

The Public Service Health Care Plan

New pharmaceutical services not eligible under the Public Service Health Care Plan

This notice is to inform you that the charges for the services, listed below, now offered by pharmacists in Quebec are not eligible for reimbursement under the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP). The PSHCP is not subject to Bill 28 legislation and no benefit or provision under the Plan exists whereby such services can be reimbursed. However, the Plan will cover 80% of eligible prescription drugs (e.g. medications and their associated dispensing fees) prescribed by pharmacists in Quebec as they are now permitted to prescribe.

Effective June 20, 2015, Quebec pharmacists are able to offer the following services:

1. Extend a prescription
2. Adjust a prescription
3. Perform therapeutic substitution of a medication in case of a supply shortage
4. Administer a medication to demonstrate its appropriate use to a patient
5. Prescribe and interpret laboratory tests in a community pharmacy
6. Prescribe a medication for a minor condition when the diagnosis is known
7. Prescribe a medication when no diagnosis is required

The new services are meant to increase access to healthcare and prescription services directly at the pharmacy but you are under no obligation to accept these services.

If you chose to receive any of these new services from your pharmacist, any costs incurred for the services will be at your expense. You may wish to discuss your options with your pharmacist and/ or physician. For more information, visit <http://www.opq.org>.



If you have any additional questions about eligible expenses under the PSHCP, please contact Sun Life at 1-888-757-7427 toll-free from anywhere in North America or 613-247-5100 in the National Capital Region.

