

indigent persons not already covered through one or other of these plans receive necessary hospital and medical services at provincial expense.

Prince Edward Island -- The provincial Health Department pays 50 per cent of the cost of treatment during the acute stage of poliomyelitis and supplies free treatment to patients with residual paralysis. Free diagnostic services, including hospitalization when necessary, are available to cancer patients through two clinics operated by the province. Under the dental public health programme free dental treatment is supplied for specified groups of children.

The province pays the cost of hospital care for indigent patients in the Falconwood Mental Hospital, the Provincial Infirmary and the Provincial Sanatorium. General medical and hospital care of indigents is at the discretion of municipal authorities.

Nova Scotia -- From January 1, 1959, under the federal-provincial hospital insurance programme, in-patients' services as well as a range of out-patient services will be available to all residents of the province, and to all non-residents, after a three months waiting period. The costs of care are to be met by a provincial sales tax and no direct charges are levied on the patient unless services are provided in addition to those covered by the plan.

Persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis may obtain treatment free of charge in provincial sanatoria and tuberculosis units of general hospitals. Free treatment for the mentally ill is provided at the Nova Scotia Mental Hospital. Cancer services and poliomyelitis treatment at the Victoria General Hospital are available to patients at reduced rates. Mobile dental clinics provide free treatment to rural school children under 13 years of age.

A provincial programme provides limited medical services, including physicians' care in the home and office, for recipients of blind persons' allowances and of mothers' allowances and their child dependents. Costs of general hospital and medical care services for indigent persons are borne mainly by the municipality of residence.

New Brunswick -- It is anticipated that in-patients' services will be available to all residents of the province, and to non-residents after a three months waiting period but date of commencement of programme had not been announced at time of writing (September 1958).

Services already provided free of charge in New Brunswick include necessary diagnosis, hospitalization and radiation treatment for cancer patients, hospitalization and treatment of polio victims, treatment of venereal disease,