



The Client Roster represents the best available demographic and geographic information for the Ministry's clients and is available by calendar year (starting in 1990) or fiscal year (starting with FY 1990/1991). In both the Fiscal-Year and Calendar-Year Client Rosters, each record contains information for a client for a particular year. The Fiscal-Year Client Roster captures the client information on the last date of the fiscal period (March 31) whereas the Calendar-Year Client Roster contains the client information on the last date of the calendar year (December 31). The Client Roster data are updated monthly.

The primary source for the Client Roster is the Ministry's Client Registry System: Enterprise Master Patient Index (EMPI). Other sources include Medigent Registration and Premium Information Determination (RAPID), formerly Registration and Premium Billing information (R&PB), which provides information on MSP eligibility and client event data. Processing resolves multiple individual identifiers to a single identity, and consolidates demographic information from a variety of sources to single "best" values.

DATA FIELD	DEFINITION
Client study ID	Project-specific anonymized client identification replacing PHN.
Fiscal year/ Calendar year	Fiscal Year/ Calendar Year for the record.
Client gender	The latest gender for the Client: F = Female M = Male U = Unknown
Client birth year and month	Year and month of the client's birth.
Client HA	Client Health Authority (HA) is a one-digit code that identifies the Health Authority within BC in which the client lives. BC is divided into five regional Health Authorities.
Client HSDA	Client Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) is a two-digit code that identifies the Health Service Delivery Area within BC in which the client lives. Each HA is further sub-divided into three or four HSDAs for a total of 16 in BC.
Client LHA	Client Local Health Area (LHA) is a three-digit code that identifies the Local Health Area within BC in which the client lives. Each HSDA is sub-divided into several LHAs.
Client CHSA	Client Community Health Service Area (CHSA) is a four-digit code that identifies the Community Health Service Area within BC in which the client lives. Each LHA is sub-divided into several CHSAs.
Client FSA	Client Forward Sortation Area (FSA) is the first three characters of the client's postal code.
MSP eligibility days	Number of days within that year that the client was MSP eligible. Values range from 0 to 366.
Death flag	A flag to indicate that the client died in the particular year.