

Draft Regulations

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

Regulation — Amendment

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 application of the Health Insurance Act, the text of which appears hereafter, may be made by the government on the expiry of the 45-day period following this publication.

The object of the proposed amendment is for optical tomography of the ocular globe and confocal scanning laser ophthalmoscopy of the optic nerve to not be considered insured services for the purposes of the Health Insurance Act, unless they are rendered in a facility maintained by an institution that operates a hospital centre or they are rendered as part of an intravitreal injection of an antiangiogenic drug for treatment of age-related macular degeneration.

This amendment follows an agreement reached between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec. It will have little economic impact on citizens because the services concerned remain insured when they are rendered in a facility maintained by an institution that operates a hospital centre or when they are rendered as part of an intravitreal injection of an antiangiogenic drug for treatment of age-related macular degeneration. Furthermore, the amendment will have no effect on small to medium-size businesses.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Health Insurance Act

Health Insurance Act
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 69)

1. The Regulation respecting the application of the Health Insurance Act (c. A-29, r. 5) is amended, in section 22, by inserting, after subparagraph (*q.2*) the following:

“(q.3) optical tomography of the ocular globe and confocal scanning laser ophthalmoscopy of the optic nerve, unless those services are rendered in a facility maintained by an institution that operates a hospital centre or they are rendered as part of an intravitreal injection of an antiangiogenic drug for treatment of age-related macular degeneration;”.

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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