Draft Regulations

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Automobile Insurance Act (chapter A-25)

Reimbursement of certain expenses —Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the reimbursement of certain expenses, made by the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec and appearing below, may be submitted to the Government for approval on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation increases the maximum amount of a number of expenses qualifying for reimbursement by the Société to road accident victims. The expenses concerned by the increases are

- —expenses incurred for purposes of receiving dental care;
- expenses incurred for dentures, ocular prostheses, eyeglass frames and hairpieces;
- expenses incurred for meals and for accommodation away from the victim's residence for purposes of receiving care;
- —expenses incurred for obtaining reports prepared by a health care professional;
- —expenses incurred for the protective supervision of a mentally incompetent victim;
- expenses incurred for the evaluation by an occupational therapist of the victim's needs for a wheelchair;
 - expenses incurred for obtaining medical assessments.

The draft Regulation also increases the daily compensation for loss of wages incurred by a victim who is fit to work for purposes of receiving care or undergoing a medical examination.

Regarding expenses incurred for purposes of receiving psychological care or physiotherapy treatment, the draft Regulation ends the requirement to obtain a medical prescription every 15 treatment sessions given the new ways of proceeding implemented by the Société for those types of treatment.

Lastly, the draft Regulation introduces a provision to provide that the amount representing any applicable consumer taxes with respect to goods and services for which the Société reimburses the cost is included in the maximum amounts that qualify for reimbursement provided for in the Regulation for those goods and services.

The Société does not foresee any impact on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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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 Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification, 700, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29° étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

JACQUES DAOUST, Minister of Transport, Sustainable Mobility and Transport Electrification

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the reimbursement of certain expenses

Automobile Insurance Act (chapter A-25, s. 195, pars. 15, 16 and 17)

- **1.** The Regulation respecting the reimbursement of certain expenses (chapter A-25, r. 14) is amended by replacing section 8 by the following:
- **"8.** Expenses incurred for purposes of receiving psychological care qualify for reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$86.60 per hour of treatment.".

- **2.** Section 10.1 is replaced by the following:
- **"10.1.** Expenses incurred for purposes of receiving physiotherapy treatment qualify for reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$55 per treatment session.

Expenses incurred for purposes of receiving at home a treatment covered by this section qualify for reimbursement when the victim is in a physical state such that the victim is incapable of travel. Those expenses qualify for reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$65 per treatment session."

- **3.** The following is inserted after section 10.1:
- **"10.2.** Expenses incurred for purposes of receiving occupational therapy treatment qualify for reimbursement up to a maximum of 15 prescribed treatment sessions and a maximum amount of \$36 per treatment session.

Expenses incurred for purposes of receiving at home a treatment covered by this section qualify for reimbursement when the victim is in a physical state such that the victim is incapable of travel. Those expenses qualify for reimbursement up to a maximum amount of \$54 per treatment session."

- **4.** Section 14 is amended by replacing "in Schedule II" by "in the following documents:
- (1) Honoraires versés aux chirurgiens dentistes aux fins d'indemnisation par la SAAQ of the Association des chirurgiens dentistes du Québec;
- (2) Honoraires versés aux dentistes spécialistes aux fins d'indemnisation par la SAAQ of the Fédération des dentistes spécialistes du Québec;
- (3) Honoraires versés aux denturologistes aux fins d'indemnisation par la SAAQ of the Association des denturologistes du Québec (A.D.Q.).

The documents are available on the Société's website.».

- **5.** Section 16 is amended by replacing "\$600" and "\$100" by "\$2,000" and "\$200", respectively.
- **6.** Section 18 is amended by replacing "\$700" by "\$2,000".

- **7.** Section 19 is amended by replacing "in Schedule II" in the first paragraph by "in the documents listed in section 14".
- **8.** Section 20 is amended by replacing "in Schedule II" in the second paragraph by "in the documents listed in section 14".
- **9.** Section 21 is amended by replacing "in Schedule II" in the second paragraph by "in the documents listed in section 14".
- **10.** The following is inserted after section 33:
- "33.1. For the purposes of sections 32 and 33, the maximum amounts provided for in Schedule III are revalorized following the modifications that the Conseil du trésor may make to its *Directive sur les frais remboursables lors d'un déplacement et autres frais inhérents* (C.T. 194603, 2000-03-30).

Despite the foregoing, the revalorization has effect as of 1 January following the making by the Conseil du trésor of the modifications made to its directive.".

11. Section 50 is amended

- (1) by striking out the word "Medical" everywhere it appears in the first paragraph;
- (2) by replacing the amounts "\$25", "\$70" and "\$65" by "\$30", "\$80" and "\$75", respectively, everywhere they appear.
- **12.** Section 51 is amended by replacing "\$350" by "\$2,500".
- **13.** Section 52 is amended by replacing "\$100" by "\$160".
- **14.** Section 54.13 is amended by replacing "\$150" and "\$195" by "\$400" and "\$550", respectively.
- **15.** Section 57 is amended by replacing "\$600" and "\$1,800" wherever they appear by "\$690" and "\$2,070", respectively.

16. The following is inserted after section 58:

"CHAPTER IV CONSUMER TAXES

- **59.** For the purposes of this Regulation, the amount representing any applicable consumer taxes with respect to goods and services for which the Société reimburses the cost is included in the maximum amounts that qualify for reimbursement provided for in this Regulation for those goods and services."
- **17.** Schedule II is revoked.
- **18.** Schedule III is amended
- (1) by replacing "\$38.80", "\$8.75", "\$12.00" and "\$18.05" in the maximum amounts reimbursed corresponding to section 32 by "\$46.25", "\$10.40", "\$14.30 and "\$21.55", respectively;
- (2) by replacing the table corresponding to section 33 "Lodging in a hotel or motel or lodging other than in a hotel or motel" by the following:

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33	Lodging in a hotel or motel		Low season (01-11 to 31-05)	High season (01-06 to 31-10)
		 situated in the territory of Ville de Montréal or outside Québec 	\$126.00	\$138.00
		 situated in the territory of Ville de Québec 	\$106.00	
		 situated in the territory of Ville de Laval, Ville de Gatineau, Ville de Longueuil, Ville de Lac-Delage and Municipalité de Lac-Beauport 	\$102.00	\$110.00
		-situated elsewhere in Québec	\$83.00	\$87.00
33	Lodging other than in a hotel or motel		\$22.25	

19. 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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