

## Draft Regulation

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29)

### Eligibility and registration of persons — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting eligibility and registration of persons in respect of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to widen the scope of the definition of “dependent person”.

For that purpose, it provides that, in addition to minors, any person between the ages of 18 and 25 pursuing full-time studies, persons having certain functional impairments and any person between the ages of 18 and 25 pursuing part-time studies but having certain functional impairments will be considered dependent persons.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Marie-Andrée Pelletier, advocate, Direction du contentieux et du secrétariat, Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, 1125, chemin Saint-Louis, 8<sup>e</sup> étage, Sillery (Québec) G1S 1E7.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the Minister of Health and Social Services, 1075, chemin Ste-Foy, 15<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

JEAN ROCHON,  
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and Social Services*

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting eligibility and registration of persons in respect of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 9, and s. 69, 1st par., subpars. a and l)

**1.** The Regulation respecting eligibility and registration of persons in respect of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec is amended, in section 1, by striking out ““dependent person” means any single person under 18 years of age who lives permanently with a person referred to in sections 5 to 8 of the Act and in Division II of this Regulation; (*personne à charge*)”.

**2.** The Regulation is amended by inserting the following after section 1:

“**1.1** For the purposes of this Regulation, “dependent person” means:

(1) any person under 18 years of age who is domiciled with a person referred to in sections 5 to 8 of the Act or in Division II of this Regulation who exercises parental authority over him;

(2) any spouseless person 25 years of age or under who attends an educational institution on a full-time basis as a duly registered student and who is domiciled with a person referred to in sections 5 to 8 of the Act or in Division II of this Regulation who would exercise parental authority over him if he were a minor;

(3) any spouseless person of full age who has a functional impairment that is listed in a government regulation made under subparagraph 6 of the first paragraph of section 78 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance and amending various legislative provisions (1996, c. 32) and that occurred before he reached age 18, who receives no benefits under a last resort assistance program provided for in the Act respecting income security, and who is domiciled with a person referred to in sections 5 to 8 of the Act or in Division II of this Regulation who would exercise parental authority over him if he were a minor.

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\* The Regulation respecting eligibility and registration of persons in respect of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, made by Order in Council 1470-92 dated 30 September 1992 (1992, G.O. 2, 4621), has most recently been amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 1520-96 dated 4 December 1996 (1996, G.O. 2, 4945). For earlier amendments, see the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1997, updated to 1 September 1997.

Any spouseless person 25 years of age or under who is domiciled with a person referred to in sections 5 to 8 of the Act or in Division II of this Regulation who would exercise parental authority over him if he were a minor is deemed to attend an educational institution on a full-time basis if he has any of the functional impairments referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 of section 11.1 of the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan, made by Order in Council 1519-96 dated 4 December 1996 and if, for that reason, he attends such an institution on a part-time basis as a duly registered student.”.

**3.** The Regulation is amended in section 8 by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: “Notwithstanding the foregoing, a dependent person 18 years of age or over may register with the Board on his own.”.

**4.** The Regulation is amended in section 15 by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph:

“(4.1) in the case of a dependent person, the documents referred to in subparagraph 9, 10 or 11, as the case may be, of the first paragraph of section 8 of the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan or in subparagraph 1 or 2 of the second paragraph of that section;”.

**5.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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## Draft Regulation

An Act respecting the Société de financement agricole (R.S.Q., c. S-11.0101)

### Program for farm financing — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Program for farm financing, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to ensure adequate financing for farming businesses and to support the development of the aquaculture sector.

The draft Regulation proposes that the maximum amount of a loan that may be granted to a farming business, currently \$1 000 000, be increased to \$2 000 000 in order to take into account the asset growth of farming businesses.

It also proposes to extend guaranteed financing to freshwater aquaculture businesses.

Lastly, it proposes some minor regulatory adjustments to simplify the administration of loans.

To date, study of the matter has shown the following impact on the public and businesses, in particular, small and medium-sized businesses:

— an increase in the maximum amount of a loan would better meet the needs of farming businesses;

— access to financing would allow freshwater aquaculture businesses to improve their market position.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Michel R. Saint-Pierre, President, Société de financement agricole, 1020, route de l'Église, Sainte-Foy (Québec) G1V 4P2; tel.: (418) 643-2610; fax: (418) 646-9712.

Any interested person having comments to make on the matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the undersigned, 200 A, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6.

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Fisheries and Food

## Regulation to amend the Program for farm financing (\*)

An Act respecting the Société de financement agricole (R.S.Q., c. S-11.0101, s. 34)

**1.** Section 2 of the Program for farm financing is amended by substituting the words “a business practising aquaculture in a marine environment” for the words “an aquaculture farm” in the definition of the expression “farming business”.

**2.** Section 10 is amended by substituting “2 000 000” for “1 000 000” in the first paragraph.

\* The Program for farm financing was made by Order in Council 699-95 dated 24 May 1995 (1995, G.O. 2, 1650) and has not been amended since.