

Auxiliary health fees banned in Quebec

On January 26, Quebec's health minister announced that going forward, most of the auxiliary health fees previously charged at the doctor's office are banned in Quebec.

Previously, doctors in Quebec charged patients supplementary fees for medical procedures or treatments covered by RAMQ, such as eye drops for an eye exam. Other examples are colonoscopies, vasectomies, anesthesia drugs, pain injections, and liquid nitrogen. These fees varied from clinic to clinic, and were often included in the cost of the medication administered at the doctor's office.

Any claims received by Sun Life for the auxiliary fees that are now covered by the province, will no longer be reimbursed. As of January 26, 2017, the only additional medical fees that can be legally charged to patients are a maximum of \$15 for transport of blood samples and \$5 for transport of all other biological samples. **This change does not apply to medical procedures that are not covered by RAMQ, such as laser eye or cosmetic surgery.**

Doctors may continue to charge some administrative fees – like those charged for a doctor's note or for completing a medical form – but they will not be able to charge for performing a medical exam or treatment covered by RAMQ.

For more details on these changes, [click here](#) (available in French only).

We have prepared a communication that you can share with your employees to help them understand the changes to their plan: [Member Communication](#).

Questions?

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