

The Group Medical Services Act

being a Private Act

Chapter 02 of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1999*
(effective May 6, 1999).

NOTE:

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CHAPTER 02

An Act respecting Group Medical Services

Preamble

WHEREAS Group Medical Services was continued as a non-profit body corporate and politic under *The Group Medical Services Act*, being chapter 96 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1967;

AND WHEREAS Group Medical Services has by petition prayed for an Act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan repealing and replacing *The Group Medical Services Act* to provide for the continuance of Group Medical Services;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to grant the prayer of that petition;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Group Medical Services Act, 1999*.

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

- (a) “**board**” means the board of directors of the corporation;
- (b) “**corporation**” means Group Medical Services continued pursuant to section 3;
- (c) “**government body**” means the government in office in the area of residence of the member;
- (d) “**government health plan**” means the basic health plan provided to a member by or through the government body;
- (e) “**member**” means a member of the corporation pursuant to section 7.

1999, c.02, s.2.

Corporation continued

3 Group Medical Services is continued as a non-profit body corporate, under the name “Group Medical Services”.

1999, c.02, s.3.

Objects and purposes

4 The objects and purposes of the corporation are:

- (a) to provide or arrange for the provision of health benefit programs and services, and other benefit programs and services, for its members including the provision to its members of health services that are not insured services under their government health plan;
- (b) to initiate, own, participate in or operate projects, plans, programs or other arrangements, and to provide related benefits and services, that are intended or designed to improve the health or well being of the members.

1999, c.02, s.4.

Capacity, etc.

5(1) The corporation has the capacity and all of the rights, powers and privileges of a natural person, and, without limiting the foregoing, the corporation may:

- (a) invest the monies of the corporation not immediately required for its objects and purposes in any form of property or security in which a reasonable, prudent investor might invest including, without limitation, any investment permitted by *The Trustee Act*;
- (b) enter into any arrangements with any government body, authority or other body or organization, with its members or with such other parties that it determines to be conducive to the attainment of any of the corporation's objects and purposes; and
- (c) carry out any of its functions or exercise any of its powers in any jurisdiction in Canada outside Saskatchewan where the laws of the jurisdiction do not prohibit the corporation from doing so.

(2) The corporation may dispose of funds surplus to its own requirements by contributing all or a part of those funds:

- (a) to provide for health programs, capital equipment or health facilities within Saskatchewan;
- (b) to the furtherance of medical research;
- (c) in such other fashion as it may determine in the furtherance of health care.

1999, c.02, s.5.

Board

6(1) The business and affairs of the corporation shall be governed by the board.

(2) The board shall consist of the number of members determined under the bylaws of the corporation who shall be elected or appointed to the board in the manner provided in the bylaws.

1999, c.02, s.6.

Membership

7(1) The members of the corporation are:

- (a) those persons shown in the records of the corporation on the day on which this Act comes into force to be members;
- (b) all other persons who become registered as members of the corporation in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

(2) The corporation shall keep a register of its members, showing:

- (a) the name and address of each member;
- (b) the date on which each member is registered; and
- (c) the date on which any person ceased to be a member.

1999, c.02, s.7.

Bylaws

8(1) The corporation may make bylaws respecting the conduct of its business and affairs.

(2) In the event of any conflict between a provision of this Act and any bylaw, the provision of this Act prevails.

(3) Bylaws of the corporation made prior to the coming into force of this Act continue, insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Act, in full force and effect until they are amended or repealed.

1999, c.02, s.8.

Head office

9 The corporation shall maintain its head office in Saskatchewan.

1999, c.02, s.9.

Auditor

10 The corporation shall appoint a qualified person as auditor of the corporation.

1999, c.02, s.10.

No share capital

11 The corporation is a corporation without share capital, and the corporation shall not declare or pay any dividends to its members.

1999, c.02, s.11.

Non-liability of members

12 No member of the corporation is individually liable for any debt or liability of the corporation.

1999, c.02, s.12.

Winding up

13 Upon the winding up of the corporation, the proceeds may only be used to further the objects and purposes set out in section 4.

1999, c.02, s.13.

Non-application of certain Acts

14 *The Saskatchewan Insurance Act, The Business Corporations Act and The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*, do not apply to the corporation.

1999, c.02, s.14.

Returns

15 The corporation shall at all times, when called upon by the Minister of Health to do so, render to the minister an account of its property and affairs to the minister's satisfaction.

1999, c.02, s.15.

Repeal

16 *The Group Medical Services Act*, being chapter 96 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1967, is repealed.

1999, c.02, s.16.

