### **Draft Regulations**

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Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29)

## Accessory costs related to the provision of insured services

— Transportation costs for biological samples

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation abolishing accessory costs related to the provision of insured services and governing transportation costs for biological samples, the text of which appears hereafter, may be made by the government on the expiry of the 45-day period following this publication.

This draft regulation aims to determine certain payments that may be claimed from an insured person to whom an insured service is provided by a health professional subject to the application of an agreement or by a professional who has withdrawn. As such, this draft regulation allows for the billing of an insured person for costs related to the transportation to an institution or a laboratory of biological samples taken by the professional, or at his or her request, up to the maximum amount he or she determines.

The draft regulation will have an impact on private health facilities who actually charge payment from insured person for insured services provided. It is however impossible to determine with accuracy the scale of the impact.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Sylvain Gobeil, Direction du soutien à l'organisation clinique, Direction générale des services de santé et médecine universitaire, Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux, 1005, chemin Sainte-Foy, 9e étage, Québec (Québec) GIS 4N4, by phone at 418 266-7531, by fax at 418 266-6937, or by email at sylvain.gobeil@msss.gouv.qc.ca

Persons wishing to comment on this draft regulation may write, before the expiry of the 45-day period mentioned above, to the undersigned, the Minister of Health and Social Services, at 1075, chemin Sainte-Foy, 15° étage, Québec (Québec) G1S 2M1.

GAÉTAN BARRETTE, Minister of Health and Social Services

#### Regulation abolishing accessory costs related to the provision of insured services and governing transportation costs for biological samples

Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29, s. 22 and s. 69)

- **1.** Payment may be claimed from an insured person for the transportation to an institution or a laboratory, for examination and analysis purposes, of biological samples taken in a private health facility or in a specialized medical centre within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2), by a health professional subject to the application of an agreement or by a professional who has withdrawn, or at his or her request, up to the following amounts:
- a) \$15 for the transportation of biological samples, including a blood sample;
  - b) \$5 for the transportation any other biological sample.

The amounts specified in the first paragraph may be claimed only once for the same insured person where more than one biological sample is transported to a given institution or laboratory.

**2.** This Regulation comes into force on the 15th day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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### **Draft Regulation**

An Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1)

# Occupational health and safety —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 occupational health and safety, appearing below, may be made by the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail and submitted to the Government for approval, in accordance with section 224 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1), on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.