

# Business Context

The Provider Registry (PR) is a foundational component of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) which provides a trusted and centralized source of regulated health service provider information to authorized consumers. Health Service Provider Identifiers (HSPID) within the PR enable unique identification of individual health care providers across the systems participating in the EHR. Demographic and licensing information for all providers is stored within the PR for validation and/or retrieval by source and consumer systems and organizations.

**The guide is concerned with extending information exchange with existing, provincial Provider Registries to support contribution and consumption use cases including those that enable consumer applications. The guide is proposing the development of FHIR artefacts (e.g. implementation guides, profiles, extensions, valuesets, etc.) that reflect and interact with Canadian content in a standardized manner.**