

Section 2.- Expenditures on Personal Health Care

Expenditures made on personal health care services, for the purposes of this Section, include the amounts spent by hospitals and the amounts received by physicians, dentists, pharmacists for prescription services, and by other paramedical professionals in the provision of health care and treatment directly to individuals. No attempt is made to include expenditures on public health, or public or private capital expenditures such as the building or extension of hospitals or other health facilities. Also excluded are the cost of administration of public health programs and other technical services as well as the cost of administering voluntary profit or non-profit health insurance plans. On the other hand, expenditures by the three levels of government on behalf of individuals are included.

Canadians spent an estimated \$2,194,000,000 in 1964 on personal health care, which is two and a half times the \$870,000,000 they spent in 1955. The annual rates of increase varied from 8.0 p.c. in 1962 to 13.6 p.c. in 1956, their average being 10.8 p.c. The per