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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

TERRITORIAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE SERVICES ORDINANCE

Purpose of the Legislation:

1. To ensure, by law, the provision of insured hospital services to insured residents by this ordinance and the regulations for providing insured services.
2. To outline the powers of the Minister of Health.
3. To outline the powers of Hospital Boards of Management.

This legislation will replace the existing Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance (originally enacted in 1959) which is outdated in a number of respects.

The major changes required are:

1. The revision of section 8 and 11 dealing with the powers of T.H.I.S. Board and Boards of Management, respectively, in order to:
 - a) clearly define the type of reporting organization that will be in place, and the relationship between Government and Boards;
 - b) decide which functions are to be centralized and decentralized.A decision will have to be made to either retain the present system with T.H.I.S. Board or dissolve T.H.I.S. Board.
 - c) Determine whether Federal facilities are subject to this legislation and the Standards of Care it requires.
2. Identification of the Department of Health being responsible for the overall health facility planning for the Northwest Territories.
3. To ensure that health facility planning and delivery is based on the following:
 - a) available resources;
 - b) ability to staff and maintain new facilities;
 - c) prevention as well as treatment.
4. To update and revise the existing regulations (adopted in 1960). Examples of major deficiencies include:
 - a) Regulations 13-18 dealing with construction and alteration of hospital buildings do not reflect the planning guidelines under the Capital Projects Process approved by T.H.I.S. Board.

- b) Regulation 3 deals with an advisory agency called the Hospital Services Planning Division. however, no such agency exists.

Origin of Request for Legislation:

The Department of Health, Executive Committee of the Government of the Northwest Territories, Boards of Management.

Policy Base:

The proposed changes to this ordinance will support the requests of Boards of Management and create legislation that will be more realistic in relation to the devolution of health service management.

Consultation:

The principal agencies or groups that would benefit from the changes to this legislation are:

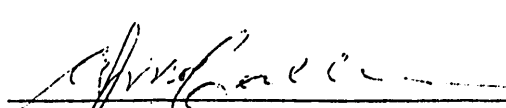
1. General public.
2. Department of Health
3. Boards of Management
4. Regional Health Boards and Committees
5. Health and Welfare Canada
6. Government of the Northwest Territories

Implementation:

There should not be a problem with this revision as it will reflect the changes that are necessary to provide an effective service to the Northwest Territories residents.

Scheduling:

It is proposed that the legislation be scheduled for the Spring 1983 Session of the Legislative Assembly.



Minister of Health and Social Services

January 7, 1982

Date

