

How to get a health insurance card for a baby born in Québec if neither parent has a health insurance card

STEP 1

Register your baby with the civil registry.



1. After the birth, ask the hospital or birthing centre for two documents:
 - A copy of the Attestation of Birth.
 - The Declaration of Birth (3-page paper form).
2. Complete all three pages of the Declaration of Birth.
 - You can ask the nurse, midwife or social worker for help filling out the Declaration of Birth.
3. Submit the Declaration of Birth.
 - The sooner you submit the Declaration, the sooner you will receive a response from the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ).
 - If you submit the Declaration of Birth more than 30 days after the birth, you will have to pay to register your baby.
 - You can ask the hospital or birthing centre to send the Declaration of Birth for you or you can send it yourself to the following address:

Directeur de l'état civil
2535, boulevard Laurier
Québec (Québec) G1V 5C6



STEP 2

After 4 to 6 weeks, you will receive a letter requesting information and a health insurance registration attestation for your baby.



You can only register your baby for health insurance if you intend to stay in Québec with your child for more than 6 months.

1. Send the documents requested by RAMQ right away.
2. Use the registration attestation so your baby can receive free medical care.
 - The registration attestation is only valid for a short time. It has an expiry date.



STEP 3

After 1 to 2 months, you will receive a decision letter from the Régie de l'assurance maladie (RAMQ).

If RAMQ **approves your application**:

1. You will receive your baby's health insurance card later.

If RAMQ **declines your application**:

1. You will have to pay for your baby's health care.
2. Call RAMQ at the following number to find out why your application was denied:
1-800-561-9749.



If your baby needs health care.



Call 811 and choose option 3 to find the right health service for your baby.

- The recommended vaccines for your baby are free, whether or not the baby has a health insurance card.



Your baby's medical care is free if you present their registration attestation or their valid health insurance card.

- Be sure to renew the health care card before its expiry date by calling RAMQ at 1-800-561-9749.
- Show your baby's registration attestation or health insurance card at the pharmacy when picking up medication.



Your baby's health care may be billed to you if:

- You have not yet received your baby's RAMQ registration attestation.
- Your baby's RAMQ registration attestation has expired and you have not received their RAMQ card.
- Their health insurance card has expired.

If you have to pay for medical care:

- You can call RAMQ at 1-800-561-9749 to check the status of your baby's file.
- Keep all invoices and receipts. Be sure to request a receipt even if you pay in cash.
- You can make a payment arrangement with the hospital's accounting department.

You would like to request a reimbursement for medical expenses you have paid for.

You must have the RAMQ card, as well as the invoices and receipts for all care received by the baby.

- **Fees paid to doctors:**
[Use this form to request a reimbursement.](#)



- **Fees paid at a hospital or birthing centre:** Call the hospital or birthing centre or go to the accounting department with your baby's health insurance card.
- **Medication costs:** Go to the pharmacy to request reimbursement.

To get help.

- Ask a community organization or the CLSC for help, or call 211.
- Call the hospital and ask to speak to the user committee (e.g., if your baby is denied care or you do not receive an Attestation of Birth). This will not impact your immigration application. These are confidential services.
- The professional supporting you can find more information on the following page:
[Équipe de proximité Périnatalité, enfance, familles et communautés | Direction régionale de santé publique de Montréal.](#)

This tool has been translated into several languages.