

Consultation Companion Guide

Why are you seeing changes to multiple standards?

The Government of Alberta's legislative changes respecting dual practice required CPSA to develop a new Dual Practice standard of practice. During that work, CPSA also reviewed related standards to ensure the standards suite remains internally consistent, reflects current legislation and practice, and avoids duplication or conflicting expectations. Rows identified as Legislative Alignment highlight amendments made to reflect changes in legislation, regulations, Orders in Council or Ministerial Orders.

This workbook summarizes the significant amendments proposed for consultation. It is intended to complement—not replace—the accompanying marked versions of the standards. Formatting changes, renumbering, and other minor amendments are shown in the marked versions but are not individually described here.

The amendments fall into four categories:

Legislative alignment (Bill 11)

Changes required to align terminology or obligations with legislation, regulations or Ministerial Orders.

Standards harmonization

Changes that clarify which standard owns a particular professional obligation and improve consistency across the standards suite.

Legislative alignment/Standards harmonization

Changes prompted by the dual practice legislative framework that harmonize terminology and professional expectations across the standards suite

Modernization

Changes that reflect current professional practice and communication methods without changing the underlying regulatory principles.

Terminology hierarchy

The legislative terms were used where precision is important and the audience is primarily physicians (e.g.,*Dual Practice*).

Plain-language terms, followed by the legislative terms in parentheses, were used where patients are also an audience (e.g.,*Advertising*).

Standard-specific terminology was used where the standard regulates a broader concept than the legislation (e.g.,*Charging for Uninsured Professional Services*).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST			
PRIMARY DRIVER	CURRENT PROVISION(S)	AMENDED PROVISION(S)	RATIONALE
Modernization	Preamble (new)	Added a preamble describing the purpose of the standard, emphasizing the fiduciary duty owed to patients and recognizing that conflicts of interest may arise in many aspects of professional practice, including publicly funded and privately funded health services.	Provides context for the standard, modernizes it to reflect contemporary practice environments and reinforces the professional obligation to place patients' interests first.
Standards harmonization	Definitions (updated/new)	Updates/defines both conflict of interest and inducement.	Clarifies key concepts before introducing the professional expectations and improves consistency with related standards, including <i>Advertising</i> and <i>Dual Practice</i> .
Standards harmonization	Clause 3: Personal advantage (new)	Added a prohibition on exploiting the physician-patient relationship for personal advantage by recommending, selling, or providing products, tests, devices, or services.	Consolidates patient-first expectations that previously arose across related standards and supports consistent management of financial or personal interests in care encounters.
Legislative alignment	"Related Standards"	<i>Dual Practice</i> added to the list.	Recognizes the relationship between dual practice and conflicts of interest and improves navigation across the standards suite.