



### Calgary Zone Medical Staff Newsletter – August 2019

#### Connect Care Update

##### Professional Billing in Connect Care

A prescriber can continue to do their professional billing completely outside of Connect Care using an independent third party billing service. For prescribers choosing this option, their billing process will be similar to today, except the patient information will come from Connect Care (ie. Patient lists).

All prescribers will have the option to opt in to using the Service Code Navigator (SCN) in Connect Care. In the SCN, service codes and modifiers can be assigned for each patient encounter, with diagnosis pre-populated from the documentation already entered. Reports with the billing information can be provided to a biller, via secured email or encrypted USB storage devices. This process is intended to save time for the biller by including all relevant information needed for billing Alberta Health, WCB, private insurance/self-pay, federal insurance and others. In this option, any reconciliation happens via your biller outside of Connect Care.

At this point, only prescribers in an AMHSP or ARP agreement with AHS employees doing their billing may have the additional option for full integrated billing through Connect Care.

Some additional resources to help keep you informed about Connect Care:

- Provincial Physician Updates <http://bytesblog.ca>
- Calgary Zone Physician Website <http://www.ahs.ca/cmiocaz>
- Contact [cmio.caz@ahs.ca](mailto:cmio.caz@ahs.ca)