



ONTARIO

To all Residents of Ontario

Announcing

ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE

The Ontario Hospital Insurance plan becomes effective January 1, 1959. The plan will pay the cost of essential standard (public) ward 'in hospital' services for Ontario residents *who are insured under the plan.*

Benefits will be available in *approved* hospitals in Ontario for as many days as hospital services are *medically necessary.* Approved hospitals will include public general hospitals, hospitals for convalescents and the chronically ill, tuberculosis sanatoria and provincial mental hospitals. The only 'out-patient' benefits in Ontario will be for emergency hospital services received within 24 hours following an accident.

Benefits will be allowed for hospital care received *outside* Ontario as the result of a *sudden attack of illness or an accident.*

ALL RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO ARE ELIGIBLE

Enrolment will be open to every resident of Ontario — regardless of age or physical condition — either through a group, or individually on a Pay-Direct basis.

Non-residents of Ontario will not be eligible.

PREMIUMS

The low premiums of \$2.10 a month for a single person and \$4.20 a month for the family (husband, wife and children under age 19) are made possible by extensive financial participation of the Federal and Provincial Governments.

HOW YOU ENROL

COMPULSORY ENROLMENT — If you are a resident of Ontario employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll (including the employer) you are subject to compulsory enrolment through your place of employment.

VOLUNTARY ENROLMENT — If you are a resident of Ontario and *not* employed where there are 15 or more on the payroll, you are eligible to enrol through any of the following means: —

- (a) **Voluntary Groups.** Persons employed where there are from 6 to 14 on the payroll (including the employer) may be enrolled as a group, if the employer applies for approval as a Mandatory Group and all employees participate.
- (b) **Collector's Groups.** Organizations such as professional associations, medical co-operatives, craft unions, credit unions, etc. may apply for approval

to act as collectors of hospital insurance premiums on behalf of their members.

(c) **Pay-Direct enrolment.** If you are not eligible to participate through a group, you may apply to pay directly to the Commission. See "When You Enrol", below.

(d) **Recipients of public assistance** who are covered by the Medical Welfare Plan through the Ontario Department of Public Welfare will also be eligible for hospital insurance benefits. It will not be necessary for them to apply for enrolment or pay a premium.

THE ONLY BASIC HOSPITAL INSURANCE — On and after January 1, 1959, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission will be the only agency offering standard ward hospital insurance in Ontario. No private insurance company or prepayment plan will provide benefits covering standard ward hospital services after December 31, 1958.

WHEN YOU ENROL

To have protection effective January 1, 1959 and also qualify for the two months' free coverage:

GROUPS must submit lists to the Commission by August 31, 1958, and begin payments in December, 1958.

Notice to Employers: This week the Commission is mailing to Ontario firms with 6 or more employees, the required forms and instructions for registering their employees.

ANY EMPLOYER WITH 6 OR MORE ON THE PAYROLL WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE THESE FORMS BY JUNE 1, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE COMMISSION.

INDIVIDUALS applying for Pay-Direct enrolment must make application by September 30, 1958, and pay one month's premium at the time application is made.

PAY-DIRECT APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOT BEING MADE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. A province-wide enrolment campaign will be conducted in August and September when these forms will be widely distributed.

PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PAY-DIRECT ENROLMENT UNTIL THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

All group premiums will be payable monthly in one remittance to the Commission beginning in December, 1958.

Individuals remitting to the Commission on a Pay-Direct basis will pay as follows:

One month's premium at the time of application on or before September 30, 1958 — and after that on a quarterly premium basis beginning in January, 1959.

PREPAID 'CUSHION' — The first payment of one month's premium by groups and individuals registered prior to the closing dates stated above, will cover a benefit period of three months

from January 1, to March 31, 1959. This will set up a "prepaid" period to maintain benefits during times when a person may be laid off, changing jobs, or temporarily out of the province.

THOSE REGISTERING AFTER CLOSING DATES

Groups and individuals not registered by the closing dates stated above under "When you Enrol" will not only fail to qualify for the two months free coverage but will be required to wait three months following application before benefits become available. For example, a resident applying in February will not have protection effective until May 1.

You must BE REGISTERED TO BENEFIT

ONTARIO HOSPITAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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