### **Regulation to amend the Regulation** respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan\*

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance and amending various legislative provisions (1996, c. 32, s. 78, 1<sup>st</sup> par., subpar. 3)

**I**. The second paragraph of section 2.1 of the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan is amended:

(1) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph iv of paragraph b of subparagraph 1:

"v. for treatment of severe congenital varicella-zoster infections in newborns under one month of age;";

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph b of subparagraph 1:

"(*c*) for prevention of cytomegalovirus infections in persons having undergone a transplant;";

(3) by striking out subparagraph 22;

(4) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph c of subparagraph 30:

"(*d*) in immunocompromised persons, for curative and preventive treatment of severe herpes virus infections where acyclovir is ineffective or poorly tolerated;";

(5) by striking out the word "liquid" in paragraph a of subparagraph 38, in paragraph a of subparagraph 39 and in paragraph a of subparagraph 40;

(6) by striking out the words "type I" in subparagraph 49;

(7) by inserting the words ", in association with a compressive treatment" after the words "cutaneous ulcers" in subparagraph 72;

(8) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph *b* of subparagraph 88: "(*c*) in immunocompromised persons, for curative and preventive treatment of severe herpes virus infections where acyclovir is ineffective or poorly tolerated.".

**2.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 October 1997.

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## **O.C. 1232-97,** 24 September 1997

An Act respecting income security (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1)

#### Income Security — Amendments

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting Income Security

WHEREAS in accordance with section 91 of the Act respecting income security (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1), the Government made the Regulation respecting Income Security by Order in Council 922-89 dated 14 June 1989;

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Regulation;

WHEREAS in accordance with sections 10, 12 and 13 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), a Draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting Income Security was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 23 July 1997 with a notice that it could be made by the Government upon the expiry of 20 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the 20-day period has expired;

WHEREAS under section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*;

WHEREAS under section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the Regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency owing to the following circumstances justifies such coming into force:

— the amendments prescribed in the Regulation attached to this Order in Council must come into force on the same date as that of the new unified housing allowance program, approved by Order in Council 904-97 dated 9 July 1997, that is 1 October 1997, since the purpose of these amendments is to harmonize financial assistance for housing granted to families benefiting from income security with the one prescribed within the new program;

<sup>\*</sup> The Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan, made by Order in Council 1519-96 dated 4 December 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 2, 4941), has most recently been amended by the Regulations made by Orders in Council 364-97 dated 19 March 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1278), 431-97 dated 26 March 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1325), 582-97 dated 30 April 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1949), 776-97 dated 11 June 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 2636) and 973-97 dated 30 July 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 4300). For earlier amendments, see the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 March 1997.

— the Regulation includes an amendment of harmonization with the amendments made to the Act respecting child day care (1997, c. 58), which came into force on 1 September 1997;

— the amendments prescribed in the Regulation, in harmonization with the coming into force of the Act respecting family benefits (1997, c. 57), must come into force as soon as possible in order to allow the persons in question to benefit rapidly from the advantages they provide;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of State for Employment and Solidarity and Minister of Employment and Solidarity:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting Income Security, attached hereto, be made.

MICHEL CARPENTIER, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

#### **Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting Income Security\***

An Act respecting income security (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1, s. 91, 1<sup>st</sup> par., subpars. 5, 7.1, 9, 18,

33.0.1 and 40 and 2<sup>nd</sup> par.; 1996, c. 78, s. 6; 1997, c. 57, s. 58; 1997, c. 58, s. 57)

**1**. Section 11 of the Regulation respecting Income Security is amended by substituting the following for subparagraph 2:

"(2) where the family comprises two adults and is eligible for the work and employment incentives program: \$121 for the first child and \$96 for the second;

(3) where the family comprises two adults and is eligible for the financial support program: \$130 for the first child and \$102 for the second.".

**2.** Section 45 is amended

(1) by substituting the words "in a general education program at a secondary-level educational institution" for "except in full-time vocational education at a secondary-level educational institution" in the first paragraph.

(2) by substituting "55 %" for "50 %" in the second paragraph; and

(3) by inserting the following after the second paragraph:

"The amount of the benefits granted under this section shall be reduced by the allowance paid for that month under the unified housing allowance program, approved by Décret 904-97 dated 9 July 1997.".

**3.** Section 52 is amended by substituting the following for paragraph 12:

"(12) allowances received under section 3.1 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec;".

**4.** Section 74 is amended by substituting the following for subparagraph *j*:

(*j*) allowances paid under section 3.1 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec;".

