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Nunatsiavut Government closely monitoring service changes at Labrador Health Centre

The Nunatsiavut Government is working with Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority (LGH) in an effort to alleviate the impacts of reduced service delivery at the Labrador Health Centre (LHC) in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

LGH announced today that, due to the available number of Registered Nurses, temporary service delivery changes are required at the LHC.

Effective immediately, **all obstetrical services** will be diverted from the LHC to the Labrador West Health Centre in Labrador City. This diversion is expected to last until January 13, 2023. Expectant mothers will be contacted to discuss birth plans options.

All coastal medevac patients will be diverted to a LGH facility, other than the LHC.

With respect to **transitioning to home and community care**, early discharge is being arranged for patients who do not require acute services at the LHC. The health authority is working with patients and their families to coordinate home and community placements that best meet their care needs.

There are no changes to emergency services at the LHC.

“It is very unfortunate that these measures have to be put in place,” says Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe. “Staff with the Nunatsiavut Department of Health and Social Development are keeping a close eye on these developments, and will assist as much as possible during this temporary interruption in health services.”