

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Regulation

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

### Income security — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 13 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting income security, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 15 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to make amendments to the income security scheme in order to improve the situation of the persons involved. In particular, they deal with an increase to the liquid assets excluded for families with dependent children, to the special benefits granted to sheltered adults to pay for their lodging, to the exemption for the value of a residence or farm in operation and to the work income excluded for benefit calculation purposes.

Under section 12 of the Regulations Act, the draft Regulation may be made within a period shorter than the 45-day period prescribed in section 11 of that Act, by reason of the urgency due to the following circumstances:

— the amendments made by the draft Regulation must come into force quickly so that the persons involved may benefit from the improvements to income security put forth by the draft Regulation as soon as possible.

To date, study of the matter has revealed a positive impact on income security beneficiaries.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Geneviève Bouchard, Director, Politiques de sécurité du revenu, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1 (telephone: (418) 646-2564; fax: (418) 643-0019).

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 15-day period, to the Minister of State for Employment and Solidarity and Minister of

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### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting income security<sup>(\*)</sup>

An Act respecting income security  
(R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1, s. 91, 1st par., subpars. 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 21, 40 and 2nd par.; 1997, c. 57, s. 58)

**1.** Section 13 of the Regulation respecting income security is amended by substituting the amounts “\$200”, “\$300”, “\$200”, “\$300”, “\$200”, “\$300”, “\$300”, “\$300” and “\$300” for the amounts in the table under the heading “Excluded work”.

**2.** The amounts “\$200”, “\$200” and “\$200” are substituted for the amounts in section 14.1 in the table and under the heading “Work income excluded”.

**3.** The words “and amounts paid as national child benefit supplements, determined under C of the formula appearing in subsection 1 of section 122.61 of the Income Tax Act (Revised Statutes of Canada (1985), c. 1, 5th Supplement)” are inserted after the words “family benefits” in the third paragraph of section 20.

**4.** The word “minor” is inserted after the word “first” in the third paragraph of section 20.1.

**5.** The following is substituted for section 44:

“**44.** Special benefits shall be granted to a sheltered single adult or a sheltered family referred to in paragraph 7 of section 2, to pay for lodging, up to \$325 per month for 12 months from the month following that of admission to shelter.”

\* 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 the Regulations made by Orders in Council 619-98 dated 6 May 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 1819), 821-98 dated 17 June 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 2497), 912-98 dated 8 July 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 2869) and 1035-98 dated 12 August 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 3694), as well as by section 208 of Chapter 36 of the Statutes of 1998. For previous amendments, refer to the “Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire”, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 March 1998.

**6.** Section 56 is amended

(1) by substituting the amounts “\$712”, “\$1037”, “\$1237”, “\$1061”, “\$1278” and “\$1478” for those indicated in the table;

(2) by substituting the amount “\$200” for the amount “\$3” in the second paragraph; and

(3) by substituting the following for the third paragraph:

“Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a family comprising an adult member referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of section 2, that amount shall be \$323, which shall be increased by \$217 for the first dependent child and by \$200 for each subsequent child.

Those amounts shall also be increased by \$119 for any minor dependent child who receives an allowance for handicapped children under the Act respecting family benefits.

In the case of a single adult referred to in paragraph 4 of section 2 or in section 4, the amount shall be \$148.”

**7.** Section 64 is amended

(1) by substituting “\$80 000” for “60 000 \$” in the first paragraph; and

(2) by substituting the words “he enters into a family mediation process or initiates legal proceedings until the date a court rules on the right of ownership or, as the case may be, ratifies or homologates the agreement between the parties” for what follows the words “extending from the date on which” in subparagraph 3.1 of the first paragraph.

**8.** The second paragraph of section 68 is deleted.**9.** The following is inserted after section 68:

“**68.0.1** The amounts provided for in paragraph 2 of section 68 shall be increased for any minor dependent child by an amount determined as follows:

| Adult(s) | Dependent children | Amount |
|----------|--------------------|--------|
| 1        | 1                  | \$325  |
| 1        | 2                  | \$525  |
| 2        | 1                  | \$217  |
| 2        | 2                  | \$417  |

Those amounts shall be increased by \$200 for the third minor dependent child and for each subsequent child.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a family comprising an adult member referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of section 2, the amounts provided for in paragraph 2 of section 68 shall be increased by \$217 for the first minor dependent child and \$200 for each subsequent child.

