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**Extension of the Medical Services Commission's Temporary Moratorium on Applications for Outpatient Laboratory Medicine and Specimen Collection Station Facilities**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Medical Services Commission of British Columbia has extended the current temporary moratorium on applications for outpatient laboratory medicine and specimen collection station facilities.

Previously scheduled for removal March 31, 2015, the moratorium is now extended until March 31, 2016. The moratorium continues to apply to:

- Applications for new, relocation or expansion of laboratory medicine and specimen collection station facilities in British Columbia

Applications to add new services to existing *Certificates of Approval* will continue to be accepted and exceptions to the continued moratorium may be made for demonstrated urgent health or safety needs.


For additional information on Laboratory Medicine and other outpatient diagnostic services under the authority of the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities and the Medical Services Commission, please see the Diagnostic Facilities Administration website at:

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoprac/diag.html>.

Any questions regarding this announcement may be addressed through [DFAdmin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:DFAdmin@gov.bc.ca), or contact Woodrow (Woody) Turnquist, Director, Diagnostic Services, Laboratory, Diagnostic and Blood Services Branch, Ministry of Health, at (250) 356-1778 or email:

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Sincerely,



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