



AHS, Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre, Chartered Surgical Facilities Fact Sheet

This fact sheet helps address questions for AHS, Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre and chartered surgical facilities regarding the transfer of responsibilities to Acute Care Alberta effective April 1, 2025.

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.

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. Additionally, 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.

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.

Scope of Change On April 1, 2025, all provincial surgical responsibilities that were previously managed by AHS will transfer to ACA and be managed through Surgical Care Alberta as a new provincial program to reduce surgical wait times and ensure Albertans have access to high-quality surgical care. This means ACA will assume responsibility of setting surgical standards, targets and policies, determining volumes of surgeries (consistent with existing contracts), monitoring performance, reporting on surgical performance and setting surgical priorities across the province.

Work Continuity AHS, Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre and chartered surgical facilities will continue to deliver surgeries and manage operational aspects, including staffing, facilities, and patient care. There is no anticipated change to contracts or agreements, surgical operations, processes, systems or ways of working on April 1, 2025. Existing contracts or agreements affected by this transfer will transfer as-is from AHS to ACA. Existing relationships will be maintained and work will occur over the coming months to establish new practices or approaches, if needed.

Collaboration As all provincial surgical responsibilities transfer to ACA, AHS, Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre and chartered surgical facilities will deliver high-quality services in alignment with ACA’s policies and standards. This collaborative approach will foster an environment where best practices and innovations can be shared, ultimately benefiting all providers in their delivery of health services.

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