

Integrated RAI Reporting System (IRRS) Project Planning Update

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CIHI'S New Integrated RAI Reporting System and What's Changing for Health Authorities

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has launched a new Integrated RAI Reporting System (IRRS). IRRS represents a modernized approach to producing, connecting, and reporting health information in the home care and long-term care health sectors and supports the achievement of better outcomes across the continuum of care.

IRRS will replace both the Home Care Reporting System (HCRS) and Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS) and will require a transition from existing interRAI tools to the updated suite of clinical assessment instruments for home care [interRAI Home Care (HC) and interRAI Contact Assessment (CA)] and for long-term care [interRAI Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)].

The Ministry, in partnership with CIHI, supports the implementation of the new interRAI clinical assessment instruments and IRRS to guide comprehensive, person-centred care planning and services. The provincial requirement for all publicly funded Long-term Care (LTC) and Home Health (HH) operators to transition to the new suite of clinical assessment instruments and IRRS will ensure the continuity of provincial data and conform to national CIHI standards. The requirements as outlined in the [Home and Community Care Policy Manual](#) referencing the use of RAI tools will be updated to reflect the interRAI HC, interRAI CA and the interRAI LTCF.

What do I need to know?

As part of the planning phase for the IRRS Project, The BC Ministry of Health is conducting an impact analysis assessment for the implementation of the updated suite of clinical assessment instruments and IRRS in BC. The BC Ministry of Health has hired consulting firm Accenture to engage with Health Authorities and conduct the impact analysis assessment. The outcome of this work will be a final report outlining gaps, barriers, estimates, and considerations that will aid in the detailed implementation planning in each Health Authority region.

There will be no change to the current way in which contracted operators and Fraser Health Authority currently operate in relation to InterRAI assessment tools support and education. It is advised that all operators connect directly with their current Point of Service (PoS) provider to determine the status of their IRRS compliance testing.

Over the coming weeks, Health Authorities will begin engaging with their contracted operators to collect information to inform the impact analysis and subsequent detailed project planning. This is a complex initiative, and detailed and timely responses from contacted operators will ensure robust planning of the IRRS Project's implementation phase, and government's clear understanding of the challenges operators may experience in transitioning services to incorporate the new interRAI suite of tools.

Your insights of the impacts for your organization are highly valued and will contribute to the overall success of the IRRS Project. We thank you in advance for your involvement.

Who do I contact with questions?

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