

## Draft Regulations

### Draft Regulation

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

#### Hearing devices — 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 this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend the Regulation respecting hearing devices insured under the Health Insurance Act, made by Order in Council 869-93 dated 16 June 1993, in order to harmonize it with the objectives of the health and welfare policy of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux. It is intended to prevent that adults with a hearing handicap face situations that place them at an important disadvantage and to eliminate more obstacles to their social integration.

In that perspective, it proposes to insure the repair of the hearing devices of adults who are no longer pursuing studies, excluding maintenance and cleaning.

In addition, it proposes that certain additional assistive listening devices be provided free of charge under the program to that class of clients. It also proposes other measures, such as the replacement of earmolds and shell impressions for adult clients who are not already covered. However, only the replacement of defective shells or earmolds will be insured.

Study of the matter, conducted by a working group under the responsibility of the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux representing the various organizations and associations involved, shows that the proposed amendments will help to better meet the needs of adult clients. Likewise, the amendments fulfil the wish expressed by persons with a hearing handicap for a greater similarity among the programs intended for handicapped persons.

Further information may be obtained by contacting, within the 45-day period, Mr. Jean-L. Lefebvre: tel.: (418) 682-5172, fax: (418) 643-7312, at the 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 for Health, Social Services and Youth Protection, 1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

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### Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting hearing devices insured under the Health Insurance Act\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, ss. 3, 7th par., and 69, 1st par., subpar. *h.* 2)

1. The Regulation respecting hearing devices insured under the Health Insurance Act is amended by substituting “referred to in this Regulation” for both occurrences of “provided for in Chapter V” in the introductory part of the first paragraph of section 6.

2. The words “or repair of an assistive listening device referred to in this Regulation” are substituted for the words “or, subject to section 9, repair of an assistive listening device referred to in Chapter V” in the introductory part of the first paragraph of section 7.

3. Section 7.1 is revoked.

4. Section 9 is amended

(1) by striking out the words “, only for a person with a hearing handicap referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of section 1, and only for a person with a hearing handicap referred to in paragraph 5 of section 1, if that person is 18 years old or under or is pursuing a program of studies,”; and

\* The Regulation respecting hearing devices insured under the Health Insurance Act, made by Order in Council 869-93 dated 16 June 1993 (1993, *G.O.* 2, 3497), was last amended by the Regulation made by RAMQ-001 dated 8 March 2000 (2000, *G.O.* 2, 1339). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 November 2000.

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall not assume the cost of maintaining or cleaning a hearing device if it is in good working order.”

5. The reference “section 16” is substituted for “sections 9 and 16” in section 15.

6. The following is substituted for the second paragraph of section 19:

“The Board shall assume the cost of options or accessories without including that cost in the amount initially paid and provided for in the first paragraph only if the options or accessories are added to the hearing aid or replaced and are provided for in Division I of Chapter V or were provided for therein at the time of the purchase or replacement of the hearing aid.”

7. The word “Upon” is substituted for the words “Subject to section 9 and upon” at the beginning of the first paragraph of section 21.

8. The following is substituted for the first paragraph of section 24:

“24. The Board shall also assume, after the first year following the date on which a person with a hearing handicap takes possession of a hearing aid, the cost of the time devoted by a hearing aid acoustician to that person with a hearing handicap where he added to the person’s hearing aid or replaced an option or accessory that is provided for in Division I of Chapter V or that was provided for therein at the time of the purchase or replacement of the hearing aid, up to a maximum of one quarter of an hour or fraction thereof, per 3-month period, for each person with a hearing handicap.”

9. Section 26 is amended

(1) by substituting the following for subparagraphs 4 and 5 of the first paragraph:

“(4) 19 years of age or over: one earmold or shell impression.”; and

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall assume that cost only when the earmold or shell is not in good working order.”

10. The word “Upon” is substituted for the words “Subject to section 9 and, upon” at the beginning of the first paragraph of section 31.

11. The words “, notwithstanding section 7.1,” are struck out in section 38.

12. 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 municipal taxation  
(R.S.Q., c. F-2.1)

### Rectories

— **Maximum taxable value**

— **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 maximum taxable value of certain rectories, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal, upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend the Regulation respecting the maximum taxable value of certain rectories so as to correct an error and to confirm the real purpose of the Regulation.

To that end, the draft Regulation proposes to specify that the maximum value established is the non-taxable value of certain rectories, not their taxable value.

To date, study of the matter has revealed no impact on the public and on businesses.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. André Carrier, 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau, 3<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec G1R 4J3 (tel. (418) 691-2030; fax: (418) 644-6725.

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 State for Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal and Minister of Municipal Affairs, 10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau, 4<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec G1R 4J3.

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