

Motion

**Elders Parliament 2010**

**Supplementary Health Benefits Program**

WHEREAS there is a proposal to implement a new Supplementary Health Benefits Program in September, 2010;

AND WHEREAS the principle of universality should guide the delivery of the Northwest Territories health care system, enabling all citizens of the Northwest Territories to receive quality health care, including supplementary benefits, on a fair and equitable basis;

AND WHEREAS the proposal rightly extends supplementary benefits to the working poor and others who currently do not receive them;

AND WHEREAS the existing supplementary health benefits for senior citizens have served the purpose of caring for seniors, and encouraged seniors to continue to live in the Northwest Territories during their retirement years;

AND WHEREAS the consequences of the proposed changes to supplementary health benefits for seniors are not clear and well-defined;

AND WHEREAS the cost of the existing benefits for seniors is modest;

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Frame Lake, that this Elders Parliament recommends that existing supplementary health benefits coverage to seniors be continued;

AND FURTHER that the issue of changes to seniors' supplementary health benefits requires further consultation, study and revision before any future implementation.



Date of Notice: May 6, 2010

Date of Introduction:

Disposition:

Carried:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Ruled Out of Order:

Mr. Lyons

Mr. Lessard