

The current service disruption in Beauval is for Primary Health Care Services only, not a full facility disruption. Primary care nursing includes many areas, some of which are chronic disease management, as well as stabilizing patients and transferring them to larger center when they require acute care. The clinic remains open for all other services including homecare, physician services, Mental Health and Addiction services, and Public Health services.

The service disruption is due to a shortage of Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) with advanced authorized practice. Staffing in Beauval consists of people who live locally and those who choose to travel from other communities.

The SHA realizes that frequent service disruptions in Beauval are not ideal. We understand that residents of rural communities are concerned when the health care services are temporarily disrupted due to staffing challenges. We are committed to restoring health care services in communities that are experiencing temporary service disruptions due to staffing challenges as soon as possible.

Every jurisdiction in Canada is seeing increased demand for health care services. The Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Saskatchewan Health Recruitment Agency are taking action to address the needs of patients. The SHA has added 250 new and enhanced part-time to full-time positions in 51 rural and remote locations that were experiencing or at risk of experiencing service disruptions. This includes nursing, paramedics, technologists, and other staff members in communities throughout the province. Additional position enhancements are currently underway to further support this work.