

(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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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^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act*

Health Insurance Act
(R.S.Q., c. A-29, s. 3, 6th and 9th pars., and s. 69,
1st par., subpar. h.1)

1. The Regulation respecting visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act is amended by replacing section 3 by the following:

“**3.** An institution recognized within the meaning of this Regulation is an institution recognized by the Minister for the purposes of the sixth paragraph of section 3 of the Health Insurance Act for the services provided and the visual aids lent in accordance with this Regulation.”.

2. The following is inserted after section 44:

“**44.1.** The Board is to reimburse to a recognized institution the purchase, replacement or repair cost of a visual aid, its components or supplements, only if the institution sends to the Board a statement of account, using a form provided by the Board, including the following information, which may vary according to the medium used, whether the visual aid is marked “SC” or a claim for payment is made:

(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 benefited from the property or service;

(2) the institution’s name, permit number, dispenser number, the reference number of an application for a visual aid marked “SC” or a claim for payment and, in the case of a transfer, the number of the transferred device and the name and permit number of the institution where the device was transferred;

(3) an indication relating to the visual acuity and the field of vision in each eye, the qualification of visual incapacity, a description of the pursuit of activities justifying the allocation of a visual aid and, where the purchase or replacement cost of a visual aid is marked “SC”, the information referred to in this Regulation;

(4) the code of the property or service, its nature, justification, the number of the device, the amount claimed and the date on which the property was allocated or the service rendered;

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

(6) a statement by the person in charge of the institution that the information given is accurate and complete.”.

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 visual aids insured under the Health Insurance Act, made by Order in Council 1403-96 dated 13 November 1996 (1996, *G.O.* 2, 4725), was last amended by the regulation made by resolution No. C.A. 410-04-11 dated 18 May 2004 of the Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (2004, *G.O.* 2, 1645). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Québec Official Publisher, 2010, updated to 1 October 2010.