

36. A specialized nurse practitioner or specialized nurse practitioner candidate who obtained the diplomas giving access to a specialist's certificate in primary care before 1 September 2017 must complete the training recognized by the Order before performing the activities referred to in section 36.1 of the Nurses Act (chapter I-8). The same applies to a specialized nurse practitioner student who, before that date, was enrolled in a university-level training program leading to the diplomas giving access to a specialist's certificate in primary care.

The same also applies to a nurse practitioner specialized in primary care who obtained her specialist's certificate before 8 March 2018 based on recognition of equivalence in accordance with the Règlement sur les normes d'équivalence de diplôme ou de la formation aux fins de la délivrance d'un certificat de spécialiste d'infirmière praticienne spécialisée (chapter I-8, r. 15.2).

The training, which lasts 35 hours, specifically focuses on the elderly and includes the following: advanced clinical evaluation, advanced physiopathology and advanced pharmacology. At least 10 hours focus on the elderly who present behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.

The persons referred to in the first and second paragraphs must complete the training within 2 years from the date of coming into force of this Regulation.

37. The advisory committee on the practice of specialized nurse practitioners is composed of 9 members until the Order is able to appoint a nurse practitioner specialized in pediatric care, a nurse practitioner specialized in mental health, a director of nursing care and a patient partner.

During this period, the quorum for the committee is 5 members, including 2 specialized nurse practitioners, 1 physician and the representatives of both professional orders.

38. This Regulation replaces the Regulation respecting the classes of specialization of specialized nurse practitioners (chapter I-8, r. 8).

39. This Regulation comes into force on 25 January 2021.

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Gouvernement du Québec

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An Act respecting the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (chapter M-19.2)

**Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec
— Program respecting surgical services for
the radical removal of a midurethral sling
rendered outside Québec**

CONCERNING the Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec entrusted to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec

WHEREAS, under paragraph *h* of section 3 of the Act respecting the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (chapter M-19.2), the Minister of Health and Social Services shall promote the development and implementation of programs and services according to the needs of individuals, families and other groups;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (chapter R-5), the function of the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec is to administer and implement the programs of the health insurance plan instituted by the Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29) and any other program entrusted to it by law or by the Government;

WHEREAS under the fifteenth paragraph of section 3 of the Health Insurance Act, the Board shall assume the cost of the services and goods provided under the programs that it administers by virtue of the first paragraph of section 2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec according to the terms and conditions provided for under those programs;

WHEREAS under the first paragraph of section 2.1 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec, the Board shall recover, from the department or body concerned, the cost of the services and goods it assumes under a program entrusted to it by law or by the Government, to the extent provided for under that program;

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Board administer the Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec be entrusted with the Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec, the text of which is attached hereto.

YVES OUELLET,
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec

DIVISION I INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

1. The Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec is intended to compensate a portion of the costs incurred by the persons targeted by this program for the radical removal of a midurethral sling where the surgery therefor was performed in a hospital located outside Québec.

2. The Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec shall administer, implement and assume the cost of the Program respecting surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling rendered outside Québec, according to the terms and conditions provided under this program.

DIVISION II ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

3. A person is eligible for this program if the person meets the following criteria:

(1) the person is an insured person within the meaning of the subparagraph (g.1) of the first paragraph of section 1 of the Health Insurance Act (chapter A-29);

(2) the person received between 1 October 2018 and 31 December 2020 surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling in a hospital located outside Québec.

DIVISION III NATURE, AMOUNT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

4. Notwithstanding the eligibility criteria and the terms and conditions specified in this division, the Board shall grant, upon presentation of an application, financial assistance in the amount of \$22 500 paid out in one lump sum.

The lump sum referred to in the previous paragraph will be reduced by any amount paid by the Board in the application of the legislative and regulatory provisions that it applies for medical and hospital services furnished on the occasion of surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling targeted by this program.

5. Any person wishing to benefit from the financial assistance provided under this program must apply therefor within the prescribed time limit by using the form made available by the Board and provide the required information.

This application must be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) the pre-operative assessment or the pre-operative report or any other pre-operative document prepared by the surgeon that establishes the complications or undesirable effects related to the placement of the midurethral sling;

(2) the surgery operative report for the radical removal of the midurethral sling;

(3) the claim form or invoice describing the professional and hospital services furnished, their detailed costs and proof of payment.

The Board shall assess the application based on the information and documents specified in the preceding paragraph, render its decision, determine the amount of financial assistance, where applicable, and make the payment.

6. Where the Board so requests it, the eligible person must provide all documents or information that it requires for the application of this program or grant the authorizations necessary to obtain this information.

7. The financial assistance provided under this program will be granted only if the application for financial assistance is sent to the Board within 12 months following the date on which the eligible person received the surgical services for the radical removal of a midurethral sling, or within 12 months after this program has come into effect, whichever time limit expires last.

The Board may agree to consider an application submitted after that time limit if the eligible person demonstrates that it was impossible for him or her to file the application sooner. However, this application must be submitted before the date following 12 months after the end date of this program.

8. The financial assistance granted under this program is a personal right.

DIVISION IV
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
WITHOUT ENTITLEMENT

9. The Board shall recover any amount unduly paid in the form of financial assistance under this program where a person received an amount greater than that to which the person was entitled to obtain or where the person received financial assistance to which he or she was not entitled.

The recovery of amounts unduly paid is prescribed five years after the date of payment of financial assistance by the Board. In the case of false declarations, recovery is prescribed five years after the date on which the Board becomes aware of the person's ineligibility for financial assistance, but no later than 10 years after the date of payment of financial assistance.

DIVISION V
PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

10. The Minister of Health and Social Services shall reimburse the Board, according to the terms and conditions to which they may agree upon, the amounts paid under the terms of this program as well as the actual development and administration costs of this program.

11. The Board shall provide the Minister with periodic reports on the costs incurred within the scope of this program, according to the terms and conditions to which they may agree upon. These reports will not contain any personal information.

DIVISION VI
FINAL PROVISIONS

12. The Board shall publish this program on its website within 30 days after it has come into effect.

13. This program comes into effect on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* and will end on 31 December 2021.