



FORM A – NEW CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This application is solely for those seeking approval to bill the British Columbia Medical Services Plan (MSP) for provision of a **new service**, or in **advance of implementing services at a newly constructed public diagnostic facility**.

For all other applications, please review information available at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiescommittee>

IMPORTANT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Any publicly or privately-owned Diagnostic Facility in British Columbia intending to bill the British Columbia Medical Services Plan (MSP) for outpatient diagnostic services must obtain a *Certificate of Approval*, granted by the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities (ACDF) or the Medical Services Commission (MSC).

All *Certificates of Approval* are **site- and owner-specific and cannot be transferred or assigned**. If a facility is sold, the new owner must apply for a new *Certificate of Approval* in order to bill MSP for the provision of outpatient services.

Approval from the ACDF/MSC is required in order to bill MSP for the following outpatient services:

- Diagnostic Radiology
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Nuclear Medicine
- Polysomnography
- Pulmonary Function
- Electromyography (EMG)
- Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Electrocardiography (ECG)

Once an application is approved, the applicant must ensure all required facility accreditation and practitioner credentialing is in place prior to billing MSP for outpatient services.

HOW TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION

Applicants should complete the entire application, including the Conflict of Interest Declaration and Disclosure, in as much detail as possible. Additional pages should be added and uploaded along with an application, where additional space is required to provide complete information (please clearly indicate which questions/information you are providing additional information on).

When complete and authorized, the application must be submitted through the Ministry of Health's secure upload tool located at: www.health.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticcommitteeupload

It is the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate the need for the diagnostic facility or service(s) that are the subject of this application.

For detailed information on the ACDF and each part of this application, see the *ACDF User Guide to Applications for New, Expansion or Relocation of Public Outpatient Services*, at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiescommittee>

For more information on the application and assessment process and the policies that govern it, it is recommended that all applicants review the *Policies and Guidelines of the Medical Services Commission's Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities*, at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiespolicies>

PUBLIC DIAGNOSTIC OUTPATIENT SERVICES FACILITY APPLICATION

FORM A – PART 1

Application Date (YYYY / MM / DD)

TYPE OF APPLICATION

- Certificate of Approval
- Construction of New Diagnostic Facility (e.g. a new hospital)
Applications involving construction of a new diagnostic facility are subject to ACDF Policy 2.4.2 *Assessment Criteria: Accessibility* (found at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiespolicies>) and may require additional actions from applicant. If checked, complete this application and contact Diagnostic Facilities Administration at DFAdmin@gov.bc.ca.

TYPE OF SERVICE

(A) Services Requiring Approval
Please specify the service(s) requiring approval by checking the applicable boxes below. **Please note that due to the distinct criteria used to assess each type of application, please reference only ONE modality per application.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Electromyography (EMG) <input type="checkbox"/> Electroencephalography (EEG) <input type="checkbox"/> Electrocardiography (ECG) <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Polysomnography <input type="checkbox"/> Pulmonary Function	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiology <input type="checkbox"/> Bone Densitometry <input type="checkbox"/> CT Colonography <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac CT/CT Coronary Angiography	<input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound <input type="checkbox"/> Doppler Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Nuchal Translucency <input type="checkbox"/> Transthoracic Echocardiography <input type="checkbox"/> Transesophageal Echocardiography
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(B) Category(s) of Tests or Fee Item(s) Requiring Approval ¹

Category(s) of Tests	Fee Item(s) (if applicable)

FACILITY ACCREDITATION

Has the diagnostic facility received appropriate facility accreditation from the Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) to provide the service(s) referenced in this application?

Yes No Pending DAP approval

DIAGNOSTIC FACILITY INFORMATION

Diagnostic Facility Name

Diagnostic Facility Location (street address, city, postal code)

Diagnostic Facility Mailing Address (if different from above)

What are the proposed hours of operation?	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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What is the square footage of the area designated to provide the clinical outpatient service(s) applied for?
(Do not include waiting rooms, staff room, reception or other non-clinical space).

¹ For further detail on applicable Modalities, Categories and Fees see "Billings & Fees" at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiesfeeitems>
To view the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule, see: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=290D8BF15AA44C1D84A5B4067CAE884E>

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FORM A – PART 2

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Health Authority / Corporate Name

Health Authority / Corporate Mailing Address

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION	ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION
Name	Name
Title	Title
Email	Email
Phone Number	Phone Number

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Appendix A (Conflict of Interest Declaration) and Appendix B (Conflict of Interest Disclosure) must be completed and submitted with the application in order for this application to be considered. For the relevant policies, see Policy 2.4.4 of the *Policies and Guidelines of the Medical Services Commission's Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities* and the *Diagnostic Facility Conflict of Interest Policy* at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiespolicies>

Are Appendix A and Appendix B included with this application? Yes No

LOCATION OF LIKE DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES (providing same service as applicant facility)

Provide the name, location, distance in kilometres and approximate driving time from applicant diagnostic facility to closest public and privately-owned diagnostic facility providing the same service(s) as applicant facility. For a current list of approved diagnostic facilities see "Approved Diagnostic Services Facilities in B.C." at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilitiescommittee>

Closest publicly-owned, ACDF-approved diagnostic facility (e.g. hospital) providing the same service(s) as applicant facility

Public Diagnostic Facility Name		Diagnostic Facility Street Address
Distance to applicant facility (km)	Approx. driving time to applicant facility	

Closest privately-owned, ACDF-approved diagnostic facility providing the same service(s) as applicant facility

Private Diagnostic Facility Name		Diagnostic Facility Street Address
Distance to applicant facility (km)	Approx. driving time to applicant facility	

RATIONALE FOR APPLICATION

- Medical Need
- Health & Safety
- Other (please specify)

Please provide detailed rationale for application. Specify any gaps in current availability of this diagnostic service for the geographic area applicant diagnostic facility is expected to serve (as applicable). Append additional information as required.

