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**Revision to MSC Temporary Moratorium on Outpatient Ultrasound Facility Applications**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Effective April 27, 2016, the Medical Services Commission of British Columbia has **revised the current temporary moratorium on applications for outpatient ultrasound facilities.**

The revised ultrasound moratorium will apply to:

- All applications in British Columbia for new, relocation or expansion of capacity for all ultrasound categories and procedures under the authority of the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities, with the exception of those fee items currently restricted to public hospitals i.e. Echocardiography and Doppler Studies.

Applications for addition of services to an existing ultrasound Certificate of Approval will continue to be accepted.

Exceptions to the moratorium may be made for demonstrated urgent health or safety needs. However, the **Commission will only accept a moratorium request for exception from facilities holding a current ultrasound Certificate of Approval from the Medical Services Commission, or the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities.**

The June 1, 2017 term of the current temporary moratorium remains unchanged.

Stakeholders may direct any questions or comments related to the temporary moratorium on applications for outpatient ultrasound facilities to: Woodrow (Woody) Turnquist, Director, Diagnostic Services, Laboratory, Diagnostic and Blood Services Branch, Ministry of Health, at (250) 356-1778 or email: [DFadmin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:DFadmin@gov.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Robert Halpenny  
Chair  
Medical Services Commission