

Manitoba Primary Care Quality Indicator (PCQI) Update: version 5.0

PCQI Changes and Related Tariff Information

1. How are changes made to Manitoba's Primary Care Quality Indicators?

The Manitoba Primary Care Quality Indicator Advisory Committee (MPAC) reviews suggestions from clinicians, considers current best practice and clinical evidence to develop and revise Manitoba's Primary Care Quality Indicators.

MPAC recommended the approved changes and updates to the Primary Care Quality Indicators. These changes are available in the [Primary Care Quality Indicators Guides, minimum version 5.0](#) which includes the full standards, calculations and related ICD9 codes.

2. Summary of Changes to the Primary Care Quality Indicators:

- **New *Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections (STBBIs)* Indicator Cluster**, including management of patients on PrEP, management of HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.
- Additions and updates to the ***Mental Health and Addiction Management Indicator Cluster***:
 - **Added indicators** for the management of ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder and Schizophrenia.
 - **Cannabinoids are no longer excluded** from the ongoing assessment and management of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) indicators.
- **Updates** to the ***COPD Screening and Management*** and ***Smoking Cessation Counselling*** indicators to now **include vaping**, found in the Prevention Indicator Cluster and COPD Management Indicator Cluster.
- **Updated Indicator name** from previous Colon Cancer Screening Indicator has been changed to **Colorectal Cancer Screening**, found in the *Prevention* Indicator Cluster.

3. Do I need to achieve 100% compliance with Manitoba's PCQIs?

Although meeting the prevention and care guidelines outlined in the PCQIs should be the goal, many factors (some of which are out of the control of clinicians) may impact attainment. The purpose of the Manitoba PCQIs is to foster quality improvement in clinical practice and be used as a tool to facilitate clinical assessments, but do not supersede the clinical decision-making process.

Home Clinics in Manitoba receive quarterly '*Primary Care Reports for Home Clinics*' that contain indicator completeness for enrolled patients at the clinic and provider level, and can be used for practice reflection and as a quality improvement tool.

Please see #7 below for more details on PCQIs related to applicable tariffs.

4. How do these changes affect charting in my EMR and the Primary Care Data Extract?

Your EMR should capture the information required for the PCQIs, such as diagnosis or tests. This may be in the form of a discrete field or date, and/or with built-in forms or tools available in the EMR. Contact

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your vendor on how to capture information and ensure that applicable fields are populated. The Home Clinic team can also support improved EMR PCQI data quality in your practice.

Some of the new indicators require updates to your Certified EMR to enable the associated clinical alerts and reminders, recording of patient data and submission of additional data to Manitoba Health via the Primary Care Data Extract (PCDE). These updates are available in a revised EMR specification and your vendor will need to complete certification to this new component. Clinicians should understand how and where to capture information related to the indicators in their EMR once certification has taken place. Your EMR vendor can provide support. If you are a registered primary care Home Clinic, you can also contact your assigned Home Clinic Liaison for support.

If you use a non-Certified EMR, your vendor will need to complete development work in your EMR to enable recording and submission of the PCQIs in alignment with Manitoba's Primary Care Quality Indicators. Your vendor will need to participate in validation activities to ensure the PCDE meets the requirements which may require your support. You will also have a different mechanism than Certified EMRs to submit your PCDE.

5. How do we get access to the new and updated indicators in our EMR?

You must be using a Certified EMR that has achieved certification to version 5.0 of the [Primary Care Quality Indicator Reminders and Data Extract specification, currently available as part of Manitoba's EMR Certification framework](#). This provides the clinical alerts and reminders in your EMR to support care in alignment with [Manitoba's Primary Care Quality Indicators Guide \(v5.0\)](#). EMR certification also provides the associated EMR functionality to enable recording of the care in your EMR and submission of the data via the Primary Care Data Extract to Manitoba Health. To review the status of your EMR, visit Shared Health's [EMR Certification status table](#).

6. What should I do while I wait for my EMR vendor to certify to the new EMR specification?

Physicians should follow the guidelines in the Manitoba Primary Care Quality Indicators Guide version 4.x until their EMR is certified against the latest Primary Care Quality Indicator Reminders and Data Extract Specification. Continue to ensure that your EMR contains documentation supporting related tariffs. This includes recording applicable diagnoses and recording PCQI-related care provided to the patient. To learn more about the status of your EMR certifying to the Primary Care Quality Indicator Reminders and Data Extract Specification, review the [EMR Certification status table](#) webpage and contact your EMR Vendor.

7. How do these changes impact claiming the Family Medicine Plus (FM+), Comprehensive Care Management (CCM) tariffs and Chronic Disease Management (CDM) tariffs?

These changes may impact claiming of FM+ / CCM tariffs if you cannot submit the required patient care information as outlined in the Manitoba Physician's Manual and associated tariff guidelines. Clinics should be monitoring certification progress of their EMR Vendor and should have conversations with their vendor about how to access the new EMR functionality once certification has been achieved. In some cases, this may require an EMR upgrade. There is understanding this process may take some time however clinics are encouraged to have a plan in place with their EMR Vendor. Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

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may provide additional information on timing expectations in relation to submission of the revised PCDE for claiming CCM/FM+ tariffs.

Reminder that the CCM Tariffs will be sunset as of December 31, 2024 (removed from the Manitoba Physician's Manual) and will no longer be applicable for billing.

Note: the PCQI v5.0 update changes do not affect the Patient Care Treatment forms for online or paper submission of the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Tariffs. Please follow this link to the [Chronic Disease Management \(CDM\) Tariffs web page](#) for forms and submission information.

8. How can I make suggestions for development and changes to the Primary Care Quality Indicators?

Contact the Primary Care Quality Indicator Lead: Email - primarycare@sharedhealthmb.ca

For More Information:

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| Family Medicine Plus, CCM and CDM Tariffs and Claims - MHS LTC Claims | https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/claims/index.html Claims Unit – Claims Enquiry: 204-786-7355 |
| EMR Certification and Support Digital Shared Services - Primary Care / Community Information Systems Office | https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/digital-health/pcis-office/ Email: PCISOffice@sharedhealthmb.ca |
| Home Clinic Support Digital Shared Services - Primary Care / Community Information Systems Office | https://healthproviders.sharedhealthmb.ca/services/digital-health/home-clinics/ Email: homeclinic@sharedhealthmb.ca |
| Primary Care Quality Indicators MHS LTC Primary Care Provider Portal | https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/primarycare/providers/pccqi.html |

Family Medicine Plus Tariff ICD Codes

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/claims/docs/chronic-disease-clusters-icd-code-resource.pdf>