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

Basic prescription drug insurance plan — 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 basic prescription drug insurance plan, 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 determine the rules pursuant to which the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec shall fix the rate of adjustment of the maximum amount of the annual premium within the framework of the basic prescription drug insurance plan.

To date, study of this matter has shown the following major impact on the public:

— the annual premium payable by insured persons will be fixed on the basis of costs incurred by the plan according to recent experience, taking into account the anticipated cost of changes to coverage under the plan and any other factor liable to have a direct effect on the cost of the plan.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurant plan*

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(R.S.Q., c. A-29.01, s. 78, 1st par., subpar. 7, and
2000, c. 23, s. 2)

1. The Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan is amended by inserting the following after section 6:

“DIVISION IV.1 ANNUAL PREMIUM

6.1 The rules pursuant to which the Board shall, in accordance with the Act respecting prescription drug insurance, fix annually the rate of adjustment of the maximum amount of the annual premium are as follows:

(1) the maximum amount of the annual premium shall be adjusted, on the basis of the experience of the months of October to September of the period ending during the preceding year, in order to cover the payments that must be made under section 40.2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec;

(2) the adjustment shall take into account, on the same basis, the anticipated cost of changes to coverage under the plan, particularly the cost of adding new medications to the list of medications;

(3) the adjustment shall also take into account any other factor having a direct effect on the cost of the plan.”

2. 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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* 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), was last amended by a Minister's Order of the Minister of State for Health and Social Services and Minister of Health and Social Services dated 29 September 1999 (1999, *G.O.* 2, 3621). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 February 2000.