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## New health region boundaries

Edmonton...The boundaries of Alberta's nine new health regions are finalized. The new boundaries come into effect April 1, 2003. A plan is being developed to ensure a smooth transition.

The boundaries are based on factors that include patient flow patterns and community trade patterns. Other goals were achieving larger regional populations, and taking advantage of local centres of expertise in patient care and administration, especially in rural areas. MLAs brought their constituents' comments and questions to the discussions and boundary decisions. The final boundaries aim to achieve a balance of all these considerations.

Fewer regions will reduce the flow of patients and money out of the smaller regions, giving them the resources to better meet patient needs. Larger regions will provide the population size, facilities, and resources to meet a wider range of health care needs, and to help attract and retain health professionals. Regions can take advantage of more opportunities to collaborate, innovate and achieve cost efficiencies.

"This change allows us to move forward with health reform initiatives, especially those that support greater regional collaboration and new ways of delivering services," said Gary Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness. "As a result, Albertans will see improved services as regions find it easier to implement health reforms such as multi-disciplinary teams in community-based facilities. In the new year, I will visit communities in the new regions and meet with staff, regional health authorities, and local community leaders."

Budgets for the new regions will be based on the same population-based funding formula now used to allocate funding to the regional health authorities.

A transition plan is being developed to address the structure, membership, and role of the new health authority boards. It will also provide for continuity of health care service delivery and fiscal responsibility throughout the transition period. Every effort will be made to maintain a stable work environment for health care workers. Details of the new regional governance structure will be available early in 2003.

A [map](#) showing the new boundaries is attached.

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# Backgrounder

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## Major Communities by Regional Health Authority Effective April 1, 2003

### Region 1

AETNA  
BARNWELL  
BARONS  
BELLEVUE  
BLAIRMORE  
BROCKET  
CARDSTON  
COALDALE  
COALHURST  
COLEMAN  
COUTTS  
COWLEY  
CRANFORD  
DEL BONITA  
DIAMOND CITY  
ENCHANT  
FORT MACLEOD  
GLENWOOD  
GRANUM  
GRASSY LAKE  
HAYS  
HILL SPRING  
HILLCREST MINES  
IRON SPRINGS  
LETHBRIDGE  
LUNDBRECK  
MAGRATH  
MILK RIVER  
MONARCH  
MOUNTAIN VIEW  
NEW DAYTON  
NOBLEFORD  
PICTURE BUTTE  
PINCHER CREEK  
PURPLE SPRINGS  
RAYMOND  
SHAUGHNESSY  
SPRING COULEE  
STAND OFF

### Region 2

ACADIA VALLEY  
ADEN  
BASSANO  
BIG STONE  
BINDLOSS  
BOW ISLAND  
BROOKS  
BUFFALO  
BURDETT  
CEREAL  
CESSFORD  
CHINOOK  
DUCHESS  
DUNMORE  
ELKWATER  
EMPRESS  
ESTHER  
ETZIKOM  
FINNEGAN  
FOREMOST  
GEM  
HILDA  
IDDESLEIGH  
IRVINE  
JENNER  
MALEB  
MANYBERRIES  
MEDICINE HAT  
MILLCENT  
NEW BRIGDEN  
ONEFOUR  
ORION  
OYEN  
PATRICIA  
POLLOCKVILLE  
RAINIER  
RALSTON  
REDCLIFF  
ROILING HILLS

### Region 3

AIRDRIE  
ALDERSYDE  
ARROWWOOD  
BALZAC  
BANFF  
BEISEKER  
BLACK DIAMOND  
BLACKIE  
BRAGG CREEK  
BRANT  
CALGARY  
CANMORE  
CARMANGAY  
CARSELAND  
CAYLEY  
CHAMPION  
CHESTERMERE  
CHESTERMERE LAKE  
CLARESHOLM  
CLUNY  
COCHRANE  
CROSSFIELD  
DALEMEAD  
DE WINTON  
DEAD MAN'S FLATS  
DELACOUR  
ENSIGN  
EXSHAW  
GLEICHEN  
HARVIE HEIGHTS  
HIGH RIVER  
HUSSAR  
IRRICANA  
KANANASKIS  
KATHYRN  
KEOMA  
LAC DES ARCS  
LAKE LOUISE

STAND OFF  
STIRLING  
TABER  
TURIN  
TWIN BUTTE  
VAUXHALL  
WARNER  
WATERTON PARK  
WELLING  
WRENTHAM

ROLLING HILLS  
ROSEMARY  
SCANDIA  
SCHULER  
SEDALIA  
SEVEN PERSONS  
SIBBALD  
SKIFF  
TILLEY  
WALSH  
WARDLOW  
YOUNGSTOWN

LANGDON  
LOMOND  
LONGVIEW  
LYALTA  
MADDEN  
MILLARVILLE  
MILO  
MORLEY  
MOSSLEIGH  
NANTON  
OKOTOKS  
PARKLAND  
PRIDDIS  
REDWOOD MEADOWS  
ROCKYFORD  
ROSEBUD  
SEEBE  
SIKSIKA  
STANDARD  
STAVELY  
STRATHMORE  
TSUU T'INA  
TURNER VALLEY  
VULCAN

**Region 4**

ACME  
ALDER FLATS  
ALHAMBRA  
ALIX  
ALSIKE  
ALTARIO  
BENALTO  
BENTLEY  
BIG VALLEY  
BIRCHCLIFF  
BLACKFALDS  
BLUFFTON  
BOTH A  
BOWDEN  
BRETON  
BROWNFIELD  
BUCK CREEK  
BUCK LAKE  
BYEMOOR  
CARBON  
CARNWOOD

