The Regulation modifies the premium rates applicable to employees, persons referred to in section 51 of the Act respecting parental insurance, employers and self-employed workers, as of 1 January 2010.

The majority of workers and employers will be affected by the proposed amendments, which will have a financial impact in their respect. The amendments will entail an increase of 3.1¢ per \$100 of payroll for employers, 2.2¢ per \$100 of salary or wages for employees and 3.9¢ per \$100 of income for self-employed workers.

The proposed amendments are chiefly attributable to a significant increase in the birthrate since the coming into force of the plan.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Shadi J. Wazen, 1122, Grande-Allée Ouest, 1^{cr} étage, bureau 104, Québec (Québec) G1S 1E5; telephone: 418 528-1608; fax: 418 643-6738.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the President and Director General of the Conseil de gestion de l'assurance parentale, Madam Geneviève Bouchard, 1122, Grande-Allée Ouest, 1^{cr} étage, bureau 104, Québec (Québec) G1S 1E5; telephone: 418 643-1009; fax: 418 643-6738.

SAM HAMAD Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting premium rates under the parental insurance plan*

An Act respecting parental insurance (R.S.Q., c. A-29.011, s. 6)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting premium rates under the parental insurance plan is amended by replacing section 1 by the following:
- "1. The premium rate applicable to an employee and to a person referred to in section 51 of the Act is 0.506%.

The premium rate applicable to a self-employed worker is 0.899%.

The premium rate applicable to an employer is 0.708%."

2. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2010.

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Draft Regulation

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26)

Physiotherapists

- Diplomas giving access to permits
- 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 diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to amend section 1.14 of the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders that lists the diplomas giving access to the permit of physiotherapist issued by the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec.

The Order is of the opinion that the current framework within which university training in physiotherapy is given does not allow integration of learning related to the new skills necessary to practise physiotherapy. The Order is therefore retaining the proposals from the university educational institutions to replace the current bachelor's programs by bachelor's master's training continuums. The Order, as a result, now considers that the practice of physiotherapy requires training at the master's level.

In order to grant the Order's request, the draft Regulation proposes to replace the bachelor's degree in physiotherapy from Université Laval, the bachelor's degree in physiotherapy from the Université de Montréal and the bachelor's degree in physiotherapy from McGill University by a new master's degree specific to each university. The draft Regulation also proposes to add a new master's degree in physiotherapy from the Université de Sherbrooke.

^{*} The Regulation respecting premium rates under the parental insurance plan, made by Order in Council 985-2005 dated 19 October 2005 (2005, *G.O.* 2, 4742), was last amended by the regulation approved by Order in Council 860-2008 dated 3 September 2008 (2008, *G.O.* 2, 4583). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2009, updated to 1 March 2009.

The amendments will have no impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

The draft Regulation will be submitted to the Office des professions du Québec and the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec for their opinion. The Office will seek the opinion of the Order and forward it with its own opinion to the Minister of Justice after consultation with the educational institutions and bodies concerned.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Julie Martin, Service juridique de l'Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec, 7151, rue Jean-Talon Est, bureau 1000, Anjou (Québec) H1M 3N8; telephone: 514 351-2770, extension 247; toll-free: 1 800 361-2001, extension 247; fax: 514 351-2658; e-mail: jmartin@oppq.qc.ca

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Jean Paul Dutrisac, Chair of the Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister of Justice and may also be sent to the professional order concerned and to interested persons, departments and bodies.

KATHLEEN WEIL, Minister of Justice

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders*

Professional Code (R.S.Q., c. C-26, s. 184, 1st par.)

1. The Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders is amended by replacing section 1.14 by the following:

- **"1.14.** The following diplomas awarded by the educational institutions designated below give access to the permit of physiotherapist issued by the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec:
 - (a) Maîtrise en physiothérapie from Université Laval;
- (b) Maîtrise ès sciences en physiothérapie from the Université de Montréal;
- (c) Maîtrise en physiothérapie from the Université de Sherbrooke;
- (d) Master of Science (Applied) in Physical Therapy from McGill University.".
- **2.** Section 1.14, replaced by section 1 of this Regulation, remains applicable to persons who, on (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*), hold the diplomas referred to in the replaced section or are registered in a program enabling them to obtain such diplomas.
- **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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^{*} The Regulation respecting the diplomas issued by designated educational institutions which give access to permits or specialist's certificates of professional orders, made by Order in Council 1139-83 dated 1 June 1983 (1983, G.O. 2, 2369), was last amended by the regulations made by Orders in Council 1087-2008 dated 5 November 2008 (2008, G.O. 2, 5131) and 474-2009 dated 22 April 2009 (2009, G.O. 2, 1611). For previous amendments, refer to the Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire, Québec Official Publisher, 2009, updated to 1 March 2009.