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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Medical Services Commission of British Columbia has established a temporary moratorium on applications for new, expanded or relocated outpatient Polysomnography facilities across the province.

The moratorium applies to applications from both health authority and privately-owned facilities and is in effect immediately.

Applications to add new services to an existing Certificates of Approval will continue to be accepted.

This moratorium is intended to support the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities and its supporting staff while they undertake a detailed review of the current environment for delivery of Sleep Medicine in British Columbia, including current policy governing approval of Polysomnography facilities.

The moratorium will be in place until March 31, 2020, or until further notice.

The Medical Services Commission appreciates the inconvenience this may cause potential applicants and so has directed that the work required to lift the moratorium be completed as promptly as possible.

A copy of this announcement will be posted to the Ministry of Health's Diagnostic Services website ([www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilities](http://www.gov.bc.ca/diagnosticfacilities)). For additional questions or comments, contact Woodrow (Woody) Turnquist, Director, Diagnostic Services, Surgical and Diagnostic Services Branch, Ministry of Health at: [woody.turnquist@gov.bc.ca](mailto:woody.turnquist@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Halpenny". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Robert Halpenny  
Chair  
Medical Services Commission