agent are to be added as parties to the labour relations matter;
 - (iii) the successor employer or successor bargaining agent are to replace any parties to the labour relations matter,and
- (c) with respect to a labour relations matter referred to in subsection (1)(b)(iv) or (v), the arbitrator or arbitration board may declare the following:
 - (i) the initial employer or initial bargaining agent continue as parties to the labour relations matter;
 - (ii) the successor employer or successor bargaining agent are to be added as parties to the labour relations matter;
 - (iii) the successor employer or successor bargaining unit are to replace any parties to the labour relations matter.

NOTE: (10) Section 5.0991(3)(b) and (c) presently read:

(3) Where a labour relations matter other than one referred to in subsection (2) has not been concluded, disposed of or resolved before the initial transfer date,

(b) with respect to a labour relations matter other than one referred to in subsection (1)(b)(iv) or (v), the Board may declare whether

(i) the initial employer or initial bargaining agent continue as parties to the labour relations matter, and

(ii) the successor employer or successor bargaining agent are to replace any parties or are to be added as parties to the labour relations matter,

and

(c) with respect to a labour relations matter referred to in subsection (1)(b)(iv) or (v), the arbitrator or arbitration board may declare whether

(i) the initial employer or initial bargaining agent continue as parties to the labour relations matter, and

(ii) the successor employer or successor bargaining agent are to replace any parties or are to be added as parties to the labour relations matter.

(11) The following is added after section 5.0992:

**Division 5
Payments Related to
Severance Pay**

Payments related to severance pay — certain employees

5.0993(1) In this Division,

- (a) “amount of severance pay” means the gross amount of severance pay an employee received under an employment contract or collective agreement;
 - (b) “employee” means an employee of a regional health authority, provincial health agency or provincial health corporation, whether represented by a bargaining agent or not;
 - (c) “rate of pay” means an amount equal to the wages or salary that an employee would have earned under an employment contract or collective agreement if the employee had worked the regular hours of work for the week immediately before termination;
 - (d) “severance period” means the period beginning on the day after the employee’s termination of employment with the regional health authority, provincial health agency or provincial health corporation, as the case may be, and ending after the number of weeks calculated by dividing the amount of severance pay by the employee’s rate of pay.
- (2) Notwithstanding the *Employment Standards Code*, where an employee who has been terminated under an employment contract or a collective agreement and has received severance pay in accordance with the employment contract or collective agreement becomes employed with the Crown in right of Alberta, the employee must, as a condition of the offer of employment with the Crown, pay the amount determined under subsection (3).
- (3) The amount to be paid under subsection (2) is the lesser of
- (a) the amount of severance pay, and
 - (b) the portion of the amount of severance pay that is equivalent to the gross amount of earnings of the employee from employment with the Crown in right of Alberta during the severance period.
- (4) An amount required to be paid under subsection (2) is a debt due to the Crown in right of Alberta and may be recovered by the Crown by action.
- (5) For the purposes of this section, a regional health authority, provincial health agency or provincial health corporation must, on

the request of the oversight Minister, disclose to the oversight Minister the following information relating to an employee:

- (a) the name of the employee;
- (b) the amount of severance pay paid to the employee;
- (c) the date the amount of severance pay was paid to the employee;
- (d) the severance period related to the amount of severance pay;
- (e) any other information that
 - (i) in the opinion of the oversight Minister, is necessary to identify the employee, or
 - (ii) relates to the amount of severance pay, the severance period or rate of pay.

NOTE: (11) Division 5 Payments Related to Severance Pay.

(12) Section 23(1) is amended

- (a) in clause (j)(iii) by adding “, leasing” after “acquisition”;
- (b) in clause (s)
 - (i) by repealing subclause (i) and substituting the following:
 - (i) respecting the establishment of health foundations as corporations to benefit facilities, provincial health agencies, regional health authorities, community health councils, communities or health programs,
 - (ii) in subclause (iii) by adding “including the purposes for which the Alberta Cancer Foundation is established,” after “established,”.

NOTE: (12) Section 23(1) presently reads in part:

23(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (j) respecting the financial matters of provincial health agencies and regional health authorities, including regulations respecting*
- (iii) the acquisition and disposal of land, buildings, assets and equipment by provincial health agencies and regional health authorities,*
- (s) respecting health foundations, including regulations*
 - (i) respecting the establishment of foundations as corporations to benefit facilities, provincial health agencies, regional health authorities or community health councils,*
 - (iii) respecting the manner in which and the purposes for which health foundations may be established,*

Provincial Priorities Act

Amends SA 2024 cP-35.5

11(1) The *Provincial Priorities Act* is amended by this section.

NOTE: 11(1) Amends P-35.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2024.

(2) Section 1(d)(v) is amended by adding “, provincial health corporation” after “regional health authority”.

NOTE: (2) Section 1(d)(v) presently reads:

1 In this Act,

- (d) “provincial entity” means any of the following:*

- (v) *a provincial health agency, regional health authority or subsidiary health corporation under the Provincial Health Agencies Act;*

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