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[Funding applications—out of province and out of country laboratory and genetic tests \[1\]](#)

As of June 1, 2018, BC's Agency for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is responsible for coordinating funding applications for out of province and out of country (OOP/OOC) laboratory and genetic testing previously managed by Health Insurance BC.

The goal of transitioning the service to the Agency is to enhance the OOP/OOC test application process to better inform evidence-based review of medical necessity of OOP/OOC testing. The Agency employs clinical experts for this purpose. The Agency will track, monitor and report on OOP/OOC test applications for improved planning. Analysis of key metrics will help to identify areas for cost-quality improvement.

There is no change to tests that are managed and funded by other provincial agencies.

For more information and the new application forms, visit www.bcaplm.ca [2].

Applications can be mailed or faxed to:

BC's Agency for Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Out of Province/Out of Country Program
Suite 300, 1867 West Broadway
Vancouver BC V6J 4W1

Facsimile: 604-730-1928

Inquiries regarding the out of province and out of country funding application process can be sent to oooc@bccss.org [3]. **Note:** Please do not submit any patient information or personal identifiable information via email.

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