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September 18, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

RE: Medical Services Commission Temporary Moratorium on Polysomnography Facility Applications

The Medical Services Commission of British Columbia has extended the current temporary moratorium on applications for outpatient polysomnography facilities across the province.

This extension is in acknowledgement of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of currently approved polysomnography facilities and in continued support of the Medical Services Commission's Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities and its supporting staff in their work concerning diagnostic sleep medicine in British Columbia.

Currently scheduled to end September 30, 2020, the moratorium on applications for outpatient polysomnography facilities has now been extended until September 30, 2022 and may be reviewed prior to that date if circumstances allow.

The continued Polysomnography moratorium applies to all applications for new, relocated or expanded polysomnography facilities in British Columbia.

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

A copy of this announcement will be posted to the Diagnostic Services website.

For additional questions or comments, contact Woodrow (Woody) Turnquist, Director, Diagnostic Services, Beneficiary and Diagnostic Services Branch, Ministry of Health, at: Woody.Turnquist@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Halpenny
Chair
Medical Services Commission