

## Facility Assessment Questionnaire

### This assessment determines whether a moratorium exemption is required

BC laboratory services are administered under the *Laboratory Services Act* (LSA) and its *regulations*. Under the LSA, the Minister of Health has the authority to approve facilities and specimen collection stations to provide laboratory services, adhering to the principle of facilitating reasonable access to medically necessary laboratory services for registered beneficiaries throughout BC. Provincial Laboratory Medicine Services (PLMS) is responsible for the administration of laboratory facility approvals on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

In British Columbia, the *Laboratory Services Act* (LSA) defines a “laboratory service” to include the specimen collection and the analysis of specimens for the purposes of preventing, diagnosing or treating human injury, disease or illness. The LSA further explains that a laboratory service is a “benefit” when it is medically required, provided through an approved laboratory facility, and is administered by or under the supervision of a laboratory medicine physician or prescribed individual acting at the request of a referring practitioner or prescribed person.

As per section 15 of the LSA, a person must not charge for a laboratory service that is considered a benefit or for services related to a benefit, unless (a) the person receiving the service is not a Medical Services Plan (MSP) beneficiary, or (b) the laboratory service is provided in a facility that is not approved under the LSA, or (c) if the lab service is outside the scope of an existing facility approval or laboratory services agreement. Thus, assuming the patients served are MSP beneficiaries and the requisitioned tests are benefits under the LSA, the patients should not be charged any fee for any laboratory service including collection and/or transportation. This includes any type of membership fee required for access or prioritization.

Facility Name			
Address			
Medical Director			
Contact Person		Email Address	
Facility Type	Sample Collection	Testing Laboratory	Both
Facilities only performing sample collection, identify the laboratory providing testing and detail the arrangements which have been made?			
Who will be ordering the tests besides physicians?			
Describe what the focus of testing will be, i.e. medically required, research focused, preventative/predictive care, executive health?			
Will you be seeking public funding for the laboratory services provided?		Is a fee, payment or paid membership for access to service required?	
YES	NO	YES	NO

More information on laboratory facilities can be found at <https://www.phsa.ca/plms/laboratory-administration/for-laboratories/facilities>

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