

Blended Capitation Model – What Albertans should know

Changes in the care received

As an Albertan, you will continue to receive excellent care from your family doctor with the added benefit of increased access to primary health care. The goal is for you to have more of your health concerns addressed in each appointment, receive a greater range of services, and develop a close relationship with your doctor and other health care providers.

Under this ARP model, you have more access to other health providers, such as nurses, dieticians and physical therapists, throughout your health care journey. There is also a greater emphasis on patient education, health promotion and wellness.

Affiliate with a clinic

You are still able to access care anywhere at any time. However, your family doctor's pay is impacted when you access care from a family doctor at another clinic, medicentre or walk-in clinic. This is why it is important to sign up with your family doctor by completing an affiliation form.

Both you and your doctor need to sign the affiliation form agreeing to a patient-doctor relationship and the expectations and benefits related to the relationship.

The affiliation form outlines details of the patient-doctor relationship, and asks patients to seek as much care at the clinic where they have signed up as possible. This allows your family doctor to have a full understanding of your needs and your care and creates a trusting and well-informed relationship between you and your family doctor.

Benefits of affiliation

By signing the affiliation form, you are agreeing to seek care, whenever possible, at the clinic you sign up with and to update the clinic of any changes in your health.

In turn, you have the benefit of accessing care in one place that not only coordinates your care and journey in the health system, but also creates a better relationship with your doctor, clinic and other health providers.

You can only be affiliated with one clinic at a time. If you sign up with a second clinic, you are automatically removed from the first clinic's affiliation list.