Office building code changes: What physicians should know

As of April 1, 2019, the province of Alberta has changed its building code to improve the accessibility of doctors' offices for people with physical and auditory disabilities. The changes make it easier for people with disabilities to enter the doctor's office and exam area, but also make examining a patient - especially a person with a physical disability - more appropriate for both patient and doctor.

What will these changes look like?

The results are in: Winners of the 2019 AMA student sponsorships

The Committee on Student Affairs reviewed applications for the 2019 AMA student sponsorship and chose 17 projects/events to receive funding.

Top stories from our last issue

The top story from the May 16 issue of MD Scope was:

- Apply to join the Healthy Working Environments Advisory Committee
- Dr. Paul Boucher is AMA's President-Elect
Congratulations to all recipients. We wish you success with your event/initiative!

Have you registered yet?

Registration closes June 12

Meet us on Monday, June 17, at the prestigious Red Deer Golf and Country Club, for the 92nd Annual North/South Doctors’ Golf Tournament!

Picture it: 18 holes of premium golf, a hot breakfast and lunch, excellent prizes and souvenirs... A great day and great way to support medical student bursaries!

This important charitable event is Alberta’s longest-running golf tournament and all proceeds and sponsorship dollars raised directly fund medical student bursaries.

Help support the next generation of physicians by registering today.

Register online

Extended coverage for water damage
Water damage is the leading cause of home insurance claims in Canada. To offer better protection, TD Insurance Meloche Monnex has expanded its coverage with an optional Extended Water Damage Endorsement. This option includes coverage against sudden and accidental water damage caused by:

- Sewer backup and sump pump failure.
- Ground and surface water that enters into your home below ground level (including heavy rainfall or melting snow that enters your foundation).
- Overland flooding due to the rising or overflow of any stream or body of freshwater.

Additionally, if there is a paid loss under this new coverage, TDIMM will provide $1,000 toward the installation of a backflow valve or sump pump with a backup system to help mitigate future losses.

This water damage coverage will be "read-in" to existing eligible customers. This means that the coverage will automatically be granted to existing eligible customers with no changes to premiums, limits, deductibles or policy documents until next renewal. Non-eligible customers will keep their current water damage coverage.

To ensure the fastest possible service when contacting TDIMM, be sure to use the AMA's exclusive toll-free line: 1.844.859.6566.

New specialties added to Alberta Netcare eReferral

On May 21, new specialties were added to eReferral Consult Requests (i.e., requests for in-person appointments with a specialist) in the Calgary Zone, including:

- Internal Med - Pulmonary Medicine (Interventional Pulmonary Medicine)
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was added to eReferral Advice Request (i.e., non-urgent questions sent to a specialist and responded to within five calendar days) in the Central (patients in Red Deer and south), Calgary and South AHS Zones.

For more about eReferral, including a full list of specialties available for eReferral Advice and Consult Requests, visit eReferral online.

CII CPAR initiative update
The Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry initiative is progressing! CII/CPAR is moving from testing phase into an early launch phase. As a technological enabler of continuity of care, CII/CPAR is the chosen vehicle to integrate community EMRs with two-way data flow. With continuity of care being a key priority for PCNs and practices in advancing the Patient’s Medical Home, the move to the early launch phase opens the gate to interested early-adopter clinics using a tested EMR. Currently 31 clinics in both primary and specialty care have implemented the initiative, with data entered in Alberta Netcare to form Community Encounter Digests on over 35,000 unique patients.

Want to learn more?
You will find new videos and other valuable resources online in the reorganized and revised CII/CPAR Tools & Resources page of the TOP website.

Training for Improvement Facilitators
Are you an improvement facilitator (IF) or have a similar role in a PCN or member clinic? Have you already completed core IF training? Visit the TOP website to learn about other requirements, registration date options and further details to prepare for the next steps in undertaking CII/CPAR.
Primary care physician needed for advisory committee

We are seeking a primary care physician to represent the Alberta Medical Association on the Alberta Colorectal Cancer Screening Program Advisory Committee (ACRCSP AC). The ACRCSP AC provides oversight and advice to support effective, population-based colorectal cancer screening programs in Alberta.

The advisory committee meets twice a year (June and December) for a half-day meeting in Calgary.

The inaugural meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, from 6:30-9 p.m.

If you are interested in sitting on this committee please email Dr. Lyle Mittelsteadt.

Join the ACRCSP Advisory Committee

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