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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*This FAQ was prepared in the context of a survey to identify members of class actions regarding accessory fees charged in relation to insured medical and optometry services.*

*Philippe Léveillé v. Attorney General of Quebec et al. - 500-06-000695-144 / Daniel Raunet et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec et al. - 500-06-000793-162*

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## 1. What are the class actions regarding accessory fees charged in relation to an insured health service?

The class actions *Daniel Raunet et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.* and *Philippe Léveillé v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.* seek to compensate individuals who have paid fees to a physician or optometrist that were related to an insured procedure - that is, a health service covered by the *Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec* ("RAMQ") and which should therefore be entirely free of charge, except in certain specific and strictly regulated cases. This practice is commonly referred to as the billing of "accessory fees" for insured medical and optometry services beyond what is permitted by law.

These two class actions are directed against the Attorney General of Quebec, the Federation of Medical Specialists of Quebec, the Federation of General Practitioners of Quebec, and the Association of Optometrists of Quebec.

Although both class actions denounce a similar practice, they are two separate cases before the Superior Court of Quebec. Depending on the type of accessory fees paid and the date of payment, you may be a member of one or both class actions.

	<b><i>Philippe Léveillé v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.</i></b>	<b><i>Daniel Raunet et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.</i></b>
Type of incidental fees paid	Fees charged above cost price for <u>medication</u> or <u>anesthetic agents</u> related to an insured procedure provided by a physician or optometrist.	All <u>other accessory fees</u> paid in relation to an insured service provided by a physician or optometrist, excluding fees above cost for medication or anesthetic agents (covered by the <i>Léveillé</i> class action).
Period covered	Between May 15, 2011, and January 26, 2017.	Between June 2, 2013, and January 26, 2017.

## 2. Why did I receive an e-mail?

You received an e-mail because you subscribed to our newsletter regarding these class actions, either with the law firm Trudel Johnston & Lespérance or with the law firm Grenier Verbauwheide.

The plaintiffs' lawyers wish to identify certain group members based on the nature of the accessory fees they paid and, in some cases, invite them to testify.



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Your participation is important! By completing the survey, you are helping to better represent the reality of group members and advance class actions that promote free and universal healthcare in Quebec. To access the survey: <https://form.tjl.quebec/>.

**3. If I complete the survey, will I be contacted by lawyers?**

Not necessarily. Even if you complete the survey, it is perfectly normal for you to not be contacted by the lawyers. This does not mean that you are not a member of one or both of the class actions, as only certain individuals will be contacted at this stage, depending on the type of fees paid.

**4. How can I remove myself from mailing lists or change my contact information?**

To unsubscribe from mailing lists or change your contact information, you can send an email to the following address: [fraisaccessoires@tjl.quebec](mailto:fraisaccessoires@tjl.quebec) or contact the reception desk at Trudel Johnston & Lespérance at the following number: 514-871-8385.

**5. Can I currently claim money?**

No, both class actions are still being prepared, and no trial date has been set yet. The claiming period only begins once a class action is successful following a trial or, in some cases, following an out-of-court settlement agreement.

**6. Who pays the lawyers' fees and other costs associated with class actions?**

You do not have to pay anything. Lawyers' fees and other costs will be deducted from the total compensation obtained in the event of success at trial or from the settlement amount, if applicable.

**7. Can lawyers help me with other issues?**

No, the group's lawyers cannot take on individual cases or advise you on situations that are not related to the class actions.

**8. Can I access the documents, pleadings, and judgments related to these class actions?**

Yes, the main documents related to these class actions are available on the group's lawyers' website, in the "Procedures and Judgments" section of the web pages dedicated to these cases, accessible via these links:



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- *Philippe Léveillé v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.*: [Additional Costs for Drugs and Anaesthetic Agents - Trudel Johnston & Lespérance](#)
- *Daniel Raunet et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.*: [Additional Costs for Medical Procedures Covered by the RAMQ - Trudel Johnston & Lespérance](#)

You can also consult the Quebec Superior Court's Class Action Registry in the "Documents and Proceedings" section via these links:

- *Philippe Léveillé v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.*: [Overview of the application 500-06-000695-144 - Registry of class actions](#)
- *Daniel Raunet et al. v. Attorney General of Quebec et al.*: [Overview of the application 500-06-000793-162 - Registry of class actions](#)

## **9. What are the next steps?**

Both class actions are proceeding concurrently. They are in the case preparation stage, during which each party prepares its evidence and arguments in anticipation of a trial. In this context, certain members of the group are asked to testify in preliminary examinations, i.e., a meeting (not held before a judge) where the defendants' lawyers ask questions to a witness to better understand the facts.

Those registered on the mailing list will be informed of the next important steps. To update your contact information, please email us at [fraisaccessoires@tjl.quebec](mailto:fraisaccessoires@tjl.quebec) or call the reception desk at Trudel Johnston & Lespérance at 514-871-8385.