

From the CMO

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Regional Primary Health Care Network update

Dear colleagues,

I want to thank you for your patience as we work through the process of regionalizing our Primary Care Networks – I know many of you are, understandably, finding this a long and challenging period of change. Here is an update on that transition process.

As we await policy and regulatory approvals from the Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS), Primary Care Alberta (PCA) is developing an implementation plan for Regional Primary Health Care Networks (RPHCNs). We recognize the need for clear and practical guidance documents – particularly in the areas of attachment, referrals, quality improvement, quality assurance, and virtual care. Developing that guidance is actively underway, in consultation with both internal and external partners.

The RPHCNs and their eventual transition is essential to the success of the [Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System \(MAPS\) implementation plan](#), which guides our efforts to strengthen primary healthcare across the province. Given the scale and importance of this undertaking, due diligence is critical to ensuring a stable and effective transition. Throughout this work we will be actively seeking advice and insights from frontline clinicians, family physicians, and the operational and medical leaders across Primary Care Networks.

We are grateful for the input and ongoing participation of physician representatives through the newly established PCA Physician Advisory Group. Their insights will be instrumental in shaping physician engagement strategies and informing the documents and processes related to Regional Primary Health Care Network implementation.

While the technical components and supporting policies for regionalization continue to develop, I genuinely appreciate the dedication of our colleagues in primary care who remain focused on the vital work of caring for patients each day. Your continued commitment is foundational to the success of the system we are building together.

Warm regards,

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