

**Subject: CSQ – SSQ Group Insurance– Health care provided by the Commission des Praticiens en Médecine Douce du Québec (CPMDQ) (The Corporation of Practitioners of Alternative Medicine of Quebec)**

Hello,

The terms and conditions of the CSQ's group health insurance plan with the SSQ state that:

The only expenses covered are those incurred for treatments, care or supplies provided by a health professional who is a member in good standing of the professional corporation relevant to the treatments, care or supplies in question or, failing the existence of such corporation, a relevant professional association, subject to the provisions determined by SSQ for the acknowledgement of each association.

Most insurers regularly undertake verifications to recognize professional associations. The SSQ has its own criteria for the recognition of professional associations aimed at protecting itself against rising costs related to claims and non-compliant practices. When an organization fails to meet the SSQ's standards governing the recognition of a professional association, the insurer may decide not to reimburse expenses incurred for services provided by professionals who are members of this association exclusively.

Since the Commission des Praticiens en Médecine Douce du Québec (CPMDQ) has not responded to SSQ correspondence and refused to provide the requested information (basic criteria for the recognition of a professional association), the insurer has decided not to reimburse expenses incurred for services provided by professionals who are exclusively members of the CPMDQ. Policy holders can continue to receive care offered by professionals who are members of the CPMDQ, but they will not be reimbursed for expenses incurred.

Yours in solidarity!

On behalf of the Insurance Team,  
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