

Ontario Hospital Insurance will now cover, also, the major part of ambulance charges when an ambulance is necessary to take a patient to or from a hospital. **The use of an ambulance must be considered necessary** by a licensed medical doctor, a central ambulance dispatching service, a designated hospital official or another person authorized by the Commission. In the case of a road accident, a police officer may authorize the use of an ambulance. The ambulance must be supplied by a recognized ambulance service operator (municipal, hospital, and approved private and volunteer ambulance services).

Cost to Insured Resident. The amount payable by the patient for an authorized ambulance trip of 25 miles or less will be limited to \$5.00. For longer trips on land there will be an additional charge of 15 cents for each mile over 25 miles, but no more than \$25.00 will be payable by the patient for any land trip. Where use of an air ambulance is specially authorized by the Director of Emergency Health Service of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission or a person designated by him, the patient will not have to pay more than \$100.00, including the cost of any connecting land ambulance service.

Patient Pays Hospital. The patient will pay his share of the ambulance cost to the hospital which receives him or transfers him to a place of residence—not to the ambulance operator.

(An uninsured person will be liable for the full ambulance charges of \$25.00 for a land trip of 25 miles or less, plus 60 cents for each additional mile. Air ambulance will be charged at the usual full rates for this type of service.)

The Ontario Hospital Services Commission will NOT be responsible for operating or dispatching ambulances. This will continue to be the responsibility of the ambulance operators which, in some cases, will be public hospitals.

The new out-patient benefits are designed to close the gap in protection between insured hospital services and those services which are benefits of OMSIP and other comprehensive medical plans.

The ambulance benefit will not only ease the financial problem for the patient but will assist in the development of a well-organized ambulance service throughout the province.



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elevators and saw some grain ships. Another interesting tour was St. Joseph's hospital.

The free time was really the best part. It gave us an idea what it is like to live in a city. The free time at night was relaxing and enjoyable. It is different to live in Port Arthur -- the people are different, the teenagers are different, the hippies are different.

The police department gave me enough of a scare to keep me out of trouble and the fire department taught me to be more careful. At the hospital I saw many vocations into which I might enter. All the tours were to my benefit.

Maureen and Werner Gobel of Winnipeg and Mr. and Mrs. McLellan, and Isobel, of Port Arthur, spent the weekend with Mrs. Jan Hall.

Marge and Ken Hutchinson with Cathy and Steve, of Kapuskasing, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson over the holiday. Ken played a few rounds of golf with former friends and Marge renewed old acquaintances around town, and was entertained at tea at the home of Marge Lundberg.

Miss Ellen Knight has received her Teaching Certificate from Lakehead Teachers College. Ellen attended Terrace Bay Public School and High School to Grade

left to complete her education to grade 13 at Alma College, in St. Thomas, Ontario.

and Mrs. Larry P. Liebrock with their two children, of Kingston, Ontario, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Liebrock and family in Terrace Bay.