

# Consultation: PIPS- Temporary Surgical and Temporary Non-Surgical By-law Proposals

September 17, 2026

## Background

The Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) Council is seeking feedback from members on proposed changes to section E.21- Temporary Non-Surgical Clinic and E.22- Temporary Surgical Clinic. These proposals are made by the PIPS Implementation Committee following review and consultation in Spring 2026.

For each by-law section you will see the by-law passed at the 2026 AGM in the left-hand column. You will see the proposed modifications (MODIFY), additions (ADDITION), or subtractions (SUBTRACTIONS) in the right-hand column. For sections that remain the same, you will see a “No Changes” indication.

Please review the proposed changes to E.21- Temporary Non-Surgical Clinic and E.22- Temporary Surgical Clinic and [click here](#) to access the consultation feedback form.

This consultation closes **October 27, 2026**.

## E.21- Temporary Non-Surgical Clinic

| PIPS By-Law Passed at the 2026 AGM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Proposed Amendments / Additions for the 2027 AGM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| E.21 Temporary Non-Surgical Clinic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Background                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| E.21.1 A temporary non-surgical clinic is a practice activity that provides temporary non-surgical services, such as vaccine clinics and preventative health, in a single physical location on <b>seven (7) or fewer whole or partial days over a 45-day interval</b> . The physical location is not inspected by MVMA PIPS Inspectors. | MODIFY: A temporary non-surgical clinic is a practice activity that provides temporary non-surgical services in a single physical location on <b>eight (8) or fewer whole or partial days per calendar month</b> . The physical location is not inspected by <i>MVMA PIPS Inspectors</i> . |

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| E.21.2 A temporary non-surgical clinic must hold the activity types according to services rendered (ex vaccine administration, small animal medicine).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Notification to the MVMA:<br>E.21.3 The practice must advise the MVMA Registrar, on a form approved by the MVMA Registrar, as to the location(s) and date(s) of the temporary non-surgical clinic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| E.21.4 At the time of application, the responsible veterinarian who applies for a licence for the operation of a temporary surgical clinic must:<br>i. certify in writing to the Registrar that the Practicing Veterinarian Member is associated with a PIPs inspected clinic and the Practicing Veterinarian Member intends to practice veterinary medicine through the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application.<br>ii. demonstrate to the Registrar's satisfaction that the operation of the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application would serve and protect the public interest. | ADDITION: certify in writing to the Registrar that the Practicing Veterinarian Member, who is the acting responsible veterinarian, will be on site during the temporary non-surgical clinic or the Practicing Veterinarian Member, who is the acting responsible veterinarian, must appoint an overseeing Practicing Veterinarian Member for the clinic. |

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| E.21.5 The veterinary practice must pay a fee to host a temporary non-surgical clinic as set by the MVMA Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| E.21.6 The MVMA may publish some or all information provided regarding the temporary non-surgical clinic.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Equipment<br>E.21.7 Must have a puncture-proof container (sharps container) into which needles, scalpel blades and other objects capable of penetrating skin are discarded. Must be stored pending proper disposal.                                                                                                                                                                           | ADDITION: All equipment used for temporary non-surgical clinics must be made available for inspection by <i>MVMA PIPS inspectors</i> while inspecting the associated PIPS inspected clinic or at the temporary clinic.                                                                                                               |
| Spatial Requirements<br>E.21.8 The facility has, and appears to have, the practice of veterinary medicine as its primary purpose when the veterinarian is working in the facility.<br>E.21.9 The facility has a separate and distinct entrance directly from the street or if the facility is in a building containing more than one facility, directly from a common lobby, hallway or mall. | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Protocols<br>E.21.10 Must have a regular disinfection protocol between patients, including hand washing.<br>E.21.11 There must be a system of orderly and regular waste disposal.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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## E.22- Temporary Surgical Clinic

| PIPS By-Law Passed at the 2026 AGM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Proposed Amendments / Additions for the 2027 AGM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <p>Background</p> <p>E.22.1 A Temporary surgical clinic is a practice activity that provides temporary elective surgical services in a single physical location on <b>seven (7) or fewer whole or partial days over a 45-day interval</b>. The physical location is not inspected by MVMA PIPS Inspectors.</p> | <p>MODIFICATION: A Temporary surgical clinic is a practice activity that provides temporary elective surgical services in a single physical location on <b>eight (8) or fewer whole or partial days per calendar month</b>. The physical location is not inspected by <i>MVMA PIPS</i> Inspectors.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>ADDITIONS:</p> <p>Temporary surgical clinics objectives are population control such as spaying and neutering animals. Services beyond these procedures should be performed within a PIPs inspected facility.</p> <p>Temporary surgical clinics located in First Nations communities or North of the 53rd parallel are permitted to provide services beyond preventative care, within reason, due to limited access to veterinary care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the temporary surgical clinic offers services beyond preventive medicine, the clinic must hold the activity types according to services rendered (ex small animal dentistry). Small animal orthopaedic surgery should not be performed in temporary clinics.</li> </ul> <p>Practicing Veterinarian Members should consider whether performing a procedure outside of a PIPS-inspected clinic is in the best interest of the animal and consistent with protecting the public. Transportation</p> |

