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To: PCNs and Community Physicians

From: Dr. Francois Belanger - VP, Quality and Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Ted Braun - VP and Medical Director, Clinical Operations; Jitendra Prasad - Chief Program Officer, CPSM

RE: AHS extending PPE ordering option until September 30, 2021

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and community primary care and specialist physicians have the option to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) and some cleaning supplies from Alberta Health Services (AHS).

In June 2020, AHS committed to supplying PPE on a cost-recovery basis to PCNs and community physicians until March 31, 2021. **This option has now been extended until September 30, 2021 and will be re-evaluated at that time.** Ordering and billing processes stay the same.

To obtain PPE, PCN members should order through their PCN. Community physicians who are not members of PCNs can order directly through AHS.

More information here:

- Ordering process for [PCNs and PCN member physicians](#)
- Ordering process [for other community physicians who are not members of PCNs](#) (non-PCN primary care physicians and community specialists)

AHS is just one option for community physicians to order PPE. You can source from any supplier of your choice. [AHS pricing for PPE](#) is subject to change at any time based on our supply chains. AHS prices for PPE reflect the cost of the product as well as internal distribution, administration and processing. We do not make a profit on PPE distribution.

There is no obligation to purchase supplies through AHS and no commitment term. PCNs and community physicians may opt in or out of purchasing supplies through AHS at any time.

Thank you,

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