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## FERTILITY DRUGS – Newest Addition to the Quebec Government (RAMQ) Formulary Effective August, 2010

Effective August 5, 2010, the Quebec Government has introduced Bill 26 entitled "*An Act Respecting Clinical and Research Activities Related to Assisted Procreation*" assented on June 19, 2009. All employees **residing in the Province of Quebec** will have the benefit of assisted procreation drugs being reimbursed through their drug plan with their employer.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO OUR PLAN SPONSORS?

As of August 5, 2010, all expenses related to the medical procedures and drugs associated with ovarian stimulation, artificial insemination and *in vitro* fertilization are covered by the public plan.

It is important to note that only one fertility drug, Serophene 50 mg – DIN #00893722 has been added to the RAMQ formulary as a general benefit. The cost of 1 course of therapy with this drug is \$50.00.

All other fertility drugs covered under the RAMQ plan require Medicament d'Exception, which means the patient must meet the criteria for assisted procreation. The average cost of these injections is approximately \$600.00 per cycle. Currently there is no limit placed on quantity of cycles reimbursed; however, a maximum # of cycles may be implemented in the future.

By law, ClaimSecure must be compliant with the RAMQ plan. As such, Serophene 50 mg has been added to our formularies as a general benefit. In order to receive coverage for the remaining RAMQ-listed fertility drugs, members residing in Quebec must have a Medicament d'Exception form completed by their physician and meet RAMQ criteria.

For further information, please visit the following link:

<http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/fr/professionnels/comm/2010/info094-0.pdf>

