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To: all practitioners and billing staff

Effective January 1, 2012, Alberta Health and Wellness is changing its method of distributing Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Bulletins to practitioners.

We will continue to produce Bulletins when needed to provide information about changes to schedules of benefits and other important claim submission, processing and payment matters. **We will continue to post new Bulletins** on our public website at: www.health.alberta.ca/professionals/bulletins.html and on the secure H-Link site.

We will use the following methods to alert you when a new Bulletin has been produced:

- A notice will be inserted with the weekly Statement of Assessment, describing where the new Bulletin can be found online for viewing/downloading/printing.
- A message will be displayed on H-Link.
 - Practitioners who are accredited submitters can view messages about new Bulletins by clicking on “H-Link News and Help” after logging on, and use the Search function on that page to access Bulletins.
 - Practitioners who are clients of an accredited submitter may be able to arrange to receive Bulletins from their submitter.
- Each Bulletin web page on our website will have its own RSS feed.
 - You can choose to subscribe to the feed, using an RSS reader or your Internet browser. When a new Bulletin is posted on our website, the RSS feed is also updated. We also recommend you check our website regularly as new Bulletins may be posted at any time.
- The professional associations* will be notified.
 - Currently, the Alberta Association of Optometrists and the Alberta Medical Association have links to Alberta Health and Wellness Bulletins for their members at: www.optometrists.ab.ca and www.albertadoctors.org, respectively.

In addition to realizing significant production and distribution cost savings, the changes described above align with the *Greening Government Strategy*, which commits the Government of Alberta to improving the environmental footprint of its business practices.

*Alberta Association of Optometrists, Alberta Dental Association and College, Alberta Medical Association, Alberta Podiatry Association

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