

The proportion of the total grants appropriation paid out to the provinces has increased steadily. Payments in 1960-61 totalled \$47,993,356, or 87 p.c. of the amount available; the average utilization during the thirteen years of the program was 75 p.c.

1.—Amounts Available and Amounts and Percentages Expended under the National Health Grant Program, by Grant, for the Thirteen-Year Period Ended Mar. 31, 1961, and for the Year Ended Mar. 31, 1961.

Grant	1948-61 Period			Year Ended Mar. 31, 1961		
	Amount Available ¹	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended	Amount Available ¹	Amount Expended	Percentage Expended
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Crippled Children ²	6,207,728	4,431,677	71	—	—	—
Professional Training.....	7,923,144	7,728,874	98	1,744,200	1,290,476	74
Hospital Construction.....	153,582,532	133,810,963	87	17,367,320	17,595,202 ³	101
Veneral Disease Control ⁴	5,968,336	5,146,209	86	—	—	—
Mental Health.....	83,016,274	65,434,213	79	8,765,391	8,140,853	93
Tuberculosis Control.....	52,044,862	48,405,508	93	3,500,000	3,376,295	96
Public Health Research.....	6,871,248	5,769,825	84	1,744,200	1,466,516	84
Health Survey ⁵	645,180	540,960	84	—	—	—
General Public Health.....	98,514,201	68,027,416	69	13,953,600	10,521,187	75
Cancer Control.....	46,565,653	32,090,624	69	3,500,000	3,020,448	86
Laboratory and Radiological Services ⁶	47,404,300	14,450,881	30	—	—	—
Medical Rehabilitation ⁷	6,500,000	3,016,750	46	—	—	—
Child and Maternal Health ⁸	13,250,000	8,808,718	66	1,750,000	1,423,176	81
Medical Rehabilitation and Crippled Children ⁹	2,625,000	1,159,203	44	2,625,000	1,159,203	44
Totals.....	531,118,458	398,821,821	75	54,949,711	47,993,356	87

¹ As set out in the General Health Grant Rules. ² Merged with Medical Rehabilitation Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ³ Expenditure exceeds 100 p.c. of amount available through revote of funds unused in previous years. ⁴ Absorbed into General Public Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁵ Lapsed in 1953. ⁶ Introduced in 1953 and absorbed into General Health Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁷ Introduced in 1953 and merged with Crippled Children Grant, Apr. 1, 1960. ⁸ Introduced in 1953. ⁹ Amounts for 1960-61 only; see footnotes ² and ⁷.

Subsection 2.—Hospital Insurance

The federal-provincial hospital insurance program, established in all provinces and both territories, covers nearly 98 p.c. of the insurable population of Canada. The system of federal grants-in-aid to the provinces to help meet the cost of specified hospital services is set out under the federal Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act of 1957. The methods of financing and administering the provincial plans, as well as the types of service offered above the minimum stipulated in the Act, rest with the provinces.

The range of in-patient benefits provided under the Act includes standard ward accommodation and meals, nursing service, drugs and biologicals, surgical supplies, the use of operating and case room, X-ray and laboratory procedures together with necessary medical interpretations, and the use of radiotherapy and physiotherapy facilities where available. The same benefits for out-patients, although authorized for assistance under the federal legislation, are not mandatory in provincial plans. A few provinces provide various insured services to out-patients, but the majority thus far restrict out-patient benefits to emergency care following an accident.

Federal legislation covers only services provided by active treatment, chronic and convalescent hospitals. Tuberculosis and mental hospitals are excluded from the federal-provincial plan as are institutions providing custodial care, although some provinces cover tuberculosis and mental services under their provincial programs.

There is considerable variation between provinces in the administration and financing of programs. General revenues, provincial sales tax and personal premiums are utilized in different provinces. The Federal Government pays each province 25 p.c. of the per