

RAMQ Eyeglass Reimbursement

Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ) has recently enacted a program that reimburses up to \$250 per child for the cost of eyeglasses or contact lenses for dependent children under the age of 18. This program is retroactive to September 1, 2019.

To receive the reimbursement, you need to apply online. The reimbursement is granted only for eyeglasses or contact lenses for vision correction prescribed by, and purchased from, a Québec authorized optician or optometrist. Only online and in-store purchases, made as of September 1, 2019, are eligible. You are eligible for the reimbursement again, 24 months after the date of payment.

Children are eligible for the program if they meet the following conditions:

- **Under the age of 18** on the date of purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Have a valid Health Insurance Card
- Have received a **prescription for corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses** during an eye examination conducted by an authorized optometrist or ophthalmologist

Note: the eye examination is covered by health insurance for children under the age of 18. For more information, consult RAMQ Optometric services.

Receipt of cheque

The person who has filed the application for reimbursement online (parent or guardian of the child) will be sent a cheque in the mail. You must submit your application within 12 months following the date of purchase. For complete information, on this program and its requirements, please visit the RAMQ site at <http://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citizens/aid-programs/Pages/eyeglasses-lenses-children.aspx#ophthalmologist>.

How Does This Affect Your Group Benefits?

Under your group benefits plan, RAMQ is the first payer for this service. If your plan includes coverage for eyeglasses, you will need to provide us with a copy of the payment of the RAMQ reimbursement (or proof your application for this reimbursement was denied), after which, your group benefits claim will be processed. Your claim will be based on the amount remaining **AFTER** the reimbursement.

If you have already made a claim since September 1, 2019, processing will be pending submission of your proof of reimbursement from RAMQ.

For more information about how your group benefits work with this RAMQ program, please contact your local advisor.

