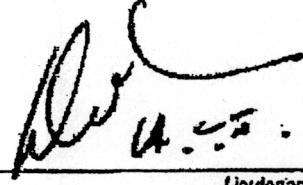


PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No. 0830, Approved and Ordered AUG 27 2003



Lieutenant Governor

Administrator

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

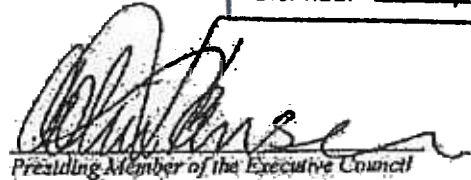
On the recommendation of the undersigned, ^{Administrator} ~~Lieutenant Governor~~, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that effective September 1, 2003, the Hospital Insurance Act Regulations, B.C. Reg. 25/61, is amended by adding the following section:

- 5.24 (1) In this section, "pathology services" means, subject to subsection (3), the laboratory analysis of any blood, tissue, or body fluid by any process method and includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (a) analytical, immunological, or molecular biological assays;
 - (b) haematology, clinical chemistry, transfusion medicine, cytogenetics, gross and histological (microscopic) anatomic pathology, and microbiology and virology tests.
- (2) If pathology services are ordered for a qualified person by a medical practitioner, dentist, podiatrist, or midwife for the purpose of diagnosis, clinical management, or early detection or prevention of congenital or acquired disease, these services are general hospital services.
- (3) Pathology services do not include the laboratory procedures listed in Schedule B if they are performed by a physician for or on his or her own patients without a referral.

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B.C. REG. 327/2003



Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Hospital Insurance Act, R.S.B.C. 1996 c. 204, ss. 5 and 29
Other (specify):- OIC 315/61

August 26, 2003

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Schedule B

Candida Culture
E.C.G. tracing, without interpretation
Examination for pinworm ova
Fern Test
Fungus, direct examination, KOH preparation
Glucose - semiquantitative (dipstick analyzed visually or by reflectance meter)
Haemoglobin - cyanmethaemoglobin method, and/or hemastock
Haemoglobin - other methods
Occult blood - faeces
Pregnancy test, immunologic - urine
Secretion smear for eosinophils
Sedimentation rate
Sperm; Saccinzi examination for presence or absence
Stained smear
Trichomonas and/or Candida, direct examination
Urinalysis - Chemical or any part of (screening)
Urinalysis - Microscopic examination of centrifuged deposit
Urinalysis - Complete diagnostic, semi-quant and micro
White cell count only

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PAYMENT REDUCTION FOR AMBULATORY LABORATORY TESTS
AS ANNOUNCED IN THE LETTER FROM DR. PENNY BALLEM, DEPUTY MINISTER,
MINISTRIES OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HEALTH PLANNING, DATED JULY 9, 2003,
CLAIMS FOR AMBULATORY LABORATORY TESTS WILL BE REDUCED BY 8% EFFECTIVE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2003. THE PAYMENT REDUCTION WILL APPEAR ON YOUR REMITTANCE
STATEMENT UNDER ADJUSTMENT CODE 36 - LAB REFORM REDUCTION.
AS STATED IN DR. BALLEM'S LETTER, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL
CONSOLIDATE FUNDING FOR LABORATORY SERVICES TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE LAB
SYSTEM AND TO ENABLE KEY SYSTEM REINVESTMENTS. INVESTMENT IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY AND A CLINICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY. THIS 8%
FEE REDUCTION ALLOWS \$14M TO BE RESERVED IN 2003/04 FOR IMMEDIATE
LABORATORY SYSTEM REINVESTMENTS.

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