

**HEALTH SYSTEM
TRANSFORMATION**

The proposed bill would change the name of The Regional Health Authorities Act to The Health System Governance and Accountability Act. In addition, it would amend the act to include Shared Health as a provincial health authority and set out the organization's responsibilities, duties and authority including:

- the development and regular updating of a provincial clinical and preventive services plan for service delivery across the health system;
- the development of a provincial health human resources plan and a provincial health capital plan;
- the provision of administrative and clinical support services to regional health authorities and other service delivery organizations;
- the delivery of provincial health services; and
- the development and regular updating of clinical standards for the delivery of health services to provide consistent standards across the system.

Other changes in the proposed legislation include:

- creating a robust accountability framework for all health authorities that identifies services, funding and performance measures;
- enabling the standardization of service purchase agreements to ensure consistency across the health-care system;
- repealing The Hospitals Act;
- enabling a health-care organization or health corporation to voluntarily enter into an agreement to transfer all or part of its operations, property, rights, liabilities and obligations to a health authority;
- enabling government to transfer provincial responsibilities relating to the delivery of health services to a health authority and to transfer operations, activities and property from one health authority to another if necessary; and
- amending The Health Services Insurance Act to clarify the authority of government to audit fee-for-service billing by physicians and other health practitioners, and the authority to recover overpayments identified through audits.