

OMSIP enrollment period extended to May 16th

Ontario Health Minister Dr. M. B. Dymond has announced that residents of the Province may still receive full Ontario Medical Services Insurance Plan coverage and benefits by July 1st providing they enroll in the Plan before May 16th.

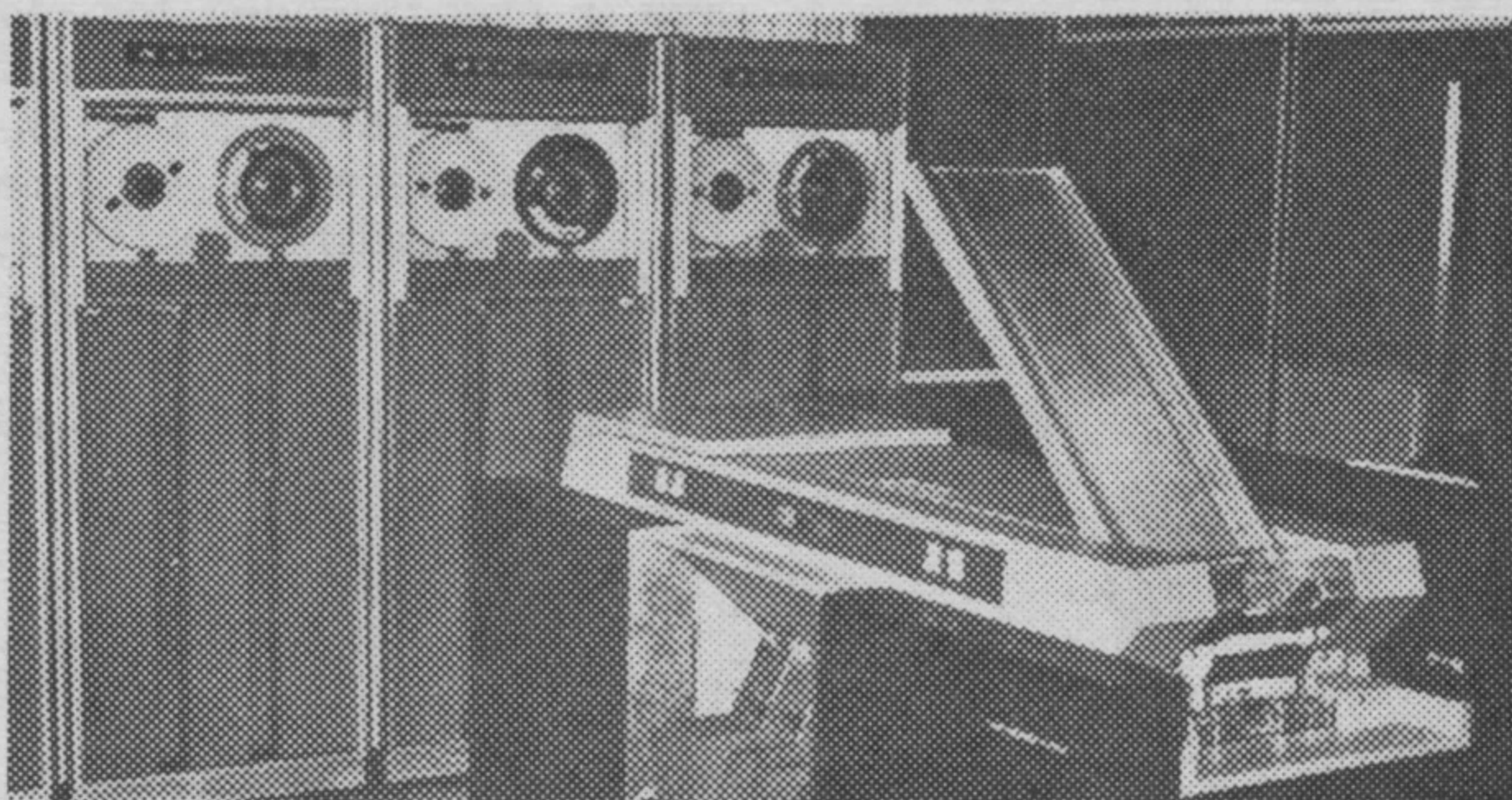
"The Plan is a success," declared the Minister. "The number of applications received already cover more than 1,100,000 of our citizens."

Dr. Dymond added, however, that a large number of residents had indicated they would join OMSIP but for a variety of reasons had been unable to send in their application in time. The OMSIP open enrollment period has therefore been extended by two weeks in order that these persons may qualify for coverage from the day the Plan goes into effect on July 1st.

"The May 16th deadline is final," added the minister. "This enrollment deadline cannot be extended any further because it takes time to process such a flood of applications even with the most modern equipment available."

The extension of the open enrollment period means that those residents who have already enrolled, and those who enroll before May 16th, will be protected by OMSIP, beginning July 1st.

Ontario residents who enroll after May 16th will have to undergo a minimum three month waiting period before they are entitled to OMSIP coverage and benefits, said Dr. Dymond.



OMSIP head office is located at 135 St. Clair West, Toronto. Applications are already being processed by modern micro-photo methods and computers.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS

Many old age pensioners have automatically been enrolled in OMSIP but most must fill in and submit an application.

Those who will get automatic coverage are pensioners who are presently receiving benefit under The Ontario Old Age Assistance Act, or those pensioners who have been declared eligible for coverage by the Ontario Department of Welfare. These pensioners have already received their OMSIP registration cards.

All other pensioners must complete and submit an application to receive OMSIP coverage.

If you have not received an OMSIP registration card, or have not already sent in an application form, you must apply before May 16th for coverage when the Plan starts on July 1st.

**SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO
OMSIP, P.O. BOX 1700, TERMINAL A, TORONTO**

if required, additional application forms are available from any bank, or from OMSIP, 135 St. Clair Ave., West, Toronto 7.

Notification of acceptance to be sent out shortly

People who have already enrolled in OMSIP need not apply a second time.

Dr. Dymond stated that their applications are now being processed, and their notification will arrive in the mail very soon.

OMSIP BENEFITS

OMSIP provides practically all physicians' services as benefits including:

- Doctor visits in the home, office or hospital.
- Diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries.
- Diagnosis, pre-operation care and treatment, surgery and post-operation care.
- Obstetrical care, including pre-natal and post-natal care effective from the date of enrollment.
- Anaesthesia and X-rays for diagnostic, surgical and other procedures.
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations.
- Certified specialist services at established rates when you are referred to the specialist by your doctor.
- Certain dental surgical services performed in a hospital.

NOTE: OMSIP will not pay for the cost of hospitalization. OMSIP is an additional service, not a substitute for Ontario Hospital Insurance. You will still require coverage by Hospital Insurance.

OMSIP IS VOLUNTARY— APPLICATION IS NECESSARY

OMSIP is a voluntary plan and you can cancel your membership at any time.

The government, however, can only cancel memberships in the case of misrepresentation, misuse of services, non-payment of premiums, or 3 months after a member has ceased to be a resident of Ontario.

If you fill out this appli-

cation and mail it *now*, you will be eligible for OMSIP coverage beginning July 1st. Otherwise you will have to wait a minimum of 3 months for your coverage to begin.

Since these applications have to be recorded with a micro-photo machine, please print carefully and plainly with a ball point pen only.

YOUR OMSIP APPLICATION IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE