



May 30, 2016

Madam Manuelle Oudar
Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Commission des normes, de l'équité, de
la santé et de la sécurité du travail
524, rue Bourdages
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Subject: Draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting medical aid

Dear Madam Oudar:

Within the framework of its mandate, the Québec Ombudsman reviews all bills and draft regulations introduced in the National Assembly or published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*. When it deems necessary, it intervenes under section 27.3 of its constituting act, which empowers it to call the attention of the government or a chief executive officer of a public body to legislative, regulatory or administrative reforms it deems to be in the public interest.

With this in mind, I read the draft *Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting medical aid*, published on April 20, 2016.

The *Regulation respecting the psychotherapist's permit*, approved by the Office des professions du Québec, came into force on June 21, 2012. As early as January 2013, the Québec Ombudsman lobbied the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail for the care provided by psychotherapists to be covered under the *Regulation respecting medical aid*. I therefore welcome this much-awaited regulatory amendment, which is in keeping with my recommendation in 2013.

Yours respectfully,

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Ombudsperson

c.c.: Ms. Anik Laplante, Secretary, Committee on Labour and the Economy
Mr. Maxime Perreault, Secretary, Committee on Institutions