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(Bill No. 50)

**An Act to Amend the Health and Dental Services Cost
Assistance Act**

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. **Section 1 of the *Health and Dental Services Cost Assistance Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-1.21, is amended**
 - (a) **in clause (a), by the addition of the words “, except where otherwise specified” after the word “program”;**
 - (b) **in clause (d), by the addition of the words “, except where otherwise specified” after the word “program”; and**
 - (c) **in clause (k), by the addition of the words “, except where otherwise specified” after the word “Plan”.**
2. **Subsection 4(1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:**
4. **Payor of last resort**
 - (1) Where, in respect of a benefit, an eligible person is covered by third-party insurance or a prescribed benefit plan or program not established under this Act, the Plan shall be the payor of last resort.
3. **Section 6 of the Act is amended by the deletion of the words “A person is not eligible” and the substitution of the words “Except where otherwise provided in regulations, a person is not eligible”.**
4. **Section 19 of the Act is amended by the addition of the following after clause (b):**
 - (b.1) prescribing a benefit plan or program not established under this Act for the purpose of subsection 4(1);

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends the definitions of “administrator”, “claim” and “program” to provide for their use in reference to coverage for benefits under third-party insurance or a plan or program not established under the Act.

SECTION 2 repeals and replaces subsection 4(1) of the Act to establish the Plan as the payor of last resort in respect of a benefit for which an eligible person is covered by third-party insurance or a prescribed benefit plan or program not established under the Act.

SECTION 3 amends section 6 of the Act to reflect that the regulations may coordinate benefits between the Plan and a prescribed benefit plan or program not established under the Act.

SECTION 4 adds a regulation-making power to section 19 of the Act for the purpose of the new subsection 4(1).

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<i>Assent:</i>	

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