

Laboratory Reform Discussion on Next Steps

Briefing for:

Minister Terry Lake

Date:

June 24, 2014



Background and Agenda

- It is anticipated the *Laboratory Services Act* (LSA) will be enacted and we will initiate the changes required to effect the lab reform agenda. s.12, s.13
- Over the term of this transition many elements will be brought forward for discussion however it is timely to discuss the following specific items:
 1. s.13, s.17
 - 2.
 3. s.17
 4. Next Steps
 5. Historical Timelines (Appendix)



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s.13, s.17

Background

- The new legislation creates both the ability to enter into formal service agreements with private sector providers and revoke current approvals, based on public interest.

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s.13, s.17

4.0 Next Steps

s.13, s.17



Appendix

Historical Timelines



Timeline for Laboratory Reform

s.12, s.13

April 2012

Secor Consulting

Engaged to conduct third party, independent comparator study review of laboratory service delivery in Canada and elsewhere to identify best practices and options to inform development of a strategy to improve BC's laboratory service delivery and consult with BC stakeholders



Timeline for Laboratory Reform

June 2012	Laboratory Agreement and Laboratory Reform Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and DOBC agree to a two year laboratory medicine fee agreement and formation of a laboratory committee with a mandate to produce by February 1, 2013, a plan to achieve additional savings from outpatient laboratory services and achieve a more efficient integration of inpatient laboratory services.
January 2013	LifeLabs concludes purchase of BC Biomedical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.13
February 1, 2013	Laboratory Services Plan – submitted to Government and DOBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.17 The Plan identifies 40 consensus recommendations, and 3 non consensus recommendations on governance The overall concept of governance through a provincial laboratory single agency is supported
s.12, s.13	
June 2013	Minister’s mandate letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directed to proceed with laboratory reform and find required savings
April 2014	Government and DOBC agree to a one year laboratory medicine fee agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement expires March 31, 2015 (or earlier with commencement of legislation)
April 9, 2014	LSA receives Royal Assent

s.12, s.13



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s.13, s.17

BACKGROUND:

Government recently passed the *Laboratory Services Act (LSA)* to move forward on laboratory reform. The approved, but not yet in force, legislation replaces the current structure in which laboratory services are governed and funded under the *Hospital Insurance Act* (in-patient) and the *Medicare Protection Act* (out-patient). The *LSA* consolidates responsibilities for governance, funding and service delivery oversight of publically funded medical laboratory services under a single statute^{s.13, s.17}

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TITLE: s.13, s.17

PURPOSE:

BACKGROUND:

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