

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*).

PATIENT RECORD CONTENT

PRIMARY DRIVER	CURRENT PROVISION(S)	AMENDED PROVISION(S)	RATIONALE
Legislative Alignment / Modernization	Definitions (new/updated)	Added and updated definitions, including cumulative patient profile, electronic medical record, financial record, medical scribe, and patient record.	Modernizes terminology, aligns record-related definitions with the Dual Practice framework, and improves consistency with related patient record standards.
Legislative Alignment / Standards Harmonization	Clauses 1-4: Documenting the encounter (new/updated)	Reorganized and clarified documentation expectations, including requirements respecting documentation standards, medical scribes, dictation and artificial intelligence (AI), financial disclosures, written acknowledgements, signed agreements, invoices, products recommended or supplied, interactions with the Alberta EHR, billing data, and missed or cancelled appointments.	Aligns documentation expectations with the dual practice legislative framework while modernizing the standard to reflect contemporary documentation practices and technologies.
Modernization	Clauses 5-7: Accessible information, abbreviations, and templates (new/updated)	Clarified when information does not need to be duplicated in the patient record, expectations respecting abbreviations, and requirements for using documentation templates, including copy-and-paste functions.	Improves the quality, readability, and reliability of patient records while reflecting contemporary electronic documentation practices.
Modernization	Clauses 8-10: Corrections to patient records (new/updated)	Reorganized and clarified expectations respecting requests to correct or amend patient records, refusals under the HIA, and late entries after a complaint or legal action has been initiated.	Improves clarity regarding regulated members’ responsibilities under the HIA while protecting the integrity of the patient record.