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CHAPTER D-14

DRUG COST ASSISTANCE ACT

- 1. In this Act** Definitions
- (a) “benefit” means a drug or other good or service, specified in the regulations, that is supplied to an eligible person; benefit
- (b) “drug” means a drug as defined in clause 1(h) of the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6; drug
- (c) “eligible person” means a person designated in the regulations to be eligible for benefits; eligible person
- (d) “Minister” means the Minister of Social Services and Seniors; Minister
- (e) “participating pharmacy” means an establishment authorized in accordance with the regulations to supply benefits under the plan; participating pharmacy
- (f) “plan” means the Prince Edward Island Drug Cost Assistance Plan established under this Act; plan
- (g) “regulations” means the regulations made under this Act. 1986, c.10, s.1; 2005,c.40,s.8. regulations
- 2. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may establish the Prince Edward Island Drug Cost Assistance Plan for the purpose of assisting eligible persons in meeting the cost of necessary benefits. 1986, c.10, s.2.** Plan
- 3. The Minister may** Powers
- (a) establish or designate an agency to administer the plan;
- (b) enter into an agreement with any other person or agency for purposes of assisting in the operation of the plan. 1986, c.10, s.3.
- 4. The Minister may enter into an agreement with a participating pharmacy or with the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association and the agreement may provide for** Agreement with participating pharmacies
- (a) the amount to be paid by the Minister to a participating pharmacy in respect of a benefit provided to an eligible person;
- (b) the amount of a fee to be paid to a participating pharmacy for providing services in the dispensing of benefits;
- (c) the information to be provided to the Minister for the purpose of the agreement; and
- (d) any other matter necessary to give effect to the agreement. 1986, c.10, s.4.

- Information **5.** (1) The Minister or a person designated by the Minister may require any person to provide information necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the plan.
- Offence (2) A person who refuses to submit information or knowingly furnishes false or incomplete information under subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500. 1986, c.10, s.5.
- Confidentiality **6.** Any person engaged in the administration of this Act or regulations shall hold in confidence any information with respect to any individual which is obtained under this Act, and shall not disclose that information except
- (a) at the request or with the consent of that individual; or
 - (b) where authorized by the Minister for the administration or enforcement of this Act. 1986, c .10, s.6.
- Regulations **7.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations concerning
- (a) conditions of eligibility of persons for benefits under this Act;
 - (b) benefits;
 - (c) an interchangeable drug list for benefits;
 - (d) the degree of government assistance toward the cost of benefits;
 - (e) the manner and form of regulating payments to participating pharmacies for providing benefits under this Act;
 - (f) the keeping and furnishing of information which the Minister may require for the administration of the plan;
 - (g) advisory committees or other such mechanisms as may be established to assist the Minister in the administration of the plan; and
 - (h) such other matters which may be required for the efficient administration of this Act. 1986, c.10, s.7