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| <p>E.22.2 In order to hold a Temporary Surgical Clinic activity type, the veterinary practice must also hold the following activity type:</p> <p>i. Surgery under General Anaesthesia</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Equipment</p> <p>E.22.3 Each Temporary Surgical Clinic is required to maintain the appropriate equipment at the temporary surgical clinic location during the course of the Temporary Surgical Clinic. All equipment used for Temporary Surgical Clinics must be made available for inspection by MVMA PIPS inspectors.</p>                             | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>E.22.4 Reliable oxygen source must be available. One tank must be available in case of power outage/mechanical failure if oxygen concentrators are being used. An oxygen tank is not required if the Temporary Surgical Clinic is held in a community that is being accessed by airplane</p>                                                            | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Practice Requirements</p> <p>E.22.5 There must be a surgical area for the patient(s) that is limited to the public. The following must be in place for surgical procedures:</p> <p>i. A procedure for cleaning the surgical area and instruments.</p> <p>ii. A procedure for transporting equipment to and from the home practice in a safe manner.</p> | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <p>iii. Sterile surgery packs</p> <p>iv. Surgical equipment must be stored in a neat and orderly fashion.</p> <p>v. A procedure for preparing the patient/surgical site shall be in place. Clipping and prepping may be done in the same location as the surgical area.</p> <p>vi. Proper medical and surgery notes shall be made for every patient.</p> <p>vii. Equipment for airway access and oxygen delivery must be available for every patient.</p> <p>viii. A procedure must be in place for monitoring recovering patients.</p> <p>ix. Storage and disposal of sharps and biological materials shall be done appropriately.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>E.22.6 The following must be in place for anaesthesia-related procedures.</p> <p>i. The anesthetic machine and all required anesthetic equipment, including all that is listed above, shall be in good working order and be inspected on a yearly basis by a qualified independent safety inspector.</p> <p>ii. A leak test and/or safety test procedure must be done on each anesthetic machine after transportation, before it is connected to a patient.</p>                                                                                                                                                                      | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Notification to the MVMA:</p> <p>E.22.7 The veterinary practice must advise the MVMA Registrar on a form approved by the MVMA Registrar, as to the location(s) and date(s) of the temporary surgical clinic.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>E.22.8 The veterinary practice must pay a fee to host a temporary surgical clinic as set by the MVMA Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No Changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>E.22.9 At the time of application, the responsible veterinarian who applies for a licence for the operation of a temporary surgical clinic must:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>ADDITION: certify in writing to the Registrar that the Practicing Veterinarian Member, who is the acting responsible veterinarian, will be on site during the temporary non-surgical clinic or the Practicing Veterinarian</p> |

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| <p>i. certify in writing to the Registrar that the Practicing Veterinarian Member is associated with a PIPs inspected clinic and the Practicing Veterinarian Member intends to practice veterinary medicine through the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application.</p> <p>ii. demonstrate to the Registrar's satisfaction that the operation of the Temporary Clinic that is the subject of the application would serve and protect the public interest.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Member, who is the acting responsible veterinarian, must appoint an overseeing Practicing Veterinarian Member for the clinic.</p> |
| <p>E.22.10 The MVMA may publish some or all information provided in the Temporary Surgical Clinic Notification Form.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>No Changes</p>                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Spatial Requirements</p> <p>E.22.11 The facility is self-contained (doors and windows can be closed).</p> <p>E.22.12 The facility has, and appears to have, the practice of veterinary medicine as its primary purpose when the veterinarian is working in the facility.</p> <p>E.22.13 The facility has a separate and distinct entrance directly from the street or if the facility is in a building containing more than one facility, directly from a common lobby, hallway or mall.</p> <p>E.22.14 The practice contains a puncture-proof container (sharps container) into which needles, scalpel blades and other objects capable of penetrating skin are discarded. Must be stored pending proper disposal.</p> <p>E.22.15 Regular disinfection program between patients, including hand washing.</p> <p>E.22.16 There must be a system of orderly and regular waste disposal.</p> | <p>No Changes</p>                                                                                                                    |
| <p>Drugs</p> <p>E.22.17 The following drugs must be available:</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>SUBTRACTION:</p> <p>Drugs</p>                                                                                                     |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Appropriate analgesics</li> <li>ii. Emergency drug kit</li> <li>iii. Induction agents</li> <li>iv. Anesthetic agents</li> <li>v. Sedatives</li> <li>vi. Reversals</li> <li>vii. Injectable steroids</li> <li>viii. Injectable anti-emetics</li> <li>ix. Injectable local anesthetic agents</li> </ul>                                                                                                 | <p>E.22.17 The following drugs must be available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Appropriate analgesics</li> <li>ii. Emergency drug kit</li> <li>iii. Induction agents</li> <li>iv. Anesthetic agents</li> <li>v. Sedatives</li> <li>vi. Reversals</li> <li><del>vii. Injectable steroids</del></li> <li><del>viii. Injectable anti-emetics</del></li> <li><del>ix. Injectable local anesthetic agents</del></li> </ul>       |
| <p>Library</p> <p>E.22.18 A current veterinary drug formulary (within the last 1-2 editions)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>No Changes</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p>Records</p> <p>E.22.19 The veterinary practice must obtain a signed anaesthesia/surgery consent form and maintain in the patient's medical record.</p> <p>E.22.20 Temporary surgical clinics must obtain a signed informed consent waiver informing the client that the procedure is being performed in a facility that has not been inspected by the MVMA inspector. This document shall be maintained in the patient's medical record.</p> | <p>ADDITION:</p> <p>Each year during the Annual Renewal Process, the Responsible Veterinarian must provide a post clinic report to MVMA, on a form determined by the Registrar, detailing the activities of all surgical temporary clinics held by the Veterinary Practice since the previous Annual Renewal Process.</p>                                                                                                                    |