



ONTARIO

## **Now** is the time to register FOR **ONTARIO HOSPITAL INSURANCE**

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 is 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 are not eligible.*

**PREMIUMS**

The low premiums of \$2.10 a month for a single person and \$4.20 a month for the family (husband, wife, children under age 19) are made possible through extensive financial contributions by 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. *Your employer will register you.*

**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: — *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, retail federations, etc. may

apply for approval to act as collectors of hospital insurance premiums on behalf of their members. Ask your organization.

(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 Social 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 offer 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:** The Commission has mailed 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 HAS NOT RECEIVED THESE FORMS 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.

Application forms will be available at public hospitals and banks (or at the post office if there is no bank in your community) *on and after Monday, July 28.*

**PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS**

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 payable 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.

**LATE REGISTRATION MAY PROVE COSTLY**

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 or group applying in February will not have protection effective until May 1.

**YOU MUST  
BE REGISTERED TO BENEFIT**

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