

THIRD WAY PROGRESS UPDATE

What we've done	What it means	Where we're going
<p>The Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project First surgeries began in May 2005 in the Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions.</p>	<p>Early results from the pilot show that the new patient flow process is improving access.</p>	<p>Early results are promising. Project could be expanded to other regions.</p>
<p>Enhance the Alberta Waitlist Registry Major enhancements completed in July 2005</p>	<p>Albertans can easily view online the wait times across the province for a particular procedure.</p>	<p>To improve access, we are measuring and posting wait times, setting goals and redesigning services.</p>
<p>Enhanced Goods and Services Regulatory changes effective September 1 2005.</p>	<p>Government has removed barriers to allow RHAs to be more flexible and innovative in meeting patient needs which goods and services are enhanced and for which a fee can be charged.</p>	<p>Facilitate greater RHA decision making to meet local needs. Allows RHAs to respond to patient preferences. We expect to hear from RHAs shortly on what items they could offer as enhanced</p>
<p>More choice for hospital patients Regulation changes effective September 1 2005.</p>	<p>RHAs can offer patients preferred accommodation for an additional fee.</p>	<p>RHAs are looking at expanding patient choice beyond private or semiprivate rooms to offer "value-added" non-health services to patients who want them.</p>
<p>Secondary Insurance changes Alberta Health Care Insurance Regulation changes effective July 1.</p>	<p>Albertans with secondary insurance are able to use it upfront to help pay for chiropractic or podiatry fees, rather than pay those fees themselves.</p>	<p>Government will review options to remove more barriers to private insurance to cover supplemental health services.</p>
<p>Primary Care Networks (PCNs) In July 2005 Alberta's third PCN began operations.</p>	<p>More than 150,000 patients in Edmonton, Parkland County and Bonnyville are receiving care from a team of health care providers.</p>	<p>Six more PCNs are nearing completion and expect to be launched in November and December 2005.</p>

What's coming	What it means	Where we're going
<p>October 2005</p> <p>Premier's Healthy Workplace Awards Program announced.</p>	<p>Employers are recognized for their initiatives to promote health in the workplace.</p>	<p>Increased awareness and responsibility for wellness in the workplace will have a significant impact on health and wellbeing and reduce costs.</p>
<p>November 2005</p> <p>New Health Policy Framework</p> <p>Increase Public Awareness on health costs</p> <p>Alberta Drug Strategy</p> <p>Mental Health Innovation Fund</p> <p>Transform the Health Quality Council</p>	<p>Draft for discussion ready. The Framework describes government's policy intentions</p> <p>Albertans will receive information on the <i>Canada Health Act</i>, what Alberta currently pays for that falls outside the Act.</p> <p>Government has a co-ordinated and community based approach to prevention, treatment and law enforcement.</p> <p>Support for regional mental health plan priorities.</p> <p>A stronger role for the Council to improve patient safety and quality of care.</p>	<p>Albertans have a clear picture of how health services will evolve. Roles and expectations for all stakeholders, including individuals, families, health providers, communities, RHAs and government are be set out.</p> <p>Shift public expectations from an "entitlement to all" perspective to a shared responsibility perspective.</p> <p>Increased health and well-being of Albertans by preventing and reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drug use.</p> <p>Enhanced community capacity; target special populations, particularly children and youth.</p> <p>Best practices are shared consistently so all health authorities can learn from significant events. Albertans have confidence in Alberta's health care system.</p>

<p>December 2005</p> <p>Accept recommendations of the MLA Task Force on Continuing Care Health Service and Accommodation Standards Report</p> <p>Health Workforce Strategy</p>	<p>Implementation of the standards will mean more training, more staff, better planning and administration and improved concerns resolution processes.</p> <p>Improved and coordinated recruitment and retention activities</p>	<p>Enhanced programs and services, improved access, greater consistency, improved inspection mechanisms, and a customer-based hospitality approach to services.</p> <p>The short and long term demands of the system are met.</p>
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