

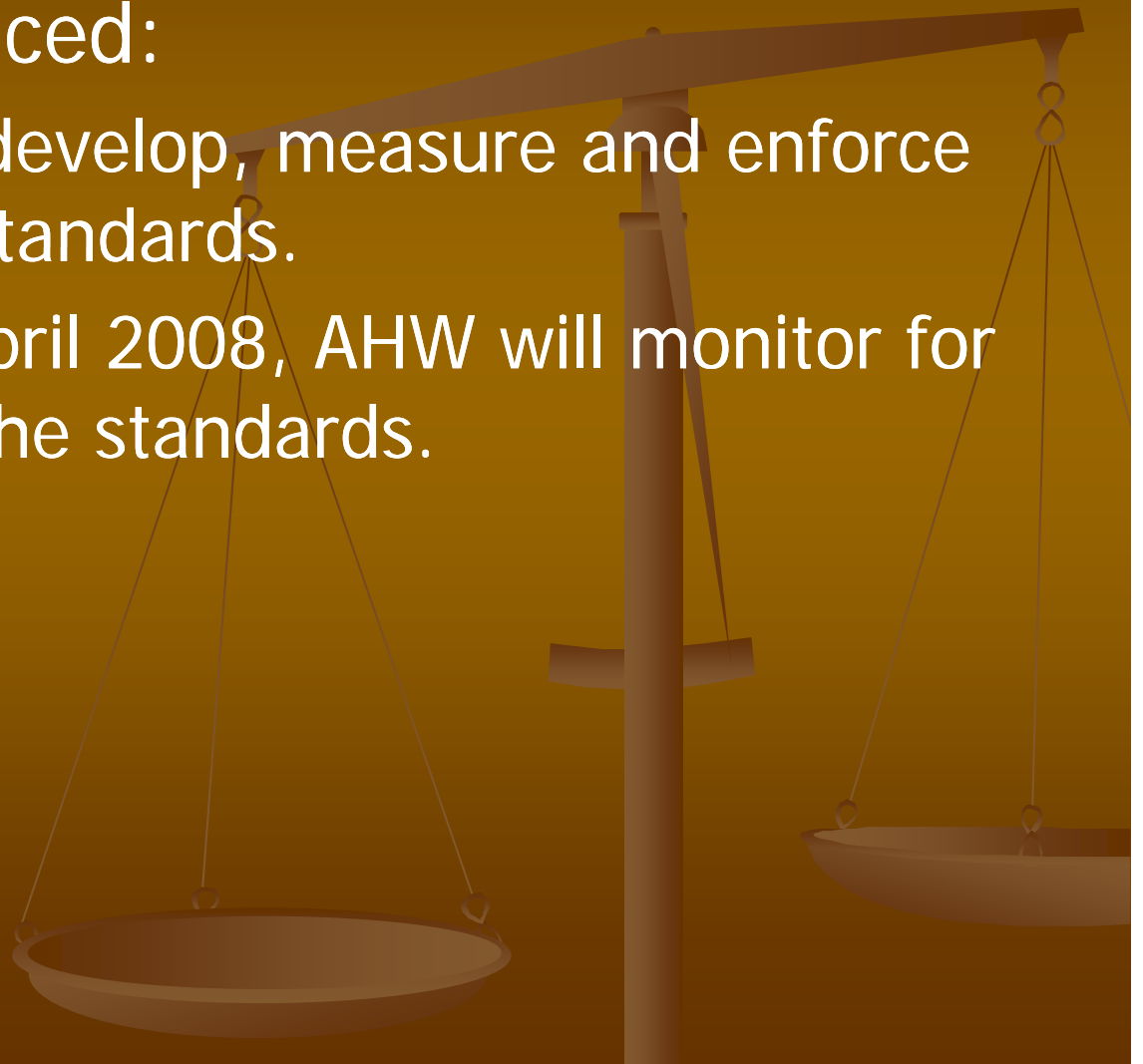


# Alberta Health & Wellness Compliance Assurance

Infection Prevention & Control  
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# Marching Orders

- Minister announced:
  - That AHW will develop, measure and enforce provincial IPC standards.
  - Commencing April 2008, AHW will monitor for compliance to the standards.

