

### **Best Practices for Searching Clients**

- Users should always search for a client with the PHIN if it is known. Client Number Type is required, select the applicable number type from the drop-down list.
  - The client number type for PHIN is *Health Card Number*
  - The client number type for MHSC (registration number) is Alternate ID
- Best practice is to search for the client at least 3 times before assuming that there isn't a file for the client. If the client does not appear in the Search Results factory table, check the PHIN (or other search parameters entered) to ensure they were entered correctly.
- If the exact spelling of the client's name is unknown, users may use wildcards or placeholders to search.
- Wildcard Searches: Enter the percentage sign wildcard (%) at the end of a partial name in the name field will search for results that begin with the letters before the %. For instance, "Smi%" will return names such as: Smith, Smitherman, Smiel, etc.
- Placeholders: Use an underscore (\_) if the exact spelling is not known. For example, search "Kar\_n" to find Karyn or Karen.
- Using a wildcard percentage sign in a blank name field is not permitted.
- A maximum of 50 search results will display in the factory table. The message "*More than 50 results found. Too many results returned. Please refine your search.*" will display in the search results section and no results will show in the table if more than 50 results are available for the search parameters that were entered. Refine your search parameters and search again.
- Newborns, immigrants and individuals who have recently moved to Manitoba may not be found in PHIMS. Clients will be created automatically
  through the interface with the Manitoba Health Insurance Registry. Newborn infants will be created shortly after discharge from birth hospital and
  users should hold data entry until the infant's record is available in PHIMS. Newcomers to Manitoba will be created when their Manitoba health
  coverage takes effect. Clients who move away from Manitoba will have inactive PHIMS records and out of province clients who have never lived in
  Manitoba will not have records in PHIMS. Contact your peer supporter if you believe your client should be manually created in PHIMS.





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#### Footnotes:

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- Active addresses are addresses that do not have an Effective To date specified There should only be one active MHSU address at a time. Ensure that all MHSU addresses that are no longer applicable have an Effective To date (to mark the 2 address inactive).







### Points to Remember:

- Do **NOT** update, delete or change the Official Registry address.
- You **MUST** enter a postal code with an address. Consult www.canadapost.ca to search postal codes. If the address is a landmark (such as a park or bridge), search for an address close to the landmark and use that postal code. If the address is a facility, search for the facility street address (if not noted on the form) and enter it.
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