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**Moratorium on Applications for New, Expanded or Relocated
Polysomnography Facilities to Be Lifted September 30, 2022**

Dear Stakeholder:

Since February 2019, applications to bill the Medical Services Plan for overnight (Level I) polysomnography labs/facilities have been under moratorium. The moratorium was required to support the Ministry of Health while it undertook, on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities (ACDF) and the Medical Services Commission, a detailed review of the service delivery environment for diagnostic sleep medicine in British Columbia.

Recently, the Medical Services Commission determined that **the polysomnography moratorium will be lifted on its scheduled expiry date of September 30, 2022.**

Beginning September 30, 2022, the ACDF will accept applications for new, expanded or relocated diagnostic outpatient polysomnography facilities. **The first ACDF meeting at which applications may be considered is December 14, 2022 and the application submission deadline for this meeting is November 1, 2022.**

An expanded, data-informed process for the assessment of polysomnography applications has been introduced which will consider not only patient wait times, but also utilization of existing, approved facilities and current polysomnography capacity within a given catchment area.

Detail on the assessment process for polysomnography applications will be provided shortly. *Note:* the application form has not changed, nor has any of the detail that is required for completing a polysomnography application to the ACDF.

For detail on the facility application process, please refer to the [Diagnostic Services website](#).

For questions or comments regarding this announcement, contact Diagnostic Facilities Administration (DFAdmin@gov.bc.ca).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Halpenny".

Dr. Robert Halpenny
Chair
Medical Services Commission