**Region 5**

ALLIANCE  
AMISK  
ANDREW  
ARMENA  
BASHAW  
BAWLF  
BEAUVALLON  
BITTERN LAKE  
BLACKFOOT  
BODO  
BROSSEAU  
BRUCE  
BRUDERHEIM  
CADOGAN  
CAMROSE  
CHAUVIN  
CHIPMAN  
CLANDONALD  
CZAR  
DAYS LAND  
DENWOOD

**Region 6**

ALCOMDALE  
ARDROSSAN  
BEAUMONT  
BON ACCORD  
CALAHOO  
CALMAR  
CARVEL  
COOKING LAKE  
DEVON  
DUFFIELD  
EDMONTON  
ENOCH  
ENTWISTLE  
EVANSBURG  
FALLIS  
FORT SASKATCHEWAN  
GAINFORD  
GIBBONS  
KAPASIWIN  
LANCASTER PARK  
LEDUC

CAROLINE  
CARSTAIRS  
CASTOR  
CLIVE  
COLLEGE HEIGHTS  
COMPEER  
CONDOR  
CONSORT  
CORONATION  
CRAIGMYLE  
CREMONA  
CYNTHIA  
DELBURNE  
DELIA  
DIDSBURY  
DONALDA  
DOROTHY  
DRAYTON VALLEY  
DRUMHELLER  
EAST COULEE  
ECKVILLE  
ELNORA  
ENDIANG  
ERSKINE  
FALUN  
FENN  
GADSBY  
GWYNNE  
HALFMOON BAY  
HALKIRK  
HANNA  
HOBBEMA  
HUXLEY  
INNISFAIL  
JAMES RIVER BRIDGE  
JARVIS BAY  
KIRRIEMUIR  
LACOMBE  
LACOMBE COUNTY  
LESLIEVILLE  
LINDALE  
LINDEN  
LODGEPOLE  
LOUSANA  
MA-ME-O BEACH  
MARKERVILLE  
MILLET  
MIRROR  
MONITOR  
MORRIN

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MANNVILLE  
MARWAYNE  
MCLAUGHLIN  
MEETING CREEK  
METISKOW  
MINBURN  
MUNDARE  
MUSIDORA  
MYRNAM  
NEW NORWAY  
OHATON  
PARADISE VALLEY  
PROVOST  
RANFURLY  
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RYLEY  
SEDGEWICK  
ST MICHAEL  
STAR  
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LEGAL  
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NORTH COOKING LAKE  
REDWATER  
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SEBA BEACH  
SHERWOOD PARK  
SPRUCE GROVE  
SPRUCE GROVE/ASPEN  
ST ALBERT  
STONY PLAIN  
SUNNYBROOK  
THORSBY  
TOMAHAWK  
WABAMUN  
WARBURG  
WINTERBURN

MULHURST BAY  
MUNSON  
MYNARSKI PARK  
NACMINE  
NEVIS  
NORDEGG  
NORGLIWOLD  
OLDS  
PENHOLD  
PINE LAKE  
PONOKA  
RED DEER  
RED WILLOW  
RIMBEY  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
HOUSE  
ROCKY RAPIDS  
ROSEDALE STATION  
ROSEDALE VALLEY  
ROWLEY  
RUMSEY  
SPRINGBROOK  
SPRUCE VIEW  
STAUFFER  
STETTLER  
SUNDRE

STROME  
TOFIELD  
TULLIBY LAKE  
TWO HILLS  
VEGREVILLE  
VERMILION  
VIKING  
WAINWRIGHT  
WILLINGDON  
WOSTOK

SUNNYNOOK  
SWALWELL  
SYLVAN LAKE  
TEES  
THREE HILLS  
THRONE  
TORRINGTON  
TROCHU  
VETERAN  
WATER VALLEY  
WESTEROSE  
WETASKIWIN  
WIMBORNE  
WINFIELD

**Region 7**

ABEE  
ALBERTA BEACH  
ARDMORE  
ASHMONT  
ATHABASCA  
ATMORE  
BARRHEAD  
BELLIS  
BLOOMSBURY  
BLUE RIDGE  
BONNYVILLE  
BOYLE  
BOYNE LAKE  
BREYNAT  
BRULE  
BUSBY  
CADOMIN  
CALLING LAKE  
CAMP CREEK  
CANYON CREEK

**Region 8**

ATIKAMEG  
BAY TREE  
BEAR CANYON  
BEAVERLODGE  
BERWYN  
BEZANSON  
BLUEBERRY  
MOUNTAIN  
BLUESKY  
BONANZA  
BROWVALE  
CADOTTE LAKE  
CALAIS  
CARCAJOU  
CHERRY POINT  
CLAIRMONT  
CLEARDALE  
CROOKED CREEK  
DEADWOOD  
DEBOLT

**Region 9**

ANZAC  
BUFFALO HEAD  
PRAIRIE  
CHARD  
CHATEH  
CONKLIN  
FORT CHIPEWYAN  
FORT MACKAY  
FORT MCMURRAY  
FORT VERMILION  
FOX LAKE  
GARDEN RIVER  
HIGH LEVEL  
JOHN D'OR PRAIRIE  
LA CRETE  
MEANDER RIVER  
PADDLE PRAIRIE  
RAINBOW LAKE  
ZAMA CITY

CANTON CREEK  
CARROT CREEK  
CASLAN  
CHERHILL  
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CHISHOLM MILLS  
CLYDE  
COLD LAKE  
COLINTON  
DAPP  
DARWELL  
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ELLSCOTT  
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GLENEVIS  
GOODFISH LAKE  
GOODRIDGE  
GRAND CENTRE  
GRASSLAND  
GUNN  
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HEINSBURG  
HINTON  
HONDO  
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GOODFARE  
GORDONDALE  
GRANDE CACHE  
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GUNDY  
GUY  
HIGH PRAIRIE  
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