

Draft Regulations

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Health Insurance Act
(chapter A-29)

Hearing devices and insured services — 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 hearing devices and insured services, 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 update certain types of hearing aids whose coverage is assumed by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec in order to better meet the needs of insured persons with a hearing deficiency.

The measures proposed by this draft regulation have no bearing on enterprises and, in particular, on small or medium-sized enterprises.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services

Health Insurance Act
(chapter A-29, s. 69, first para. subpara. h.2)

1. The Regulation respecting hearing devices and insured services (chapter A-29, r. 2) is amended at section 1:

(1) by replacing the definition of “assistive listening device” with the following:

““assistive listening device”: means the aids and devices in the text transmission category, of the following types: TTYs (TDDs), TTYs with large display or Braille display, portable VCO (voice carry over) TTYs, and TTY modems; the aids and devices in the sound transmission category, of the following types: telephone amplifiers, wireless sound transmission personal communication system, personal amplifiers or wireless sound transmission and amplification systems for television; the aids and devices in the environmental control systems category, of the following types: visual and tactile aids, adapted alarm clocks (visual), adapted alarm clocks (tactile), and adapted alarm clocks (for deaf-blind persons. In the latter category, the visual and tactile aids and devices include telephone monitors, door monitors, fire alarm monitors, smoke detector monitors, sound monitors, baby crib monitors and signal receivers;”;

(2) by replacing the definition of “hearing aid” with the following:

““hearing aid”: the aids and devices in the digital category and in-the-ear hearing aids and behind-the-ear hearing aids;”;

(3) by deleting the definitions of “BI-FROS”, “CRIS-CROS”, “focal-CROS”, “FROS”, “high-CROS”, “IROS”, “mini-CROS”, “multi-CROS”, “open-BI-CROS” and “Unis-CROS”.

2. Section 2 of this regulation is amended:

(1) by deleting, in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of the first paragraph, the words “and its variations (FROS, high-CROS, mini-CROS, focal-CROS and power-CROS)”;

(2) by deleting, in subparagraph (b) of paragraph (1) of the first paragraph, the words “and its variations (BI-FROS, open BI-CROS and multi-CROS)”;

(3) by deleting paragraph (c) of the second paragraph.

3. Section 30 of this regulation is amended:

(1) by deleting, in paragraph (5) of the first paragraph, the words “the magnetic loop or”;

(2) by deleting paragraph (1) of the second paragraph;

(3) by replacing paragraph (6) of the second paragraph with the following:

“(6) a wireless sound transmission personal communication system.”;

(4) by deleting paragraph (8) of the second paragraph;

(5) by replacing paragraph (9) of the second paragraph with the following:

“(9) a wireless transmission and sound amplification system for television.”;

(6) by deleting paragraph (10) of the second paragraph;

(7) by inserting, after the word “fire” in paragraph (13) of the second paragraph, the words “or smoke”.

4. Section 32 of this regulation is deleted.

5. Section 37 of this regulation is amended by replacing the words “frequency modulation system” with the words “wireless sound transmission personal communication system”.

6. Section 39 of this regulation is revoked.

7. Section 40 of this regulation is amended:

(1) by replacing, in the first paragraph, the words “wireless frequency modulation amplification system or wireless infrared amplification system” with the words “wireless transmission and sound amplification system”;

(2) by replacing, in the second paragraph, the words “wireless amplification” with the words “wireless transmission and sound amplification”.

8. Section 40.1 of this regulation is revoked.

9. Section 42 of this regulation is amended by replacing, in the fourth paragraph, the word “fire” with the words “fire or smoke alarm”.

10. 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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