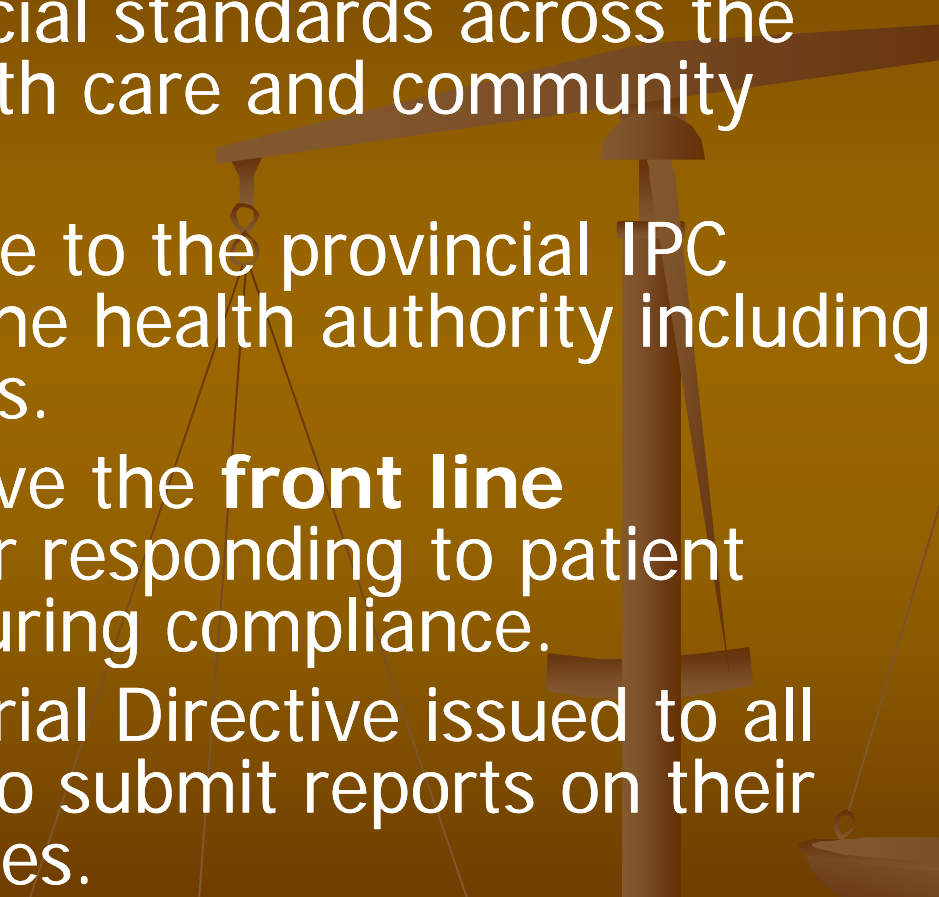


# What is new?



- In Feb 2008 Minister issued directives to all RHAs that they needed to comply with the newly published standards.
- Regions are expected to monitor their compliance with the standards on an ongoing basis.
- AHW have drafted a Provincial Monitoring and Compliance plan.
  - Plan deals with monitoring and auditing of the new standards
  - We began with:
    - IPC Accountability and Reporting Standard
    - Reuse of single-use medical equipment and devices Standard

# Roles & Responsibilities of RHA

- Implement provincial standards across the continuum of health care and community settings
  - Monitor compliance to the provincial IPC standards within the health authority including contracted services.
  - HA continue to have the **front line responsibility** for responding to patient concerns and ensuring compliance.
  - As per the Ministerial Directive issued to all RHAs, they need to submit reports on their compliance activities.
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# Where do we go from here?



- AHW is building a Compliance Branch (team) to monitor, inspect, audit, investigate, report and assure compliance. Initially this will include; IPC & Continuing Care Standards as well as Physician Billing and AHCIP recipient audits.
- We are building on the existing Monitoring & Compliance Plan
  - In collaboration with the RHA's we developed reporting details surrounding the Accountability and Reporting Standard as well as the Single Use Medical Device Standard.
  - Reports from each RHA are expected by April 30, 2008.
  - Following this AHW will assess the level of compliance for each RHA and conduct follow-up audits as necessary.
- Need to continue to work together to establish processes for both the RHA's and the AHW Compliance team.

# Key Messages

- IPC is not new, but the Provincial Standards and reporting against them are.
  - RHA retain the lead responsibility for responding to patient concerns and ensuring compliance.
  - AHW is monitoring compliance with the IPC standards starting in Apr 2008, beginning with the Accountability and Reporting and the Single Use Medical Device Standards.
  - We have developed a comprehensive Operational Plan that will see processes and procedures developed over the next 6-9 months.
  - We are working on strengthening our relationship with the RHA's by fostering/building a collaborative approach.
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