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CSQ AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
THE DRUG INSURANCE COMPONENT OF OUR CSQ-SSQ GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

To all affiliated unions
To the President
To those people responsible for the group insurance file

Hello,

As part of an ongoing CSQ awareness campaign on drug insurance, you will find below additional information regarding the reimbursement of generic drugs by the CSQ-SSQ group insurance plan.

Generic Drugs vs. Innovative Drugs

First, remember that since January 1, 2013, generic drugs and unique drugs are reimbursed 80%, while innovative drugs (for which a generic version exists) are now reimbursed only 68%. However, if a treating physician recommends against the use of a generic drug by filling out the "Prescription Drug Request for Brand Name Drug Coverage" form now available on the [SSQ website](#), the innovative drug will be reimbursed 80% by the SSQ.

Generic Drugs Discontinued or Out of Stock

In cases where a generic drug has been discontinued or is out of stock, it is the RAMQ'S responsibility to notify pharmacists of the situation and instruct them with regard to substitutions. In these situations, the replacement drug should be reimbursed 80% by the SSQ. Members are advised to check their bills carefully in such cases. If an error occurs, it is important to notify the insurer.

On behalf of the insurance team,
Diane Rancourt,
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