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Issue	Status/Key Milestones/Next Steps
30 Days (November)	
Supplemental Benefits Agreements Negotiations	s. 13
BC's Health Human Resources (HHR) Strategy and Provincial Allied Health Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC's HHR Strategy Annual Report will be publicly released in December, date to be determined. The Annual Report outlines progress to date on the 70 actions and provides an overview of focus for the upcoming year. • Along with the Annual Report, a Provincial Allied Health Strategic Plan will be released. • The Strategic Plan lays out evidence, key objectives and actions under the four pillars of the HHR Strategy focused on the allied health workforce.
Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recruitment process for new superintendent and the director of discipline for the province, with the goal to have the successful candidates recommended for appointment s. 13
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Frailty Prevention & Reduction Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External consultation underway with a broad range of senior-serving organizations, individuals with professional expertise in frailty, Indigenous Elders, and health care professionals serving Indigenous older adults, to identify gaps that currently exist in supporting diverse older adults along the frailty continuum to age in the right place, and actions anticipated to make a meaningful difference in the prevention and reduction of frailty (e.g., policies, services, programs).
Provincial Health Officer Report on Drinking Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of the Provincial Health Officer is working on a final report on Drinking Water as per the reporting requirement under section 4.1 of the Drinking Water Protection Act (DWPA). Finalization and release of the report is expected in early to mid-December 2023. • The report includes an update on activities under the Act, a chapter on the impacts of COVID-19 on drinking water suppliers and drinking water programs as well as a chapter on the impacts from extreme climate events. The report includes an update to the recommendations from the 2019 PHO Drinking Water Report. • The Office of the PHO has scheduled a briefing of the report with the Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship for December 12, 2023.
Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner communications are ongoing with Doctors of BC (DoBC), Nurse & Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC), Primary Care Networks (PCNs), etc. on education, training, and panel upload support for new Provincial Attachment System (PAS). Provider registries launched September 20th. • s. 13

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues on a Longitudinal Family Physician (LFP) Payment Model expansion to include facility-based maternity, in-patient, Long Term Care (LTC) and palliative care. • Nurse in Practice (NiP) – An Expression of Interest (EOI) process under development to fund and support Family Physicians/PCN clinics employ RNs/LPNs in Primary Care Networks. • 77 PCNs in implementation as of November 15, 2023 <p>s. 17</p>
Primary Care Pharmacists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacists in PCN Program Final Evaluation to be published (December). • 45 Primary Care Pharmacists actively working in PCNs as of November 9, 2023.
Renewed Accreditation Canada Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care Accreditation is an ongoing process of assessing organizations against standards of excellence, with an aim to improve quality and safety. • The Ministry's <i>Health Services Management Policy for Health Authorities Manual</i> requires health authorities (HAs) to maintain accreditation with an accrediting body determined by the Ministry. • Each HA maintains an individual service agreement with the accrediting body Accreditation Canada (AC), based on a common provincial template. <p>s. 17</p>
Surgical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to Surgical Renewal Quarter 2 Report to be published.
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Provincial Forum for Resident and Family Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second Provincial Forum meeting will be held on December 6th. • The Provincial Forum brings together LTC residents and family member representing their Regional Councils, along with HA and Ministry representatives to discuss improvement initiatives in LTC.
Seniors Quality Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry is working to complete a quality framework by December 31st.
Seniors Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2023 – Healthy aging resources for seniors is refreshed on HealthLinkBC website and promoted publicly.
Office of the Seniors Advocate (OSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 2023 – The OSA will be releasing its annual update to the Long-Term Care and Assisted Living (AL) directories, which provide detailed information about each public LTC and AL site in BC.
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Primary Care	<p>s. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowen Island Community Health Centre (CHC) announcement planned for January 2024. <p>s. 17</p>
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Mental Health Act (Form 4 Repeal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 4, Medical Certificate (Involuntary Admission) will be repealed effective January 31, 2024. • OIC package to amend the <u>Mental Health Regulation</u>, to repeal section 11(22) and Form 4, Medical Certificate (Involuntary Admission) went to Cabinet on November 29, 2023. • Background: <u>OIC 50/2023</u>, was approved and ordered on February 1, 2023, bringing into force sections 9 to 12 of the Nurse Practitioners Statutes Amendment Act, 2011, to allow nurse practitioners, in addition to physicians, to complete a medical certificate for involuntary admission of patients to designated facilities under section 43(2)(a) of the <u>Mental Health Act</u>. • OIC 50/2023, also established a transitional period in section 22(11) of the Mental Health Regulation, for continued use of the current Form 4 and the new Forms 4.1 and 4.2, up to January 31, 2024, to ensure practitioner and system readiness ahead of repeal.
Office of the Seniors Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated Monitoring Seniors Services report is being released at the end of January.
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Testing Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Province will be shifting from existing PAP tests as screening for cervical cancer to HPV liquid cytology tests with the option for self-collection in January 2024. • Current IMIT development to enable this transition is in development and on track.
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90 Days (January)	
Operationalizing Bill 92	s. 17
Cultural Safety and Humility Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting release of the Ministry of Health HSO (Health Standards Organization) Cultural Safety and Humility Standard Implementation Plan in Winter 2023.
Hospital at Home Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital at Home expansion is occurring across the province to allow eligible patients requiring acute care to be admitted to hospital as inpatients but receive care at home from nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and other allied providers led by a most responsible practitioner (MRP) with hospital-admitting privileges. • The expansion sites will be Vancouver General Hospital, Kelowna General Hospital, s. 17

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COVID-19 policy for individuals not eligible for Medical Services Plan enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The policy that provides coverage for treatment specific to COVID-19 for individuals in BC who are not eligible for MSP enrolment was set to expire October 31, 2023. It has been extended to April 20, 2024.