Those amounts shall be increased by \$119 for any minor dependent child who receives an allowance for handicapped children under the Act respecting family benefits.

**68.0.2** The amounts provided for in paragraph 2 of section 68 shall be increased by \$147 for any dependent child of full age who attends a secondary-level educational institution in general education.”

**10.** Section 73 is amended

(1) by substituting the amounts “\$712”, “\$1037”, “\$1237”, “\$1061”, “\$1278” and “\$1478” for those indicated in the table in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph;

(2) by substituting the following for the second clause of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph:

“Those amounts shall be increased by \$200 for the third dependent child and for each subsequent child.

Those amounts shall also be increased by \$119 for any minor dependent child who receives an allowance for handicapped children under the Act respecting family benefits.”; and

(3) by substituting the following for what follows clause *b* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph:

“(c) add an amount determined as follows for each minor dependent child:

| Adult(s) | Minor dependent children | Amount |
|----------|--------------------------|--------|
| 1        | 1                        | \$325  |
| 1        | 2                        | \$525  |
| 2        | 1                        | \$217  |
| 2        | 2                        | \$417  |

That amount shall be increased by \$200 for the third minor dependent child and for each subsequent child.

That amount shall be increased by \$119 for any minor dependent child who receives an allowance for handicapped children under the Act respecting family benefits.”

**11.** The following is substituted for section 80.2:

“**80.2** The sharing of a dwelling unit resulting from a person’s need to receive constant care, within the meaning of subparagraph 5 of the first paragraph of section 16 of the Act, does not entail the reduction in benefits provided for in section 79. The same applies to a beneficiary eligible for the scale based on unavailability by reason of the presence of such person.”

**12.** The following is substituted for the address in section 106.2:

“Ministère de l’Emploi et de la Solidarité  
Centre de recouvrement  
Service des pensions alimentaires  
800, place D’Youville  
15<sup>e</sup> étage  
Québec (Québec)  
G1R 5Z6”.

**13.** This Regulation comes into force on 1 December 1998, except sections 1 and 2, which come into force on 1 January 1999.

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## Draft Regulation

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

### Visual aids insured — 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 draft Regulation, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following the date of this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend the provisions of the Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act, made by Order in Council 1403-96 dated 13 November 1996, in order to allow workers who allocate the visual aids to better meet the real needs of visually handicapped persons.

To that end, it proposes a review of the conditions for allocating computer aids intended for the blind or for those who have low eyesight based on the following principles:

— the allocation of technical aids adapted to persons who have low eyesight and who need computer aids in order to ensure the autonomous management of their property and pursue voluntary activities;

— the allocation of computers and technical aids adapted to young people in an academic environment who need those devices, first, to further their apprentice-

ship, second, to perfect it in order to support the development of their potential and, finally, to facilitate their access to the labour market;

— the allocation of computers and technical aids adapted to workers who need them to maintain their employment and their performance at work;

— the allocation of less performing devices to functionally blind persons which correspond nevertheless to their needs so that they be able to ensure the autonomous management of their property and pursue voluntary activities.

The draft Regulation makes an amendment to the prices of certain visual aids appearing in the list attached to the draft Regulation, including an increase in the cost for caring for a seeing-eye dog.

Study of the matter indicates that the program is completely reorganized in order to better support the needs of persons in their academic apprenticeship, vocational integration, ability to live independently at home and pursuit of voluntary activities. The draft Regulation updates the prices of certain aids to take into account the development of the market and technology.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jean-L. Lefebvre by phone at (418) 682-5172 or by fax at (418) 643-7312 at the Régie de l’assurance-maladie du Québec, 1125, chemin Saint-Louis, Sillery (Québec) G1S 1E7, during the 45-day period.

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 Sainte-Foy, 15<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 3, 6th par., subpar. *h. 1*)

**1.** The Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act is amended in section 7

\* The regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act, made by Order in Council 1403-96 dated 13 November 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 2, 4725) has nos previously been amended.