

B5 HEALTH SERVICES IN QUEBEC



B5 a. HEALTH SERVICES

Until the 1960's, health care was essentially offered by the Catholic Church and the state only cared for the destitute. More than 50% of Quebec residents could not afford the cost of doctors' fees and hospitalization. The **Quiet Revolution** inspired by the **welfare state*** idea aimed at reducing inequality of access to, for instance, education and health services.

From 1960's onwards, the government began to pass a series of laws to improve health services. In 1970 the **Health Insurance Plan** was introduced offering health care free of charge to all Quebec residents.

* Note: In a welfare state the government protects the health and well-being of all its citizens. (Oxford Canadian Dictionary)



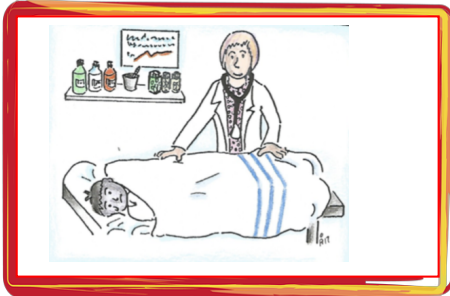
B5 b. WHAT IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN?

- i. Draw 'The Accident' of the cartoon sequence. Be creative! The boy's name is Stephan.
- ii. Write two sentences to describe each image.

1. THE ACCIDENT



3. EMERGENCY ROOM



2. AMBULANCE SERVICE



4. HOSPITALIZATION



TABS

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2. Quebec Health Plan offers free of charge all medical services except dentists, eye doctors, and medical services to beautify the body.

3. Dentists are free of charge for children under the age of 10, and eye doctors for those under the age of 18.

4. Ambulances are free for those in a road accident, a work accident or transported between health services institutions. It is also free for people over the age of 65.

B5 c. EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF THE QUEBEC HEALTH PLAN

i) A month after Stephan was discharged from hospital, his parents received this invoice. According to what you have learned you can complete the bill sent by the St. Oscar's Hospital for Children.

<u>Patient name and address</u>	<u>Insurance coverage</u> Quebec Health Plan	<u>Admission date</u> 12/01/2017	<u>Discharge date</u> 27/01/2017
Date 12/01/2017	Emergency room visit	1 day	\$
12/01/2017	Ambulance	45 minutes	\$
12/01/2017 to 27/01/2017	Doctor's fees Nursing care	16 days	\$
12/01/2017 to 27/01/2017	Medication Antibiotics Pain medication	16 days	\$
13/01/2017 to 20/01/2017	Laboratory tests Blood test	12/01/2017	\$
12/01/2017	X-Rays (to the leg)	12/01/2017	\$
Sub-total			\$
Taxes GST			\$
PST			\$
TOTAL			

ii) What do you conclude?

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B5 c. AN EXAMPLE OF THE USE OF THE QUEBEC HEALTH PLAN

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iii) Stephan's brother, Mathis, is 9 years old and has to go to the dentist Monday. Will his Quebec Insurance Plan cover the dentist's bill? State your reasons.



iv) Joey's mother (32 years old) has to have her glasses changed because she no longer sees well with her old ones. Will her Quebec Insurance Plan cover the expenses of her new glasses?

State your reasons.



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