ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Dual Practice and Bill 11

KEY TIMELINE

2025

November 19

1 — Government announces proposed dual practice model

Premier Danielle Smith publicly announced plans to allow physicians to work in both public and private settings, with an initial focus on increasing surgical capacity and reducing wait times.

November

2 — AMA work begins

AMA begins an environmental scan of the Canadian and international dual practice context.

November 24

3 — Bill 11 tabled and dual practice announced

Government tables Bill 11: Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) and announces its intention to enable dual practice in Alberta. The bill introduces the broader legislative framework for flexibly participating physicians and non-Plan services.

December 11

4 — Bill 11 receives Royal Assent

Bill 11 receives Royal Assent, establishing the legislative foundation for Alberta's dual practice framework. Some provisions remain subject to specific coming-into-force timing.

December 19

5 — AMA international scan completed

AMA completes the Executive Summary: Dual Practice in Select Countries, examining dual practice approaches in selected international jurisdictions.

2026

January

6 — AMA Dual Practice Task Force formed

The AMA establishes the Dual Practice Task Force to examine the proposed model and identify safeguards required to protect patients, physicians and the publicly funded health system.

April 30

7 — AMA proposed safeguards submitted

The AMA submits 70 proposed safeguards to the Government of Alberta.
The safeguards address workforce, equitable access, quality and patient safety, legal and ethical considerations, oversight, health information and system sustainability.

June 18

8 — Government announces implementation approach

Government announces that Alberta's dual practice model is planned to launch in September 2026. The initial model will allow eligible physicians to provide publicly funded surgeries and privately, paid surgeries in accredited facilities.

June 22

9 — Launch of Expressions of Interest

An Expressions of Interest process for physicians interested in dual practice opened June 22, 2026 and is expected to close July 17, 2026.

September

10 — Planned launch of dual practice

Alberta's dual practice model is expected to begin, subject to final implementation requirements, physician eligibility criteria and other operational details. Primary and Preventative Health Services and Hospital and Surgical Health Services will oversee implementation. **Acute Care Alberta** will support implementation and monitor the model's impact on public system capacity.

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