

MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION**MINUTE OF THE COMMISSION**

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CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF NEW BONE DENSITOMETRY FACILITIES

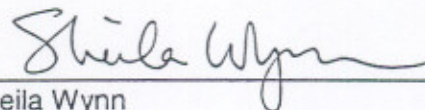
Pursuant to Section 51(2)(f) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, Minute of the Commission 00-063 is amended by adding the following guideline for approval of new Bone Densitometry Facilities to the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities' "Guidelines for Recommending Approval/Denial When Reviewing Applications for New Diagnostic Facilities"

Addition:

The Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities (ACDF) will consider reasonable access for Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD) testing to exist where and when beneficiaries may find appointments available for the service at an approved diagnostic facility within approximately one hour travel time and within approximately one month wait time.

Providers, regardless of practitioner specialty or facility class or category, are eligible for BMD approval as a diagnostic facility, subject to accreditation by the Diagnostic Accreditation Program of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

The ACDF will not presume MSC approval for any Facility or any class or category. The ACDF should recommend approval of any BMD Facility only with due regard to the above guidelines concerning accessibility and proximity, and any other condition or requirements given by the MSC, consistent with its statutory authority. As stated in its Guidelines, the ACDF should not recommend approval, without reasonable justification, where projected service volumes would exceed the current provincial average per capita frequency for the expected service population.



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Chair
Medical Services Commission

Dated this 11 day of September A. D. 2002