



MAPS MOMENTUM

Quarterly Newsletter

Hello and welcome back! The Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) team is pleased to announce the fifth edition of the quarterly ADM newsletter, featuring the newest insights and progress on the MAPS 2-Year Implementation Plan.



Primary Care Alberta Stand Up

Operational Day 1 has arrived! Primary Care Alberta (PCA) became operational on February 1, 2025, and has welcomed its new leadership team who will work closely with primary care providers to help ensure that every Albertan has access to quality health care.



Strengthening Health Partnerships

On January 9, 2025, leaders from First Nations, Métis Settlements, and the Métis Nation of Alberta met with Alberta's Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange, and federal Minister of Health, Mark Holland. The meeting was an important opportunity to discuss health priorities, address key challenges, and strengthen collaboration between provincial, federal, and Indigenous partners.

The discussions focused on the need for increased self-directed health services and funding, improved access to health care, and extended health benefits. Leaders also highlighted the importance of data sovereignty, supporting community-led health initiatives, and addressing systemic barriers to health care access.

The meetings were well-received by Indigenous participants, who also highlighted opportunities to refine the scope and expectations for future discussions. Alberta Health remains committed to working in partnership with First Nations, Métis Settlements, and the Métis Nation of Alberta to advance their health priorities.



Expanding Connect Care Access for Paramedics

Paramedics providing front-line care now have view only access to connect care! This allows them to check real-time patient information, such as medication lists, lab results, electrocardiogram, and medical imaging. The ability to view patient records on site will empower paramedics to make informed clinical decisions and improve patient outcomes during critical moments.

This expansion of Connect Care access plays a role in promoting collaboration among health care providers and is a significant step forward in ensuring paramedics have timely access to patient health information when it's most crucial for Albertans.

For more information, visit: [Expanding Connect Care Access For Paramedics](#)



Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System

Refocusing Continuing Care for the Future

Assisted Living Alberta (ALA) the fourth new provincial health agency to be named is on track to become a legal entity on April 1, 2025, and will be fully operational by Fall 2025.

The agency will expand care, reduce wait times, integrate medical and non-medical services, and improve support for seniors, individuals with disabilities, vulnerable Albertans, and ensure they receive timely, appropriate care. For more information, visit: [Refocusing Continuing Care for the Future](#)

A Shared Services Entity for the four Provincial Health Agencies

A shared services entity is being established to provide corporate and support services for all four provincial health agencies and service providers.

The entity will be stood up independent of the provincial health agencies and will handle the following functions: information technology (IT), finance and human resources, legal, internal audit, health professions, workplace health and safety, data and analytics, centralized communications including web, digital communications and marketing. The entity is expected to be stood up and operational by summer 2025.

For more information, visit: [Refocusing emergency services | alberta.ca](#)



Care Opinion Canada Launch

Preparation for the full launch of Care Opinion began in early March 2025, starting with targeted social media engagement. Strategy includes stakeholder engagement

and community outreach efforts that will promote clear, simple messaging about Care Opinion, encouraging stakeholders to share it within their networks and inviting them to contribute their healthcare stories.

In April, the launch will continue with an ad campaign and media launch. To maximize impact, a Care Opinion Newsletter will be released alongside the media launch to encourage storytelling and spread messages.



Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program

Under the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program (NPPCP), 48 nurse practitioners (NPs) are currently being funded to work autonomously delivering comprehensive primary care services across Alberta, with the majority of them based in Calgary and Edmonton. Of these NPs, four are providing services on First Nations Reserves or Métis Settlements and twenty-four are currently practicing in rural communities. In the coming months, eight more NPs will begin practicing under the NPPCP.

Nurse practitioners interested in practicing through this program can submit an [expression of interest](#) to Alberta Health. Want to know more? Click on [Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program](#).



Transition to Regional Networks

From January to March 2025, Alberta Health held a second round of design workshops across the province as it continues the Transition to Regional Networks project. In-person sessions were held in Red Deer, Calgary, Grande Prairie, St. Paul, Edmonton, Taber, and Ft. McMurray, with additional virtual sessions for those who were unable to attend in-person. Engagement sessions (both in-person and virtually) were also held with Indigenous communities to provide a focused opportunity to discuss the needs of Indigenous peoples accessing primary health care. The project team will be using all stakeholder feedback to inform the recommendations for the Regional Network model that will be presented to Minister and Cabinet this Spring. Following government approvals, the project will shift to the implementation and transition planning phase.

Alberta Health thanks all those who attended and provided valuable feedback to the project team.



MAPS Summit

Alberta's government continues advancing primary health care by actively bringing together leaders and experts. The MAPS Summit held in Edmonton on January 23 and 24, 2025 was a two-day event which featured guest presentations and breakout sessions, providing attendees an opportunity to share feedback on MAPS regional and local implementation.

The MAPS Summit, themed "Leading Big Change Together," brought primary care leaders together to discuss progress on the Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) initiative. Honourable Minister LaGrange and CEO Primary Care Alberta, Kim Simmonds were guest speakers at the event. Speakers called for a unified health care system to support front-line workers, reduce pressure, and ensure primary care for all Albertans, while highlighting rural health care needs, flexibility for systemic changes, and an Indigenous MAPS stream. For a summary of the Summit discussion, visit: [MAPS Summit summary and Key themes](#).



MAPS Dashboard Quarterly Update

Stay up to date on progress on the 30 action items under the seven key focus areas in the MAPS 2-Year Implementation Plan by visiting the [MAPS Public Dashboard](#) which was updated on March 31, 2025.



Newsletters

Stay tuned for the MAPS Summer 2025 issue of the newsletter.



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