To all affiliates
To all federation and union presidents
To all individuals in charge of group insurance plan matters

Subject: CSQ Group Insurance Plan (Contracts J9999 and 18A00) and COVID-19 - Extension of prior authorizations for prescription medication

Hello,

The Insurance Team would like to share some information recently released by SSQ Insurance regarding the extension of prior authorizations for prescription medication. Here the insurer’s full-text publication.

COVID-19: Prior authorizations extended

Due to the exceptional circumstances in connection with COVID-19, SSQ Insurance is taking measures to contribute to the health of insured persons and healthcare professionals.

One of the measures is the extension of prior authorizations for prescription medication being taken by insureds and recorded as active on their file on March 1, 2020.* The expiry date for all these authorizations has been postponed to September 1, 2020, with the exception of those whose expiry date was already after that date.

We feel this contributes to the social distancing guidelines introduced by our governments by reducing the number of non-urgent medical visits while maintaining access to treatment for insured persons. This measure also eases pressure on the healthcare system so that the necessary resources are available to fight the pandemic, for everyone’s benefit.

Take note that if we receive authorization or authorization extension requests, our regular procedures remain in place.

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* Certain specific exceptions apply (e.g. treatments with a fixed duration)

For more information on prior authorization drugs, please visit the SSQ Insurance website’s Frequently asked questions (FAQ) section:
https://ssq.ca/en/group-insurance/prior-authorization-drugs-faq

Should you have any questions regarding this message, please write to securite.sociale@lacsq.org.

In solidarity,

The Insurance Team