

(8) a statement by the person in charge of the institution confirming that the information provided is accurate and complete.”.

**11.** 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

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

### Forms and statements of fees — 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 forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act, appearing below, may be approved by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act (A-29, r. 2) in order to allow an institution, laboratory, distributor or hearing aid acoustician to send to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec a claim for payment or reimbursement through an online transmission service.

The proposed amendments contained in the draft Regulation will have a positive impact on institutions, laboratories, distributors and hearing aid acousticians, since the introduction of an online billing mechanism will accelerate the processing of claims for payment or reimbursement.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the undersigned, the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister for Social Services, 1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 72, 1st par., subpar. a)

**1.** The Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act is amended in section 11 by striking out paragraphs 3 and 5.

**2.** Section 14 of the Regulation is repealed.

**3.** Forms 19, 20, 21 and 30 appearing as a Schedule to the Regulation are struck out.

**4.** 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

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

### Hearing devices and insured services — 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 hearing devices and insured services, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services (A-29, r. 0.02) in order to allow a distributor, hearing aid acoustician or institution to send to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec a claim for payment through an online transmission service. The draft Regulation also allows to remove the obligation requiring a distributor, hearing aid acoustician or institution to sign an agreement with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec prior to rendering an insured service.

\* The Regulation respecting forms and statements of fees under the Health Insurance Act (R.R.Q., 1981, c. A-29, r. 2) was last amended by the regulation approved by Order in Council 553-2001 dated 9 May 2001 (2001, G.O. 2, 2219). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2010, updated to 1 October 2010.

The proposed amendments contained in the draft Regulation will have a positive impact on distributors, hearing aid acousticians and institutions, since the introduction of an online billing mechanism will accelerate the processing of claims for payment.

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## Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services\*

Health Insurance Act  
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 3, 7th and 9th pars., and s. 69,  
1st par., subpar. h.2)

**1.** The Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services is amended in section 1 by replacing the definition of “distributor” by the following:

““distributor”: a rehabilitation centre for persons with a hearing deficiency offering technical aid services and holding a permit issued by the Minister under section 437 of the Act respecting health services and social services (R.S.Q., c. S-4.2) or section 136 of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (R.S.Q., c. S-5) that distributes assistive listening devices, or a physical or legal person that has entered into an agreement with the Board authorized by the Government under section 23 of the Act respecting the Régie de l’assurance-maladie du Québec (R.S.Q., c. R-5) and that distributes assistive listening devices;”

**2.** Section 6 is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following:

\* The Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services, made by Order in Council 869-93 dated 16 June 1993 (1993, G.O. 2, 3497), was last amended by Order in Council 382-2006 dated 10 May 2006 (2006, G.O. 2, 1483). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2010, updated to 1 October 2010.

“Moreover, the hearing aid must be furnished and the services rendered in Québec by a hearing aid acoustician who is a member of the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec, unless the hearing aid is furnished by an institution that operates a rehabilitation centre offering technical aid services for persons with a hearing deficiency and that holds a permit issued by the Minister under section 437 of the Act respecting health services and social services or section 136 of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons, to a person with a hearing deficiency, that person is registered at the institution and the services are rendered by a hearing aid acoustician who is a member of the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec and who is employed by such an institution. In the latter case, the Board reimburses the institution in accordance with the Tariff for hearing devices and insured services the Board makes and the rules of application appearing in this Regulation.”

**3.** The following is inserted after section 16:

“**16.1.** An insured person, a distributor, a hearing aid acoustician or an institution claiming reimbursement from the Board of the cost of purchase, adjustment, replacement or repair of a hearing device provided or distributed under this Regulation must send, using the form provided by the Board, the following information, which may vary depending on the medium used or depending on whether the case involves a request for special consideration or a claim for payment:

(1) the health insurance number, the expiration date indicated on the health insurance card and the information required by the Board to identify the insured person who received the property or service;

(2) the name, dispenser number and, where applicable, permit number of the distributor or institution, and the name, member number in the Ordre des audioprothésistes du Québec and dispenser number of the hearing aid acoustician who provided the property or the service described, as well as the reference number of the request for special consideration or the claim for payment;

(3) the hearing loss in each ear assessed according to the conditions provided for in this Regulation, and the information contained in the medical certificate referred to in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 6 and in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 7, and, in the case of a request for special consideration;

(4) the date the impression was made and the date of service;

(5) the code for the good or service, side of the body, type, the code for the apparatus allocated, the reference code for the apparatus, the serial number, the number of units, the amount claimed, the date on which the property was allocated or the service rendered and, where applicable, the reason for replacement;

(6) the indicator for the program referred to in the claim for payment;

(7) a statement by the insured person confirming that the person received the property or service described and authorizing the Board to make the payment;

(8) the necessary information for identifying the recipient of the payment; and

(9) a statement by the hearing aid acoustician or the distributor confirming that the information provided is accurate and complete.”.

**4.** Section 19 is amended by replacing the first paragraph by the following:

“**19.** Upon the purchase or replacement of a hearing aid, the Board pays the hearing aid acoustician or an institution that operates a rehabilitation centre offering technical aid services for persons with a hearing deficiency and that holds a permit issued by the Minister under section 437 of the Act respecting health services and social services or section 136 of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons, where the services are rendered by a hearing aid acoustician in its employ, the tariff fixed by the Board under section 72.1 of the Health Insurance Act to cover all of the following services:”.

**5.** Section 21 is amended by replacing subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph by the following:

“(2) in the case of repairs done exclusively by the hearing aid acoustician or exclusively by the institution that operates a rehabilitation centre offering technical aid services for persons with a hearing deficiency and that holds a permit issued by the Minister under section 437 of the Act respecting health services and social services or section 136 of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons:”.

**6.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

## Draft Regulation

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

### Insured visual aids — 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 visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act (A-29, r. 0.02.1) to allow an institution to send to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec an application for reimbursement through an online transmission service. The draft Regulation also allows to remove the obligation requiring an institution to sign an agreement with the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec prior to rendering an insured service.

The proposed amendments in the draft Regulation will have a positive impact on institutions since the introduction of an online billing mechanism will accelerate the processing of applications for reimbursement.

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