**5.** Section 99 is revoked.

**6.** Section 100 is amended by striking out the words "the portion of the benefit added under section 99 or" in the first paragraph.

**7.** Section 100.2 is amended by striking out the words "in a childcare centre and".

**8.** The following is inserted after section 104:

"**104.1** The minister shall inform the persons eligible for the benefits paid under the Act, of the existence of the unified housing allowance program and, as the case may be, of the means to take advantage thereof.".

**9.** Section 105 is amended by substituting "as well as the special benefits prescribed in section 45 shall be paid" for "shall be paid".

**10.** The following is inserted after section 132.8:

**"132.9** A family benefiting from a last resort assistance program in August 1997 and whose resources for that month are less than the required amount to meet its needs according to the calculation prescribed in section 8 or 13 of the Act, without taking into account

<sup>\*</sup> The Regulation respecting Income Security, made by Order in Council 922-89 dated 14 June 1989 (1989, *G.O.* 2, 2443) was last amended by Orders in Council 283-97 dated 5 March 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1014), 538-97 dated 23 April 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1856), 587-97 dated 30 April 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 1864), 910-97 dated 9 July 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 3973) and 911-97 dated 9 July 1997 (1997, *G.O.* 2, 3974). For previous amendments, refer to "Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire", Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 March 1997.

family allowances paid under the Act respecting family benefits for September 1997, may, as of 1 October 1997, continue to benefit from dental and pharmaceutical services granted under sections 9 and 21 of the Act and from the special benefits for optometric services prescribed in paragraph 1 b of Schedule I, in accordance with the standards and practices of the Régie de l'Assurance-maladie du Québec.

The family is deemed beneficiary of a last resort assistance program in September 1997 for the purposes of calculating the months of eligibility required for the purposes of the special benefits prescribed in section 28, in paragraph 1 b and in the Appendix of Schedule I, and in paragraph 4 of section 34.

**132.10** A family benefiting from a last resort assistance program in September 1997 and whose resources for that month are less than the required amount to meet its needs according to the calculation prescribed in section 8 or 13 of the Act, without taking into account the allowance paid under the unified housing allowance program for October 1997, may, as of 1 October 1997, continue to benefit from dental and pharmaceutical services granted under sections 9 and 21 of the Act and from the special benefits for optometric services prescribed in paragraph 1 b of Schedule I, in accordance with the standards and practices of the Régie de l'Assurance-maladie du Québec.

**132.11** A family referred to in sections 132.9 and 132.10 may continue to benefit from the services that are provided therein for not more than 12 months as long as, on a continuous basis, its resources, without taking into account family allowances or, as the case may be, the housing allowance, are less than the required amount to meet its needs according to the calculation prescribed in section 8 or 13 of the Act. It must, to that end, submit the declaration prescribed in section 106 for the period during which these sections apply.

**132.12** Section 45 is amended by substituting "60 %" for "55 %" on 1 October 1998 and "66 2/3 %" for "60 %" on 1 October 1999.

**132.13** In September 1997, a family eligible for the special benefits prescribed in section 45 of this Regulation and whose amount is equal to or greater than \$10 on an annual basis is deemed to receive, on 1 October 1997, an allowance paid under the unified housing allowance program equivalent to the maximum amount of those benefits.".

**11.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 October 1997.

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## O.C. 1262-97, 24 September 1997

Hydro-Québec Act (R.S.Q., c. H-5)

# Electricity rates and their conditions of application — Amendments

Hydro-Québec Bylaw Number 662 modifying Bylaw Number 658 establishing electricity rates and their conditions of application

WHEREAS under section 22.0.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act (R.S.Q., c. H-5), the rates and conditions upon which power is supplied are fixed by by-law of the Corporation, subject to the approval of the Government;

WHEREAS under Order in Council 250-87 dated 18 February 1987, the Regulation is exempt from the application of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1);

WHEREAS the board of directors of Hydro-Québec made, at its meeting of 14 February 1997, Bylaw Number 658 establishing electricity rates and their conditions of application;

WHEREAS the Government approved that Bylaw by Order in Council 481-97 dated 9 April 1997;

WHEREAS the board of directors of Hydro-Québec made, at its meeting of 12 September 1997, Hydro-Québec Bylaw Number 662 modifying Bylaw Number 658 establishing electricity rates and their conditions of application in order to introduce a transitional rate that will apply only to greenhouse producers subscribing to rate BT (bi-energy).

WHEREAS it is expedient to approve the Bylaw;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Natural Resources:

THAT Hydro-Québec Bylaw Number 662 modifying Bylaw Number 658 establishing electricity rates and their conditions of application, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

MICHEL CARPENTIER, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif