

Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 1042-2021, 7 July 2021

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

Amendments to the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children

CONCERNING the amendments to the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children entrusted to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec in order to allow for certain temporary measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic

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 ("the Board") 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 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 terms and conditions provided for under those programs;

WHEREAS under the first paragraph of section 2.1. of the Act respecting the Board shall recover, from the department 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, by way of Order in Council 856-2019 dated 21 August 2019, the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children was entrusted to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec;

WHEREAS, by way of Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a health emergency and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS in the period of 16 March 2020 to 1 June 2020, only emergency optometry services could be dispensed to the population;

WHEREAS, during this period, certain children could not benefit from optometry services that render optometrists and ophthalmologists due to the circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2 of section 5 of the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children, a person must, in order to qualify for the program, be under age 18;

WHEREAS the application of sanitary measures resulted in exceptional economic consequences and that it is necessary to mitigate those consequences brought about by the loss of eligibility for financial assistance under the program due to age and financially compensate persons for this loss;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make amendments to the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children;

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

THAT the amendments to the Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children, attached to this Order in Council, be approved.

YVES OUELLET
Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EYEGLASSES AND LENSES FOR CHILDREN

1. The Financial Assistance Program for the Purchase of Eyeglasses and Lenses for Children entrusted to the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec by way of Order in Council 856-2019 dated 21 August 2019 is amended, by the addition of the following paragraph at the end of paragraph 5:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding paragraph, the person is also eligible for the program if he or she turns 18 between March 16, 2020 and September 1, 2020 and was an insured person during this period.”

2. Section 10 of that program is amended by the addition, at the end of the first paragraph, of “or in the case of the person referred to in the second paragraph of section 5, no later than 24 January 2022”.

3. These amendments to the come into effect on 12 August 2021.

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

Program Respecting Certain Temporary Measures Related to Certain Medical, Optometry and Dental Services Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

CONCERNING the Program Respecting Certain Temporary Measures Related to Certain Medical, Optometry and Dental Services Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic 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 (“the Board”) 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, by way of Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a health emergency and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS in the period of 16 March 2020 to 1 June 2020, only emergency optometry and dental services could be dispensed to the population;

WHEREAS, during this period, certain insured persons were unable to benefit from certain insured medical, optometry and dental services referred to in the Health Insurance Act whose cost is assumed by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS the application of sanitary measures resulted in exceptional economic consequences and that it is necessary to mitigate those consequences brought about by the loss of insurance coverage of those services and financially compensate insured persons for this loss;

WHEREAS under the fifteenth paragraph of section 3 of the Health Insurance Act, the Board shall assume 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 terms and conditions provided for under those programs;

WHEREAS under the first paragraph of section 2.1. of the Act respecting the Board shall recover, from the department 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 it is expedient that the Board be entrusted with the Program Respecting Certain Temporary Measures Related to Certain Medical, Optometry and Dental Services Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

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