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**To:** PCNs and Community Physicians

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**RE:** AHS extending PPE ordering option until March 31, 2022 and direct ordering now available for community physicians

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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).

AHS has supplied PPE on a cost-recovery basis to PCNs and community physicians since June 2020. **This option has now been extended until March 31, 2022.**

**Ordering and billing processes will change for physician members of PCNs who decide to opt out as an ordering hub. All physicians may now direct order supplies from AHS instead of ordering through a PCN hub.**

Ordering process: [AHS PPE Distribution to Select Community Providers](#)

AHS is just one option for community physicians to order PPE. Supplies can be sourced from any supplier of your choice. [AHS pricing for PPE](#) is subject to change at any time based on supply chains. AHS prices for PPE reflect the cost of the product as well as internal distribution, administration and processing. AHS does 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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