

# Questions about Medicare? Send them down

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Persons eligible for Medicare are those who have lived in New Brunswick for at least the last three months unless they are included in the following restrictions:

- members of the RCMP or Canadian Armed Forces, however their families are eligible.

- persons imprisoned in a federal penitentiary.

- visitors to the province who can be covered by the plans of their home province.

- students in Canada on student visas or tourists and transients.

Registration for Medicare may be carried out by writing: Medicare Inquiries, P.O. Box 5100, Fredericton or phoning: Fredericton 475-7711. Do not reapply for Medicare if you change your address, leave New Brunswick, marry, have other changes in your family or lose your card. Simply write or phone the afore mentioned address or number. This will prevent a double registration and is appreciated by the Medicare Department.

The Medicare card is proof of your registration and shows your name and address, the names of your dependents, years of birth and Medicare Identifiers which consist of nine digits and one letter. A duplicate card is presented to your spouse. This card must be presented each time you see a physician or go to a hospital as an out-patient or in-patient.

Medicare pays for medically required services provided by physicians. Only New Brunswick rates are paid for such services when obtained from physicians outside New Brunswick.

Medicare does not pay for drugs or medicines, eye-glasses, contact lens, or frames, dentures, prosthetic devices or appliances.

Advice or prescription renewal by telephone, mileage or travelling time,

services provided by dentists, private duty nurses, optometrists, pharmacists, opticians, chiropractors, pediatricians, chiropodist, naturopaths or osteopaths, dental services provided by a physician, examinations or immunizations for purposes of employment, travel, emigration, insurance or at the request of any third party, refractions for providing eye-glasses, immunizations, unless medical reasons require that they be given by a physician, elective plastic surgery or other services for cosmetic purposes, services covered by the Workmans Compensation Board or the Department of Veterans Affairs or other legislation, laboratory procedures not included as part of an examination or consultation fee, electrocardiograms except when provided by specialists in internal medicine, services provided by pathologists or radiologists, testimony in court by a physician, examinations or medical records or certificates at the requests of a third party or other services required by Regulations or Medical By-Laws of a hospital, non-emergency cancer surgery performed outside the province without the prior approval of the cancer services committee, psychoanalysis or services provided by physicians to members of their immediate family are not paid for by Medicare.

Physicians may or may not participate in the Medicare Plan. A participating physician receives a certificate for display. However, a participating physician may decide not to participate for a particular patient or service. When this occurs the physician must tell the patient in advance. The physician then gives the bill directly to the patient who sends it on to Medicare. These bills are sometimes higher than the amount Medicare pays for the particular service.

The only time a participating physician may charge both the patient and medi-

care is in the case of an obstetrician. If he provides normal obstetrical delivery service which includes pre-natal and post-natal care, he may charge up to \$43.50 in addition to the amount paid by Medicare.

Non-participating doctors must tell each patient in advance of providing services. The patient will receive a completed Medicare Physicians Claim Form from the non-participating physician. The form is then sent to Medicare and the money is sent to the patient. This may be less than the amount charged by the physician.

Hospital Services in Canada are paid for by the Hospital Services Plan. This is a plan which has the same restrictions of eligibility as Medicare. All hospital services, medically necessary for the care and treatment of any disease, illness or disability that requires admission to an approved hospital as a bed patient or in-patient. The Hospital Services Plan will pay not more than \$35.00 per day for an adult, or \$10.00 per day for a newborn baby, when hospitalized outside Canada.

New Brunswick residents are covered by Medicare for three months after they leave the province to reside elsewhere. If the head of the household leaves before his family, coverage is continued of the family who remain in the province. It is a good idea to register upon arrival in a new province if you plan to live there.

Students from New Brunswick are covered if they are ineligible for coverage under the plans where they are studying. This is provided they are not employed outside the province except during vacation.

Residents of New Brunswick are covered for temporary absences from New Brunswick for vacations, visits or business trips to the payment limits explained previously.

## Senate approves pre-registration proposal

By ANDY WATSON

The UNB senate approved an outline proposal for pre-registration at its Oct. 25 meeting. In a verbal report, registrar D.C. Blue sketched a two stage plan for a mail registration.

The first stage consists of asking students to select courses from a list of proposed courses. This would enable the timetable committee to arrange the timetable in line with the

wishes of the student body. The first stage is to be carried out in January.

The second stage consists of the actual mailing of registration forms to the students in the spring. These forms could include the statistics form, the course form and a pre-registration form. The forms could then be processed during the summer months.

Dr. Blue stated that the experience of other universities

indicated that it is best to leave the payment of fees to be completed after the students have returned to campus. He also indicated that the co-operation received from the student body in regard to the mail registration used at summer school and the mailing of statistics forms in the fall had been excellent.

The senate gave its approval in order that a more detailed plan might be drawn up.

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