

# BC Services Card



## Card Reader Information

Important information if your office or front counter uses a device that captures information from the magnetic stripe on the current CareCard:

### What's changing?

As of February 15, 2013, the Province of B.C. will begin replacing current CareCards with the BC Services Card. CareCards and Gold CareCards may continue to be used to access health services until 2018.

All BC Services Cards have a 2D barcode and an electronic chip. The 2D barcode contains the same data and encoding structure as the magnetic stripe on the combined card. Unlike the CareCard, all BC Services Cards have an electronic chip included for future use as technology is developed to work with that feature.

### The BC Services Card will be available in three formats

1. Combined BC Services Card and BC Driver's Licence with photo (combined card)
2. BC Services Card with photo (photo card)
3. BC Services Card without photo (non-photo card)

### Will my device read the new BC Services Cards?

Your current device will be able to read the photo card and the non-photo card with no additional action required.

However, your device may not be able to read the combined card. This is because the combined card stores the Personal Health Number (PHN) on "track 3" of the magnetic stripe, rather than "track 2."

Contact your medical software or hardware vendor to find out if your device can read both "track 2" and "track 3" and whether you require changes to your reader or software.

### If I cannot use my card reader, where do I find the PHN?

The PHN is clearly printed on the back of all BC Services Cards.

### Would you like to know more about the technical features of the new BC Services Card?

See the full Teleplan specifications on the Medical Services Plan website at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoprac/teleplanspecs/index.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoprac/teleplanspecs/index.html)

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