



A new Detailed Invoice for Prescription Drugs in Pharmacies

Hello everyone,

Starting September 15, 2017, your pharmacy's prescription drug invoice will be more transparent. The next time you go to the pharmacy, take a close look at your new itemized invoice. It will show the following:

- Pharmacist fee (dispensing fee)
- Price of molecule (medication)
- Distributor margin

Only the pharmacist fee will vary from one pharmacy to another.

Will this initiative cause an increase in prices?

No, unless you change pharmacies or prescription drugs, the amount payable remains the same. The only thing that changes is the bill, which will itemize the various elements.

Why a detailed invoice?

Until now, your prescription drug invoice showed only a total amount. This item has a significant impact on the cost of group insurance. In fact, Quebec employees and employers with group insurance plans have seen their drug costs increase a lot more rapidly than those covered under the public drug insurance plan as a result of higher pharmacist fees.

From now on, additional details will be provided, including the pharmacist fee. As a consumer, this new transparency will help gain a better understanding of the various costs that make up the total cost of your prescription and make you more aware of the choices available.

To ensure the sustainability of your plan, here are some actions you can take to help reduce short- and long-term costs:

- Greater use of generic drugs
- Three-months prescription for maintenance drugs when allowed (upon the recommendations of your pharmacist)
- Compare costs between pharmacists

For more information on the detailed invoice, please consult the next page to help understand the changes to prescription drug invoice.

Thank you for your collaboration!



my detailed pharmacy invoice

As of September 15, 2017, your pharmacy invoice will be more transparent. The next time you go to the pharmacy, take a close look at your new itemized invoice. It will show the following:

- the price of the molecule (medication)
- the pharmacist's fee
- the distributor's profit margin

The one item that can vary from one pharmacy to another is the pharmacist's fee.



Price of the molecule

The price of the drug is set by the government



Pharmacist's fee

The only variable between pharmacies



Distributor's margin

The distributor's price is capped by the government at 6,5% of the price of the drug