PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

Order in Council No.

343

, Approved and Ordered

June 22, 2020

Lieutenant Governor

Executive Council Chambers, Victoria

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that the Laboratory Services Regulation, B.C. Reg. 52/2015, is amended as set out in the attached Schedule.

Minister of Health

Presiding Member of the Executive Council

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Laboratory Services Act, S.B.C. 2014, c. 8, s. 71 (b)

Other: OIC 132/2015

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SCHEDULE

1 The Laboratory Services Regulation, B.C. Reg. 52/2015, is amended by adding the following section:

Temporary referring practitioners

- **3.1** (1) A health care practitioner is prescribed as a referring practitioner for the purposes of the Act if the health care practitioner
 - (a) is a registrant of the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals who is authorized to use the title "registered nurse" or "registered psychiatric nurse",
 - (b) makes a request for a beneficiary to receive benefits in relation to screening for infection with SARS-CoV-2, and
 - (c) made the request referred to in paragraph (b) during the period that
 - (i) begins on the date this section comes into effect, and
 - (ii) ends on the date on which the provincial health officer provides notice under section 59 (b) of the *Public Health Act* that the public health emergency related to COVID-19 that is the subject of the notice provided on March 17, 2020 by the provincial health officer under section 52 (2) of that Act has passed.
 - (2) Section 3 (3) and (4) applies for the purposes of this section.
 - (3) This section is repealed on the date referred to in subsection (1) (c) (ii).