



# Info Note

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## **Assisted procreation treatments covered by the Quebec government**

The Quebec government has been covering assisted procreation treatments since August 5, 2010.

All expenses for medical procedures and medications related to artificial insemination are now paid for by the province, for a maximum of three stimulated cycles or six natural cycles.

Currently, these treatments are offered only at the four private clinics specializing in this field and at the McGill University Health Centre. However, the government would like for these treatments to become available across the public network and at the regional university hospital centres to meet the demand throughout the province.

### **Impacts on our group insurance plans**

On August 5, 2010, fertility drugs were added to the list of exceptional medications covered under Quebec's basic prescription drug insurance plan. Group insurance plans must cover these products for members and their dependents who reside in Quebec.

Fertility drugs included in the list have been eligible for reimbursement under our plans since August 5, 2010. Since expenses, other than drugs, relating to fertility treatments are covered by the province, they cannot be reimbursed by Desjardins Financial Security (DFS).

DFS will monitor this situation closely over the next few months to determine the impact this change will have on its plans.

### **Communication**

We will inform plan administrators of these changes with a message in the **What's New** section of our secure site and an InfoNote that we will include with their September premium statement.

For more information, please contact your account executive.

## **Sales, Group and Business Insurance**