RESEARCH / INTEGRATION OF HEALTH INSTITUTIONS INTO SANTÉ QUEBEC

Background

In 2024, the Quebec government has undertaken a transformation of the health and social services system to renew, in its entirety, the framework within which the system operates.

This reform led to the adoption of the Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system (the **Act**), which established Santé Québec and resulted in the amalgamation of all health and social services institutions (**HSSIs**) into Santé Québec on December 1, 2024.

As of that date, HSSIs continued to exist within Santé Québec (Section 1492.of the Act) and were delegated, as provided for in Section 52 of the Act, their functions and powers related to teaching, research and innovation, including the power to sign contracts in these areas.

In practice

The negotiation, conclusion and signing of new contracts in a research context will continue to take place at the level of each HSSI. As a result, the process followed by the industry remains **unchanged**.

1- **Contracts entered into before December 1, 2024**: Contracts entered into before December 1, 2024, do **not** need to be amended; they remain fully in force and their validity is not affected. According to Section 1494 of the Act, all the rights and obligations of HSSIs become rights and obligations of Santé Québec.

2- **Contracts entered into between December 1, 2024, and June 1, 2026:** Contracts entered into during this period included a slightly different parties clause (identification of the parties) than the one set out in point 3 below. These contracts do **not** need to be amended. They remain in full force and their validity is not affected. The proposed change to the identification of the parties reflects recent changes to HSSI names as part of the continuing amalgamation process initiated in 2024. These changes have no legal impact on contracts already entered into.

3- **Contracts entered into since June 1, 2026**: The identification of the HSSIs for contracts concluded as of this date will be as follows:

> **SANTÉ QUÉBEC** [**NAME OF INSTITUTION]**, a legal person constituted under the *Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system* (CQLR, c. G-1.021), having a place of business at [ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION], represented for the purposes hereof by [NAME OF SIGNATORY, TITLE OF SIGNATORY], duly authorized in accordance with Santé Québec's by-laws;

The Registraire des entreprises du Québec (REQ)[1] should be consulted to obtain the new names of the institutions (Please consult the "Public Authorities" section). Please note that, during the transition period, the former names listed in the REQ may also be used.

Questions

For any questions or comments, please contact the individuals responsible for negotiating research contracts at each HSSI.

[1] Registraire des entreprises - Recherche par nom d'entreprise - Revenu Québec