

Bulletin

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The Out of Province/Out of Country (OOP/OOC) Laboratory and Genetics Testing Policy and Guidelines are published

The OOP/OOC program is pleased to announce the publication of the program's policy and guidelines. The document is effective on September 1, 2021.

A joint collaboration between the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and the BC Ministry of Health, these policies describe the criteria and processes to be used by the OOP/OOC program when considering public funding for out of province/out of country laboratory and genetic testing.

The policy and guidelines include the following:

1. Guiding Principles and Process
2. Applications for Funding Approval
3. Required Patient Information
4. Application Assessment

The policy and guidelines will be reviewed annually but may be updated as needed to improve the program's functionality. The policies, and any updated application documents including informed patient consent (v. Aug 2021), are found on our website at <http://www.bcaplm.ca> under *Health Professionals > Out of Province/Out of Country Laboratory and Genetic Testing Funding*.

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