IMPACT

How would this application impact other services within this or other Health Authorities?

Have any such implications or impacts been discussed with the affected Health Authority? Please provide details below.

If applicable, describe how the proposed service will improve the delivery and management of inpatient services at the applicant facility.

ACCESS

Identify and provide details of any access/availability issues impacting provision of service that this application will address.

UTILIZATION

Appropriate utilization of diagnostic services is a key focus of the Medical Service Commission (MSC). The MSC's Guidelines and Protocols Committee (GPAC) is responsible for developing provincial guidelines and protocols to support appropriate utilization. The MSC approved guidelines and protocols are available at: <http://www.bcguidelines.ca/>

If this application is approved, how will utilization of the diagnostic service provided be managed? Please provide details below.

- BC Guidelines and Protocols
- Clinical guidelines and protocols (e.g. Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines)
- Utilization Methods

FUNDING

Has/will funding be requested to support this application?

Yes No

If yes, what is the source of funding?

Ministry of Health Foundation/Endowment/Grant Other (specify):

What is funding required for? Check all that apply.

Training Equipment Other (specify):
 Staffing Construction/Renovations

How much funding is required?

Capital: \$ Operating: \$

Has funding been approved?

Yes No

If yes, when will funding be received?

If no, when is the funding approval anticipated?

Has the budget been approved?

Yes No

If yes, when will the budget be received?

If no, when is the budget approval anticipated?

Please provide additional details regarding the source of funding for the services(s) referenced in this application, and details about Ministry of Health funding (if applicable).

APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

Diagnostic Facility Medical Director*	Regional Head of Diagnostic Service	CEO of Health Authority or Agency*
Name	Name	Name
Title	Title	Title
Date	Date	Date
Signature	Signature	Signature

* Medical Director responsible for the onsite diagnostic service(s) referenced in this application

* or formally authorized designate

When this application is complete and authorized it should be submitted through the Ministry of Health's secure upload tool located at: www.health.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticcommitteeupload

Personal information on this form (MSP Practitioner Number) is collected under the authority of the *Medicare Protection Act* and the Medical and Health Care Services Regulation. The information will be used as part of the assessment of an application pertaining to a diagnostic services facility. If you have any questions about the collection of this information, please contact Diagnostic Facilities Administration at DFAdmin@gov.bc.ca. Personal information is protected from unauthorized use and disclosure in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may only be disclosed as allowed by that Act.

DIAGNOSTIC OUTPATIENT SERVICES FACILITY APPLICATION
APPENDIX A: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

To: Secretariat and Chair, ACDF

I have read and understood the Diagnostic Facility Conflict of Interest Policy (the "Policy"), and I undertake to be bound by the obligations contained therein.

I understand that it is my responsibility to report to the ACDF the information described in the Policy, and I undertake to do so.

I understand that the information I disclose will be held by the ACDF and that the information may be shared with members of the Medical Services Commission, as necessary.

I agree to inform the ACDF of any change in circumstances that may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to a diagnostic facility, as soon as it is practicable.

ATTENTION: The person completing/signing this Declaration Form (the "Declarant") must be duly authorized to make the declaration on behalf of the person/entity submitting an application.

Name of diagnostic facility to which this conflict of interest declaration is in respect of:

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Declarant
Name
Title
Date
Signature

DIAGNOSTIC OUTPATIENT SERVICES FACILITY APPLICATION

APPENDIX B: CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

To: Secretariat and Chair, ACDF

Is there a (potential) conflict of interest to disclose in relation to the diagnostic facility? Check one:

- Yes, there is a (potential) conflict of interest to disclose in relation to the diagnostic facility. If yes, provide details of the (potential) conflict of interest in Parts I and II of Appendix B.
- I am unsure if the circumstances constitute, or may constitute, a (potential) conflict of interest. If unsure, provide details of the (potential) conflict of interest in Parts I and II of Appendix B.
- No, there is no conflict to interest to disclose in relation to the diagnostic facility.

If no conflict of interest is indicated, Appendix B must be completed by signing and completing the Appendix B signature block information.

ATTENTION: The person completing/signing this Disclosure Form (the “Declarant”) must be duly authorized to make the declaration/disclosure on behalf of the subject person/entity; that is the person who owns or intends to own the diagnostic facility (as applicable).

If applicable, provide full detail and circumstances that relate to potential conflicts of interest by completing Parts I and II.

APPENDIX B PART I

Append additional pages as necessary, to provide all relevant information.

Diagnostic Facility Name(s)	List the names of all relevant practitioners, family members, diagnostic facility owners (including the declarant) or business associates who hold or may hold a relevant financial or material interest	Any relevant affiliations or relationships with the owner or intended owner of the diagnostic facility and the details of any interest or benefit that may relate to a conflict of interest	Any other information, including dates, that is relevant to understanding and assessing the nature, scope and degree/extent of potential conflicts of interest

APPENDIX B PART II

In the space below, provide any additional information (not covered in Part I) that is relevant to understanding and assessing the nature, scope and degree/extent of potential conflicts of interest. Include any detail regarding proposed avoidance or mitigation measures relating to any actual or potential conflicts of interest. Append additional pages as necessary to provide all relevant information.

Name of diagnostic facility to which this conflict of interest disclosure is in respect of:

Declarant
Name
Title
Date
Signature