

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION	
Name:	Family doctor use of various visit types (by billing)
Short/Other Names:	N/A
BACKGROUND, INTERPRETATION AND BENCHMARKS	
Description:	The percentage of family doctors who have billed for at least one of the following visit types: home, phone, e-mail, or video-conference.
Rationale:	The use of home, phone, e-mail or video-conference visit formats may provide greater flexibility for family doctors and another access option for patients.
Interpretation:	A higher percentage implies more family doctors are using these new appointment types.
Target/Benchmark:	No benchmarks have been identified.
INDICATOR CALCULATION	
Calculation:	Percentage with at least one billing = $\left(\frac{\text{Number of family doctors with at least one billing claim for visit type}}{\text{Total number of family doctors}} \right) \times 100$ Type of Measure: Percentage Adjustment Applied: None
Denominator:	Description The number of family doctors in Alberta who have submitted at least one physician claim. Inclusion Criteria - Family doctors in Alberta who have submitted at least one physician claim in a given fiscal year. Exclusions - Family doctors who have not submitted any claims in a given fiscal year.
Numerator:	Description Total number of family doctors who have billed for at least one home, phone, e-mail, or video-conference appointment

	Inclusion Criteria - Family doctors who have submitted at least one claim for any of the following visit types (billing code in brackets): - Home (03.03N) - Phone (03.05JR) - Email (03.01S) - Video-conference (03.01T) Exclusions - None
DATA DETAILS	
Data Source:	Alberta Health Physician Claims
Available Data Years:	Type of Year: Fiscal year [starts April 1, ends March 31] First Available Year: 2015/16 Last Available Year: 2021/22
Geographic Coverage:	The province of Alberta excluding the military and prisoners.
Reporting Levels:	Province
QUALITY STATEMENT	
Limitations and Technical Notes:	- The physician claims dataset consists of Fee-for-service and shadow billing. The data submitted based on shadow billing may not be entirely accurate. As a result, this might affect the accuracy of the results of this measure. - An upper limit of 7 billings per week is in place for phone, email and videoconference visits. - Only Alberta data is available. As such, any visits by Alberta patients to physicians outside of the province are not included.