

**RESEARCH / INTEGRATION OF HEALTH INSTITUTIONS INTO SANTÉ QUÉBEC****Background**

Over the past few [months](#), 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 are continued as Santé Québec ([Section 1492](#) of the Act) and Santé Québec has delegated its functions and powers related to teaching, research and innovation, including the power to sign contracts in these areas, to each HSSI as per [Section 52](#) of the Act.

**In practice**

The negotiation, conclusion and signature of new contracts in a research context will continue to take place at HSSIs' level. As a result, the process followed by the industry remains **unchanged**. On a contractual level, the contract header will be updated slightly as follows:

**SANTÉ QUÉBEC**, a legal person established under the *Act respecting the governance of the health and social services system* (CQLR, c. G-1.021), acting through the establishment **NAME OF ESTABLISHMENT**, located at **ADDRESS OF ESTABLISHMENT**, represented for the purposes hereof by **NAME OF SIGNATORY, TITLE OF SIGNATORY**, duly authorized in accordance with Santé Québec's by-laws;

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.

**Questions**

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [info@catalisquebec.com](mailto:info@catalisquebec.com).