

## Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

### O.C. 680-2024, 27 March 2024

CONCERNING the amendment to the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments

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 is to promote the development and implementation of programs and services according to the needs of individuals, and 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 Board (Régie) 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 assumes the cost of services and goods provided under the programs 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 conditions and methods 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 is to recover, from the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux or body concerned, the cost of 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, under Order in Council 318-2022 dated 16 March 2022, the Government of Québec entrusted the Board with the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments;

WHEREAS this Program was amended on 9 May 2022 by the Agreement #1 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Board in order to add a new pharmaceutical treatment to the Program;

WHEREAS this Program was also amended on 8 August 2022 by the Agreement #2 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Board in order to add a new unit format for Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelevir and ritonavir) to treat a person also suffering from kidney failure;

WHEREAS this Program was also amended on 5 December 2022 by the Agreement #3 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and the Board in order to amend the criteria for use and coverage of Paxlovid™, Evusheld™, and the maximum quantity of unit formats per service of this pharmaceutical treatment for the treatment of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, under Order in Council 1795-2022 dated 7 December 2022, the Government has expanded the scope of this Program to include treatment for influenza;

WHEREAS, under Order in Council 557-2023 dated 22 March 2023, the Government has extended the term of this Program to 31 March 2024 and withdrew treatment for influenza;

WHEREAS this Program was also amended on 20 December 2023 by the Agreement #4 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and the Board in order to amend the criteria for use of Paxlovid™ and to end coverage of Evusheld™.

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend this Program;

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

THAT the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments, amended by the Agreement #1 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments, by the Agreement #2 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the

Board, by the Agreement #3 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and the Board, by the Order in Council 1795-2022 dated 7 December 2022, by the Order in Council 557-2023 dated 22 March 2023, and by the Agreement #4 concerning the Community Pharmacy Access Program for Certain COVID-19 Pharmaceutical Treatments between the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Board be further amended:

1. by replacing “31 March 2024” with “31 May 2024” in section 13,

2. by replacing the table of Schedule B with the following:

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Type of pharmaceutical treatments	Unit format	Unit cost	Maximum quantity of units per service
Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir)	1 package containing 20 tablets of nirmatrelvir and 10 tablets of ritonavir	\$800	1 unit per service
Paxlovid™ for kidney failure	1 package containing 10 tablets of nirmatrelvir and 10 tablets of ritonavir	\$800	1 unit per service for patients with renal failure and 2 units per service for other patients

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THAT this Order in Council comes into effect on 1 April 2024, with the exception of subparagraph 1 of the first operative paragraph, which comes into effect on 27 March 2024.

DOMINIQUE SAVOIE  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

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## O.C. 714-2024, 3 April 2024

Act respecting labour standards  
(chapter N-1.1)

### Labour standards — Amendment

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 40 of the Act respecting labour standards (chapter N-1.1), the minimum wage payable to an employee is determined by regulation of the Government;

WHEREAS, under paragraph 1 of section 89 of the Act, the Government, by regulation, may fix labour standards respecting the minimum wage, which may be established on a time basis, a production basis or any other basis;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 91 of the Act, the standards contemplated in section 89 may vary according to the field of activity and the type of work;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 31 January 2024 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following that publication;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Labour:

THAT the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting labour standards, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

DOMINIQUE SAVOIE  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*