



Diagnostic Accreditation Program

Policy

Diagnostic Accreditation Award Appeals

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The College of Physicians and Surgeons Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) Committee may revoke or change the terms of the accreditation award of a diagnostic facility based on findings during an assessment, risks to patient safety, or a failure to comply with the Bylaws. These changes may include placing limits and conditions on the services provided and, in some cases, may lead to revoking the award for part of, or the entire, scope of the accreditation.

The medical director may appeal such changes to the terms of accreditation or the revocation of an award as outlined in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia Bylaws. Requests to appeal decisions will be accepted on the following grounds:

- relevant evidence was misinterpreted or not properly considered
- decision was inconsistent with the findings of the assessment

All requests to review or appeal award decisions must be received in writing from the diagnostic service medical director within 30 days of notification of the committee's decision.

The decision of the committee will continue to be effective pending the review.

Please note:

This policy applies only when changes to the accreditation award are made.

Where a diagnostic facility disputes the findings cited by an assessor during an assessment but has not resulted in award suspension or revocation, please contact the DAP directly to clarify the standard and evidence required. The DAP will work with the facility and external experts to review the dispute and reevaluate evidence as necessary.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING AN APPEAL

1. Prepare a written request outlining in detail the reason(s) for requesting a review of the accreditation decision.
2. Submit the written request to the deputy registrar, accreditation programs within 30 days of the DAP Committee decision.
3. The DAP appeal panel will review the accreditation award decision considering any new information provided by the facility medical director.
4. The medical director will be notified of the outcome of the appeal process in writing within 30 days.

REFERENCES

College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia Bylaws – June 1, 2009 (rev. January 1, 2019), 5-28 and 5-29.