

Draft Regulations

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An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(R.S.Q., c. A-29.01)

Conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications — 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 the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister of State for Health and Social Services and Minister of Health and Social Services, upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to withdraw from the Regulation the provisions referring to the “Quad Program (Quality Assessment of Drugs)” of the Department of Health and Welfare, Health Protection Branch, since that program was abolished on 31 December 1997.

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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 State for Health and Social Services and Minister of Health and Social Services, 1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized*

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(R.S.Q., c. A-29.01, s. 80)

1. The Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized is amended by deleting paragraph 3 of section 1.
2. Schedule I to that Regulation is amended by deleting section 3.
3. 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 income security
(R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1)

Income security — 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 income security, 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 provide certain particular rules of eligibility and for the calculation of an income security benefit for the persons who cease to be eligible for such benefits considering their work income or the amounts paid by Emploi-Québec because of their participation in employment-assistance

* The Regulation respecting the conditions on which manufacturers and wholesalers of medications shall be recognized, made by Order No. 92-06 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 6 July 1992 (1992, *G.O.* 2, 3623), was amended by the Regulation made by Minister's Order 96-08 dated 9 December 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 2, 5430).

programs and measures. The purpose of those amendments is particularly to increase the amount of excluded liquid assets upon a new application for benefits, not to cease establishing the amount of needs according to the number of days remaining as of the date of application on the basis of the ratio and to grant certain special benefits to beneficiaries eligible for the financial support program who return to work.

The purpose of those amendments is also to provide the manner in which the employment-assistance allowances and the additional fees paid by Emploi-Québec are to be in calculating income security benefits.

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

Further information concerning the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Geneviève Bouchard, Assistant Director General, Politiques de sécurité du revenu, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1 (tel. (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 45-day period, to the Minister of Social Solidarity, 425, rue Saint-Amable, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting income security*

An Act respecting income security (R.S.Q., c. S-3.1.1, s. 91, 1st par., subpars. 5, 6.1, 8, 9, 13, 18, 39, 40 and 2nd par; 1997, c. 57, s. 58)

1. Section 6.1 of the Regulation respecting income security is amended by deleting the sixth paragraph.

2. The following is inserted after section 6.1:

“**6.1.1.** Notwithstanding section 6.1, the liquid assets of an independent adult or a family referred to in section 24 that submits an application during the period provided therein or during the month following that period may not exceed, on the date of his application, the following amounts:

Adult(s)	Dependent children	Liquid assets
1	0	\$2 500
1	1	\$5 325
1	2	\$5 525
2	0	\$5 000
2	1	\$5 217
2	2	\$5 417

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the liquid assets of a family including an adult member referred to in subparagraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of section 2 may not exceed amount of \$2 500, plus an amount of \$217 for the first dependent child and \$200 for each subsequent child.

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

In the case of an adult referred to in subparagraph 4 of section 2 or in section 4, the liquid assets he may have on the date of his application may not exceed an amount of \$2 500.

6.1.2. For the purposes of sections 6.1 and 6.1.1, the liquid assets referred to in sections 69 to 72 and the increases in the liquid assets prescribed in sections 68.1 and 68.2 shall also be excluded. The foregoing applies to the amounts of cheques outstanding on the date of the application and intended to pay the rent, electricity and heating, provided they are cashable in the month of the application.”

3. Section 20 is amended by substituting the following for the fourth paragraph:

“In addition, if the application is made by an independent adult or a family referred to in section 24 during the period provided therein or during the month following that period, the employment assistance allowances granted by Emploi-Québec or, as the case may be, the work income shall be taken into account only if they are due for the month of the application.”

* 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 1218-98 dated 23 September 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4048), 1296-98 dated 7 October (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4264), 1394-98 dated 28 October 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4426), 1420-98 dated 11 November 1998 (1998, *G.O.* 2, 4481) and 12-99 dated 13 January 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 86). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1998, updated to 1 September 1998.

4. The following is inserted after section 20:

“**20.0.1.** The liquid assets owned on the date of the application, except where excluded by this Regulation, are taken into account in calculating benefits for the month of the application. However, the liquid assets referred to in section 68 are taken into account for calculation purposes.

The amount of the cheques outstanding on the date of the application and intended to pay the rent, electricity and heating shall be excluded, provided they are cashable in the month of the application; the amount of the income taken into account under the second and fourth paragraphs of section 20 shall also be excluded, provided it was deposited in a financial institution.”

5. The following is inserted after section 20.1:

“**20.2.** The first paragraph of section 20 and section 20.1 do not apply if the application is made by an independent adult or a family referred to in section 24 during the period provided therein or during the month following that period.

In addition, the amounts of liquid assets provided for in sections 68 to 68.0.2 shall also be excluded in calculating the benefits for the month of the application.”

6. Section 24 is amended by deleting the second and third paragraphs.

7. The following is inserted after section 24:

“**24.1.** For the purposes of calculating the consecutive months of eligibility required by this Regulation, an independent adult or a family is a beneficiary of a last resort assistance program during the period referred to in paragraph 24.

The special benefits prescribed in sections 31 and 32, in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of section 33, in paragraphs 3 to 7 of section 34, in sections 35 and 36, except those intended for installing or repairing a heating system, shall also be granted to an independent adult or a family referred to in paragraph 5 of section 24.

24.2. An independent adult or a family referred to in section 24 must submit the statements prescribed in section 106. However, the complete statement shall be submitted, where applicable, 12 months after the beginning of the period referred to in that section and the short statement need be submitted only where the situation has changed.”

8. Section 53 is amended by substituting the following for the part preceding paragraph 1:

“Work income and income from employment assistance allowances granted by Emploi-Québec shall be calculated by deducting the following amounts from that income or, in the case of income from self-employment, from net income:”

9. Section 69 is amended by inserting the following after subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph:

“(4) amounts paid by Emploi-Québec as additional fees related to the beneficiary’s participation in an employment assistance program or measure, if those amounts are used for the purposes for which they were obtained.”

10. Section 84 is amended by adding the words “or participates in a measure proposed by the Minister pursuant to section 23 of the Act” at the end of paragraph 3.

11. This Regulation comes into force on 1 July 1999.

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