

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*).

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PRIMARY DRIVER	CURRENT PROVISION(S)	AMENDED PROVISION(S)	RATIONALE
Modernization	Preamble (new)	Added a preamble describing the purpose of the standard, clarifying accountability for directing a medical practice, delegation of responsibilities and the relationship to <i>Dual Practice</i> .	Modernizes the standard by providing context regarding the regulated member's overarching professional and operational responsibilities before introducing the requirements.
Modernization	Definitions (new/updated)	Added and updated definitions, including Accredited Medical Facilities, Affiliate, Designated representative, Group setting, and Medical director.	Clarifies terminology used throughout the standard and aligns concepts with the HIA, <i>CPSA Bylaws</i> , and related standards governing custodianship and medical practice management.
Legislative Alignment/ Standards Harmonization	Clause 1: Professional accountability (updated)	Clarified the regulated member's overarching responsibility for patient care and legislative compliance, including coordination of care and compliance with applicable legislative, regulatory, Ministerial Order and professional requirements.	Clarifies the distinction between responsibility for patient care and responsibility for the operation of a medical practice while aligning the standard with the current legislative framework.
Legislative Alignment/ Standards Harmonization	Clause 2: Practice management (updated)	Reorganized and clarified operational responsibilities respecting staffing, billing, advertising, custody of health information, Alberta EHR obligations, notification to CPSA, and identification of healthcare providers.	Aligns operational governance expectations with the Dual Practice legislative framework while improving consistency with related standards, including <i>Advertising</i> , <i>Charging for Uninsured Professional Services</i> , <i>Patient Record Management</i> and <i>Patient Record Content</i> .
Modernization	Clauses 3–4: Practice settings (updated)	Clarified expectations respecting designated representatives, contact persons, and regulated members practising in group settings that are not Accredited Medical Facilities.	Improves readability and clarifies accountability within group practice environments while maintaining the existing professional expectations.
Modernization	Clause 6: Medical practice incorporation (new)	Added expectation that a regulated member seeking to incorporate their medical practice must ensure the professional corporation is named appropriately.	Incorporates related <i>CPSA Bylaw</i> expectations and aligns with <i>Advertising</i> by prohibiting names that include claims, representations, endorsements, or testimonials.