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Revised Standard Out-Patient Laboratory Requisitions Effective May 15, 2026

Overview

Effective May 15, 2026, the Ministry of Health has approved revised versions of the following requisitions under the authority of the [Laboratory Services Act](#).

- **Standard Out-Patient Laboratory Requisition (SOPLR), Form # HTLH 1901, Version 2026/05/15**
(Supersedes Version 2026/01/01)
- **Standard Out-Patient Laboratory Requisition for Maternity Care (SOPLR-M), Form # HLTH 1935, Version 2026/01/15**
(Supersedes Version 2016/01/01)

The revised requisitions will be published and available for download at the following links on May 15, 2026:

- **SOPLR:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/1901fil.pdf>
- **SOPLR-M:** <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/1935fil.pdf>

Background

- Effective May 15, 2026, the [Reporting Information Affecting Public Health \(RIAPH\) Regulation](#) under the [Public Health Act](#) was amended to repeal section 3(4), which previously allowed for non-nominal reporting of HIV testing. As a result of this legislative change, all HIV reporting must now be nominal, with no remaining provision for non-nominal reporting. To ensure alignment with the amended *RIAPH Regulation*, the SOPLR and SOPLR-M have been updated to remove the non-nominal HIV reporting option.
- In addition, a review of the SOPLR-M identified the use of gendered language in relation to testing criteria. This language has been updated to reflect gender-inclusive terminology, aligning with legislative standards and ensuring requisitions are inclusive of all patients receiving care.

Summary of Amendments

The revised requisitions include the following changes:

- Removal of the non-nominal HIV reporting option from the SOPLR and SOPLR-M
- Replacement of the term “women” with “patients” on the SOPLR-M

Action Required

All clinicians and laboratory operators must replace outdated versions of the SOPLR and SOPLR-M with the revised versions by **November 15, 2026**.

This requirement also applies to organization-branded versions of the SOPLR and SOPLR-M. Please refer to the [Laboratory Requisitions Manual of Policies](#) for requirements and guidance related to creating and using organization-branded versions of standard outpatient requisitions.

Questions

For more information and additional resources, visit the [Requisitions Page](#) on the PLMS website.



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