



## Program Improvement Integration Networks (PINs) Fact Sheet

The fact sheet helps address general questions for Program Improvement Integration Networks (PINs) for AHS employees whose positions identified for transfer to ACA.

**Acute Care Alberta** Acute Care Alberta (ACA) is the new provincial health agency that will oversee the governance and coordination of acute care services across Alberta by working directly with acute care service providers—including Alberta Health Services (AHS), Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre and chartered surgical facilities—hospitals, urgent care centres, and EMS to make every patient’s journey through the acute care system efficient and effective.

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**Transferring to ACA** Approximately 425 positions have been identified for transfer from AHS to ACA effective April 1, 2025. Positions and functions identified for transfer belong to the following areas: quality management and improvement, operations oversight and coordination, acute care commissioning and surgical contract management, and acute care strategy and planning. All Program Improvement Integration Networks (PINS) will report to ACA effective April 1, 2025.

This transfer enables ACA to begin assuming province-wide oversight of acute care so that AHS can shift from the single health authority to a leading hospital service provider with a renewed focus on shorter wait times and supporting high-quality hospital care.

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**Scope of Change** All PINs will transfer from AHS to ACA in one cohesive move effective April 1, 2025. This transfer includes all PINs currently within AHS: Surgery, Emergency and EMS, Critical Care, Medicine (except Stability and Fragility Program), Children’s Health, Women’s Health, Cardiovascular, and Neuroscience and Stroke. The Surgery PIN, Provincial Surgery Utilization team, the Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) and the Institute of Healthcare Optimization team (IHO) will integrate to form a new provincial program within ACA called Surgical Care Alberta to serve as a provincial hub for surgical expertise, standardization, and planning, effective April 1, 2025.

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**Work Continuity** PINs will continue to work with service providers and other components of the health care system as they always have. The transition is structured to minimize disruption and maintain continuity in the valuable work that PINs perform. Any changes to processes or ways of working after April 1, 2025 will be communicated with affected staff and stakeholders.

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**Support** For HR questions, please email [transition.hr@ahs.ca](mailto:transition.hr@ahs.ca). For questions about ACA, please email [ask@acutecarealberta.ca](mailto:ask@acutecarealberta.ca).

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