

BULLETIN

Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies

The Provincial Laboratory Medicine Services (PLMS), under the authority of the [Laboratory Services Act](#) (the Act), has introduced the Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies, effective February 23, 2026.

Under the Act and the [Laboratory Services Regulation](#) (the Regulation), all laboratory requisitions used for insured benefit testing must be approved by the Minister of Health. Section 36 of the Act and section 12 of the Regulation outline the Minister's responsibility for approving and regulating forms used in delivering benefits under the Act. Sections 13 and 14 of the Regulation describe the criteria requisitions must include and associated record-keeping requirements. The Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies provides additional guidance to support these requirements.

Overview of Key Policies

The Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies includes guidance and requirements related to:

- Creating or amending laboratory requisitions used for insured benefit testing.
- Implementation of the Provincial Standing Order Policy, which is now fully incorporated into and superseded by the Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies.
- Revision schedules for the Standard Outpatient Laboratory Requisition (SOPLR) and Standard Outpatient Laboratory Requisition for Maternity Care (SOPLR-M).
- Creating operator-branded versions of the SOPLR, including conditions for their use.

The Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies is included with this bulletin and is also available for download on the [Requisitions Page](#) of the PLMS website.

For inquiries regarding the Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies or other requisition requirements, please email requisitions@phsa.ca

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