

## Guidance Checklist Documents for Selected Tests or Testing

The guidance checklist documents (tools) are introduced to provide testing guidance for selected laboratory and genetics tests/ testing funded by OHIP Out-of-Country (OOC) and Out-of-Province (OOP) Laboratory and Genetics Testing Services. The developed tools are to be used along with the current OOC/OOP PA Program for Laboratory and Genetic Testing Services application form number 014-4521-84. The introduction of these tools will have the following benefits for OOC/OOP PA Program users and the ministry:

- **Increase transparency and consistency:** share the criteria used to determine appropriateness of the requested test to help inform ordering physicians and their staff about how OOC/OOP PA Program funding decisions are made.
- **Support application decisions:** reduce denied applications for OOC/OOP PA Program funding as physicians will know in which circumstances a test will be funded.
- **Improve processing/wait times:** reduce wait times physicians and their patients experience when OOC/OOP PA applications undergo review to verify that the requested test is generally accepted in Ontario as appropriate for the patient and that it is not experimental or for research purposes.
- **Reduce administrative burden/red tape:** clarify clinical documentation required during application submission to reduce subsequent back and forth and only require the minimal amount needed to verify that regulatory requirements under the Health Insurance Act (HIA) are met.

The ministry will periodically review and update existing guidance and develop new guidance for additional testing in consultation with clinical experts based on regular review of OOC/OOP PA Program data. Recommendations for guidance from ordering physicians and clinics are also welcome; please provide recommendations to the ministry using the contact information provided below. Once available, guidance will be released publicly.

A funding decision for a test request does not set precedent for future requests as the General Manager of the Ontario Health Insurance Program reserves the right to issue a funding decision based on up-to-date guidance which continues to evolve with new evidence, updates to technology, and other potential factors.

Please share this information with colleagues in your organization. Should you have any questions related to the OOC/OOP PA Program for Laboratory and Genetic Testing Services, contact the ministry at [Outofcountrylabsgenetics@ontario.ca](mailto:Outofcountrylabsgenetics@ontario.ca).

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