



RECIPIENTS OF LAST RESORT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND STAYS OUTSIDE QUÉBEC

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, an adult must reside in Québec within the meaning of the *Individual and Family Assistance Regulation*.

Major amendments to this regulation came into force on May 1, 2015. The purpose of one of these amendments was to tighten the conditions for being considered a Québec resident within the meaning of the *Individual and Family Assistance Act*. Thus, an adult is no longer considered to be a Québec resident if he is absent more than 15 cumulative days in a calendar month or more than 7 consecutive days in that month.

Consequently, if you expect to travel outside Québec for more than 15 cumulative days or more than 7 consecutive days in one month, you should know that your file will be cancelled for the following month (for example, if you leave Québec from December 23 to December 31, your January benefit will be cancelled). However, you will be able to reapply upon your return in order to receive financial assistance in accordance with the applicable rules.

Nonetheless, the exceptions allowing a recipient of financial assistance to be considered a resident of Québec even if that person has to be absent from Québec, including for health reasons, have been maintained. Thus, even if you have to be temporarily absent from Québec, you will be considered to still reside in Québec within the meaning of the *Individual and Family Assistance Act* if your absence is due to one of the following reasons:

- To receive treatment required by your physical or mental condition, on the written recommendation of a physician entered on the roll of the Ordre des médecins du Québec, for the duration indicated by the physician;
- To accompany, for a period of not more than 6 months, the person who provides you with the constant care required by your physical or mental condition;
- To participate in an employment-assistance measure or program; or
- To carry out remunerated work if you are a member of a family residing in Québec.

Subject to certain conditions, you will also be considered to reside in Québec if you provide constant care to a person whose autonomy is significantly reduced because of a physical or mental condition and you must accompany that person during the person's absence from Québec to receive treatment required by that person's physical or mental condition. The same is true if you are retained outside Québec due to superior force for a period of not more than 6 months.

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