

## **Empower Clinics Subsidiary MediSure Submits Health Canada Application For Its Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Tests**

*Health Canada Approval Opens a Path For Increased Sales and Distribution of MediSure Branded Rapid Antigen Tests In Canada*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** December 24, 2021 – **EMPOWER CLINICS INC. (CSE:CBDT)(Frankfurt:8EC)(OTCQB:EPWCF)** ("Empower" or the "Company") an integrated healthcare company - serving patients through medical centers, telemedicine platforms, a medical device company, and a high complexity medical diagnostics laboratory – is pleased to announce that the Company's subsidiary, MediSure Canada, has formally submitted an application to Health Canada for an Interim Order ("IO") Approval to manufacture and sell MediSure Canada Lateral Flow Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Tests ("**MediSure™ COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests**").

MediSure Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary, is leveraging its experience in the manufacturing and distribution of diabetes management solutions and medical devices, to meet the critical need for expanded COVID-19 testing supply. Approval of this application initiates the commercialization and distribution of its MediSure™ COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests in Canada. The Company anticipates a response on the application in early Q1 2022 as Health Canada is continuing to expedite the review of COVID-19 related applications under its [Interim Order No. 2](#).

This project represents a planned expansion and diversification for MediSure, moving the division forward for growth, leveraging its significant Health Canada expertise to bring important new medical devices to Canadians, that can be sold direct to consumer and through its vast network of pharmacy partners.

"We acquired MediSure precisely to support their plans to diversify their medical device portfolio. This Health Canada submission demonstrates how these goals are being achieved," said Steven McAuley, Chairman and CEO of Empower. "As a Canadian company, we're proud to provide made-in-Canada testing solutions as we navigate another challenging winter. We're working closely with Health Canada, so we can begin distribution as soon as possible."

"I'm immensely proud of the MediSure team for its diligence and agility in the face of yet another COVID-19 wave," said Mario Cortis, President of MediSure. "Utilizing MediSure's two decades of healthcare manufacturing experience, we're able to begin manufacturing COVID-19 tests with the utmost quality control in mind. When approved, these tests will expand the supply of COVID-19 tests at a time when Canadians need them the most."

Provincial governments have rolled out rapid testing programs in recent days, and they are seeing enormous uptake and supply chain issues. Ontario's pickup sites [ran out of kits](#) within the first day of the program. Rapid testing is expected to be an integral part of Canada's pandemic response throughout the winter months as Canadians seek additional layers of protection beyond vaccinations and mask wearing.

MediSure is preparing various activation steps in order to make its tests available as soon as it receives approval. The Company is also working to apply for FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) allowing access to the U.S. market.

This press release is available on the Empower Clinics Verified Forum on AGORACOM for shareholder discussion, questions and engagement with management <https://agoracom.com/ir/EmpowerClinics>

**ABOUT MEDISURE:**

MediSure Canada is a wholly owned subsidiary of Empower Clinics. It is a Canadian medical device company dedicated to bringing value to the high cost of diabetes, both to patients and insurers. MediSure's products are designed and manufactured with safety and durability in mind, meeting all ISO standards with world-class quality controls. Equipped with features that lead the industry in technology, MediSure's products are designed to offer a user-friendly experience and an overall improved approach to diabetes management.

**ABOUT EMPOWER:**

Empower is an integrated healthcare company that provides body and mind wellness for patients through its clinics, with digital and telemedicine care, a medical device company and world-class medical diagnostics laboratories. Supported by an experienced leadership team, Empower is aggressively growing its clinical and digital presence across North America. Our Health & Wellness and Diagnostics & Technology business units are positioned to positively impact the integrated health of our patients, while simultaneously providing long term value for our shareholders.

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