



Primary Care
organization



Acute Care
organization



Continuing Care
organization



Mental Health and
Addiction
organization

Bill 22 – The Health Statutes Amendment Act

This bill lays out the governance of the new organizations and allows the government to move employees to them. Bill 22 enables the transition from one regional health authority, Alberta Health Services, to an integrated system of four sector-based provincial health agencies, including Primary care, Acute care, Continuing Care, and Recovery Alberta. It was passed on May 29, 2024.

The Four Organizations that will administer Health Care in Alberta:

- 1. Primary Care:** Primary health care includes visits with a family doctor or nurse practitioner, visits to Primary Care Networks, consultation with a specialist, preventative care and chronic disease management.
 - For Local 196, this could include Public Health, SCOPE, Chronic Disease Management and Weight Wise Programs, Antenatal care, STI, Family Care, OHNs with WHS, Health Link, AVIRT, SART, Birth Control, and Communicable Disease Control.
- 2. Acute Care:** Acute Care includes the delivery of hospital care, urgent care centres, cancer care, clinical operations, surgeries and emergency medical services. The Acute Care organization will work directly with acute care providers, including Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health and chartered surgical facilities:
 - For Local 196, this could include Northeast Community Health Centre ER, Strathcona Hospital, and East Edmonton Urgent Care, and possibly RAAPID, and Integrated Quality Management.
- 3. Continuing Care:** The Continuing Care organization will provide provincial oversight, coordination, service delivery, home care, and community care, including rehabilitative or restorative care. These services and supports may be provided in different settings, including individuals' homes, continuing care homes, supportive living accommodations, and adult day programs. UNA is still examining what these changes might mean for home care nurses.
 - For Local 196, this could include Home Care, Facility Living, Supportive Living, Bed Hub, Transition Services, System Case Managers, CHOICE, Continuing Care Psychiatric Consulting, Community Care Access, and any home care specialty programs such as Children's or Urban palliative.
- 4. Mental Health & Addiction:** The Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction will oversee the mental health and addiction system, including managing funding. The focus will be on recovery-oriented care for Albertans, delivering services that span prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery supports.
 - For Local 196, this could include Henwood, Adult Recovery Centre, WISH, ODP/Narcotic Transitions, Addictions and Mental Health Clinics in Public Health Centres and 108 st Clinic, Edmonton Families at Risk, Leduc Mental Health Clinic, St. Albert Mental Health Clinic and Youth Addictions Services Edmonton.

Oversight Minister

- Bill 22 designates the minister of health as “oversight minister” of the entire system.
- Can act in the public interest regarding delivering health care services during emergencies or when agencies fail to provide adequate services.
- Determines the number of agency members and designates a member as a chair or vice-chair.

Sector Minister

- Are designated by the minister of health.
- Mental Health and Addiction Minister Dan Williams will be the sector minister for Recovery Alberta.
- Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange is the sector minister for primary care, continuing care and acute care.

The new mental health and addiction service agency, Recovery Alberta, is slated to be created this summer, and the government has promised fall legislation to develop new continuing and primary care organizations.

Amendments to the Regional Health Authorities Act:

- Enables the transfer of staff from AHS to the new Public Health Authorities
- Allows the transition to a sector-specific provincial health system.
- Changes the name of the *Regional Health Authorities Act* to the *Provincial Health Agencies Act*

New AHS Board:

The seven-member board will support the transition of AHS into health care organizations. The new AHS board members include:

1. **Dr Lyle Oberg** - Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Alberta in 1983. Oberg was elected as a Progressive Conservative in 1993 as the MLA for Bow Valley. Appointed to the Alberta Cabinet in 1997 and served in numerous posts. Oberg was appointed Minister of Family and Social Services, Minister of Learning, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and Minister of Finance.
2. **Sandy Edmonstone** – Independent businessman and the President and CEO of a private investment firm. Head of Global Energy and a Managing Director at National Bank Financial. Board chair, Calgary Health Foundation.
3. **Paul George Haggis** – Enwave District Energy Limited, Board of Directors.
4. **Andre Tremblay** – Andre has served in various senior leadership roles, most recently as deputy minister of Education, deputy minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and deputy minister of Transportation—undergraduate degree in Human Geography.
5. **Evan Romanow** - Joined the Government of Alberta in 2011. He served as Assistant Deputy Minister in several ministries, including Mental Health and Addiction, Health, and Seniors and Housing. Undergraduate and master's degrees in political sciences from the University of Alberta
6. **Cynthia Farmer** - Served as deputy minister in Service Alberta, assistant deputy minister in Community and Social Services, Economic Development and Trade, Alberta Energy and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. She has been a public service member since 1999, with an undergraduate degree in education.
7. **Additional member to be named**

Resources:

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