

Limited medical services, including the services of a physician in his office or the patient's home, necessary consultations, home confinements and emergency drugs are available to recipients of all types of public assistance. General hospital care of indigents is a statutory responsibility of the municipality.

Manitoba -- On July 1, 1958, Manitoba instituted a provincially administered compulsory hospital insurance scheme offering in-patient services free of charge to all registered residents of the province for the first six months of the plan's operation. After January 1, 1959, premiums of \$4.10 per month for families, \$2.05 per month for single persons, are required for coverage. Non-residents and residents unregistered at that time are required to fulfil a three month waiting period before services are supplied.

Manitoba provides preventive public health services through 13 local health units, prepaid diagnostic services in four laboratories and x-ray units, and operated hospital facilities through 36 hospital districts. Medical care is also provided on a prepayment basis in 14 municipal doctor plan areas.

Persons suffering from pulmonary and non-pulmonary tuberculosis receive free treatment services: patients in mental hospitals who can afford to pay are charged a portion of the costs of care. The Cancer Relief and Research Institute provides a free cancer biopsy service and diagnostic services to indigent rural residents and radium and x-ray treatment services are available without charge to all rural residents. A nominal charge is made for these latter services to the residents of Greater Winnipeg. Extensive rehabilitation facilities are also available for physically handicapped children and adults. The province and municipality share responsibility for medical care of indigents.

Saskatchewan -- On July 1, 1958, the Saskatchewan Hospital Services Plan was amended to conform to the federal-provincial hospital insurance programme. In-patient hospital services are provided to all residents upon payment of an annual premium in 1959 of \$17.50 by all single persons over 18 years of age and a married couple or family tax of \$55.00. Non-residents may receive service after a three months waiting period and payment of premium. Residents neglecting to pay the premium must also wait for service three months after date in which payment is made.

Free services provided include treatment for mental illness and care for mentally defective persons and for persons suffering from tuberculosis. Diagnostic and treatment services are available for cancer and polio patients, rehabilitation services for physically disabled children and adults, and diagnosis and treatment for persons with venereal disease.