

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Regulation

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

### Forms and statements of fees — 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 forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act, the text of which appears below, may be approved by the government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The Regulation is intended to give health professionals further incentive to transmit their claims to the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec by means of a computerized billing system or by telecommunications. To this end, it sets at \$0.50 per claim form or per statement of fees the amount of the fee exigible from physicians remunerated on a fee-for-service-basis who submit their claims or statements of fees to the Régie in paper form. This represents an increase of \$0.25 over the current fee.

This measure has an impact only on physicians remunerated on a fee-for-service basis who bill the Régie for insured services and who choose to continue sending their claims and statements of fees to the Régie in paper form. For businesses, particularly small and medium-sized businesses such as billing agencies, the fee proposed compares more closely with the fees they charge. For suppliers of software and computer equipment, discouraging the submission of claims in paper form will have the effect of increasing the demand for their services to the extent that the number of physicians opting for computerized billing increases. This measure has no impact on the public.

Finally, with a view to streamlining the regulatory provisions, the regulation proposes to eliminate certain forms used by health professionals in meeting the Régie's administrative requirements. This streamlining will make it possible to better address the needs of the Régie's clientele.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Diane Bois, Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, 1125, chemin Saint-Louis, Sillery (Québec) G1S 1E7, tel. (418) 682-5172.

Any interested person having comments to make on this matter is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to the undersigned, Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec, 1125, chemin Saint-Louis, 8<sup>e</sup> étage, Sillery (Québec) G1S 1E7.

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### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 72, 1st par., subpars. a and d.2)

**1.** The Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act is amended in section 9.5:

(1) by striking out the words “or pharmacist” in the first paragraph;

(2) by substituting the amount “\$0.50” for the amount “\$0.25” in the first paragraph;

(3) by striking out the words “or pharmacist” in the third paragraph;

(4) by striking out the words “ou la profession de pharmacien” in the third paragraph of the French version.

**2.** The Regulation is amended by substituting the following for section 9.6:

“**9.6** The Board must reimburse the fees collected from a physician where he is accredited after submitting an application to the Board, under section 15, within 12 months following the date he obtained his permit to practice or specialist's certificate issued by the Collège des médecins du Québec.”

\* The Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act (R.R.Q., 1981, c. A-29, r. 2) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 1522-96 dated 4 December 1996 (1996, G.O. 2, 4948). For previous amendments, refer to the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 March 1998.

**3.** The Regulation is amended by striking out paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 10.

**4.** The Regulation is amended by revoking forms 7 and 10.

**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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