

the Canada Act, chapter 11 in the 1982 volume of the Acts of the Parliament of the United Kingdom) and those rights are credibly established or asserted.

17. Despite the preceding provisions, the following activities and interventions involving the transmission, distribution or production of electricity carried out by Hydro-Québec (Société) or by any other person for Hydro-Québec do not require the prior authorization of the Minister under this conservation plan:

- (1) any activity or intervention required within the proposed reserve to complete a project for which express authorization had previously been given by the Government and the Minister, or only by the latter, in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Quality Act (R.S.Q., chapter Q-2), if the activity or intervention is carried out in compliance with the authorizations issued;
- (2) any activity or intervention necessary for the preparation and presentation of a pre-project report for a project requiring an authorization under the Environment Quality Act;
- (3) any activity or intervention relating to a project requiring the prior authorization of the Minister under the Environment Quality Act if the activity or intervention is in response to a request for a clarification or for additional information made by the Minister to the Société and it is carried out in accordance with the request;
- (4) any activity or intervention by the Société, if the conditions for the carrying out of the activity or intervention have been determined in an agreement between the Minister and the Société and the activity or intervention is carried out in compliance with those conditions. The Société is to keep the Minister informed of the various activities or interventions referred to in this section it proposes to carry out before the work is begun in the reserve.

For the purposes of this section, the activities and interventions of the Société include but are not restricted to pre-project studies, analysis work or field research, work required to study and monitor the impact of power transmission and distribution line corridors and rights of way, geological or geophysical surveys and survey lines, and the opening and maintenance of roads required for the purpose of access, construction or traffic incidental to the work.

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Draft Regulation

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance
(chapter A-29.01)

Basic prescription drug insurance plan — 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 basic prescription drug insurance plan, 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 afford greater flexibility to the annual adjustment process of the maximum amount of the prescription drug insurance premium and the parameters of contribution to the basic prescription drug insurance plan (deductible, coinsurance and

maximum contribution) revised on 1 July of each year. Thus, it will have the effect of curbing the annual increase in the amount of the deductible and makes it possible to limit an increase of the proportion of the coinsurance to offset an increase in the maximum amount of the prescription drug insurance premium, while guaranteeing citizens reasonable and fair access to the medications required by their health condition.

There will be no effect on enterprises and, in particular, on small or medium-sized enterprises.

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

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan

An Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01, s. 78, first para., subpara. (7))

1. The Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan (chapter A-29.01, r. 4) is amended by replacing sections 6.1 and 6.2 with the following:

“**6.1.** The rate of adjustment of the maximum amount of the annual premium will be established on the basis of the experience of the months of April to March of the preceding fiscal year, while taking into account the following factors:

(1) the increase in the costs of the plan to the persons referred to in paragraph 4 of section 15 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01);

(2) the costs anticipated from changes to coverage under the plan, particularly by the introduction of new medications to the list of medications;

(3) the insufficiency of contributions to the plan where, in the application of the provisions of section 6.2 and 6.2.1, the rates of adjustment fixed do not allow for maintaining the proportion of the gross costs assumed by the persons referred to in the first and second paragraphs of section 28 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance;

(4) any other factor having a direct effect on the costs of the plan.

6.2. The rates of adjustment of the maximum contribution, coinsurance and deductible to be assumed by the persons referred to in the first and second paragraphs of section 28 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01) will be determined on the basis of the experience of the months of April to March of the preceding fiscal year and by taking into account the increase in the costs of the plan to those categories of persons so as to maintain the proportion of the gross costs assumed by those persons.

However, the rate of adjustment of the coinsurance may not exceed zero where the percentage set out in section 27 if the Act respecting prescription drug insurance is more than 35%.

6.2.1. Subject to the provisions of section 6.2, the rates of adjustment of the maximum contribution and deductible may not exceed the rate of increase in the Pension index established under the Act respecting the Québec Pension Plan (chapter R-9) applicable on January 1 of the year where the adjustment takes place, which rate is:

(1) for the maximum contribution:

(a) reduced by 0.5% in regard to the persons referred to in the first paragraph of section 28 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance (chapter A-29.01);

(b) increased by 0.5%, in regard to the persons referred to in the second paragraph of section 28 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance;

(2) for the deductible, increased by 0.5%.

The rate of adjustment of the deductible may however be less than that established in accordance with the provisions of the first paragraph of this section and the first paragraph of section 6.2, where the amount of the deductible is equivalent to more than 20% of the amount of the maximum contribution in the case of the persons referred to in the second paragraph of section 28 of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance.”

2. The following is inserted before section 6.3, introduced by section 1 of the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the basic prescription drug insurance plan made by Order in Council 685-2020 dated 23 June 2020:

“**DIVISION IV.2**
SPECIAL RULES APPLYING FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021”.

3. Section 6.3 is amended by replacing, in the first and second paragraphs, “and 6.2” by “to 6.2.1”.

4. For the period of 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, the Board has fixed the rates of adjustment of the maximum amount of the annual premium, deductible and maximum contribution, as well as the percentage of the coinsurance, in accordance with the rules derived from this Regulation.

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