

Draft Regulation

Professional Code
(chapter C-26)

Physicians

— Professional activities that may be engaged in by members of the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec
— 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 professional activities that may be engaged in by members of the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec, made by the board of directors of the Collège des médecins du Québec and appearing below, may be examined by the Office des professions du Québec then submitted to the Government for approval, with or without amendment, on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation authorizes physiotherapists to prescribe radiographic examinations on certain conditions. It also amends the current Regulation to allow, on certain conditions, students and candidates for the practice of the profession to administer and adjust oxygen when proceeding to an assessment or applying treatment to a person needing supplementary oxygen.

The draft Regulation has no impact on the public or on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

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Any person wishing to comment is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Guylaine Couture, secretary, Office des professions du Québec, 800, place D'Youville, 10^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5Z3. The comments will be forwarded by the Office to the Minister of Justice; they may also be sent to the professional order that made the Regulation as well as to interested persons, departments and bodies.

GUYLAINE COUTURE,
*Secretary of the Office des
professions du Québec*

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by members of the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec

Professional Code
(chapter C-26, s. 94, 1st par., subpar. h)

1. The Regulation respecting the professional activities that may be engaged in by members of the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec (chapter M-9, r. 4) is amended by replacing section 1 by the following:

“DIVISION I PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Regulation is to determine, among the professional activities that may be engaged in by physicians, those that, pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Regulation, may be engaged in by a member of the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec, subject to the member's permit category, and by other persons.

DIVISION II TREATMENT

1.1. The professional activities in this Division are engaged in pursuant to a prescription.”

2. The following is inserted after section 4.1:

“DIVISION III PRESCRIPTION FOR RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATIONS

4.2. A physiotherapist may prescribe a radiographic examination when providing care to a person having a physical function disability related to the musculoskeletal system further to acute trauma, in accordance with the instructions established by the American College of Radiology in the document entitled ACR Appropriateness Criteria, including any subsequent amendment made to it.

On receipt of the radiographic examination report, the physiotherapist must provide the follow-up required by the patient's condition. The physiotherapist must, where applicable, refer the patient to the physicians with whom the physiotherapist has established service corridors.

4.3. To engage in the activity described in section 4.2, a physiotherapist must

(1) hold a training certificate issued by the Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec confirming the successful completion of 15 hours of additional training covering

(a) the professional practice specific to the prescription for radiographic examinations;

(b) the guidelines on the instructions on the use of radiographic examinations;

(c) contraindications and safety related to radiographic examinations;

(d) patient record documentation;

(2) establish service corridors to ensure the medical follow-up required by the patient's condition.

4.4. A physiotherapist who holds a training certificate issued under section 4.3 of this Regulation must devote at least 3 hours per reference period to continuing education activities related to the prescription for radiographic examinations.

“Reference period” means a period of 3 years, the first period beginning on 1 April 2019.

4.5. A physiotherapist engages in the activity provided for in section 4.2 in accordance with the provisions applicable to individual prescriptions provided for in the Règlement sur les normes relatives aux ordonnances faites par un médecin (chapter M-9, r. 25.1), including any subsequent amendment made to it.

DIVISION IV

OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS”.

3. Sections 5 and 6 are amended by replacing “and 4” by “, 4 and 4.1”.

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