



Quebec Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Purpose: This document provides a Quebec-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent. It includes both Quebec and Government of Canada (federal) official resources.

Introduction

In Canada, early childhood education, child care, and health services are largely administered by provinces, while certain benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information laws also exist at the federal level. Quebec does not provide a single public, name-searchable system aggregating all child care payments, subsidies, and health care claims.

The recommended approach is **self-verification**: confirm providers using official registries, review records you are legally entitled to access, and escalate concerns only through official reporting channels if discrepancies are identified.

Section 1 – Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Quebec)

Child care services in Quebec are overseen by the Ministère de la Famille. The Province provides a public directory of regulated early childhood education and care services.

1.1 Official provider search (public)

Quebec Child Care Directory (Services de garde éducatifs à l'enfance):

<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/repertoire/Pages/index.aspx> [1]

1.2 Licensing and oversight overview

Quebec – Child Care Services (Ministère de la Famille):

<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/Pages/index.aspx> [2]

Section 2 – Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Quebec)

Quebec operates a publicly funded child care system with reduced contribution spaces, as well as refundable tax credits for child care expenses. If you suspect child care financial support was used in your name or your child's name, review official correspondence and verify details through provincial channels.

2.1 Reduced-contribution child care overview

Quebec – Reduced-Contributed Child Care:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/childhood/childcare/reduced-contribution-childcare> [3]

2.2 Tax credit for child care expenses (Revenu Québec)

Revenu Québec – Tax Credit for Child Care Expenses:

<https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/tax-credits/tax-credit-for-child-care-expenses/> [4]

2.3 What parents/guardians should review

- Service agreements or placement confirmations from child care providers.
- Provider status using the official Quebec child care directory (Section 1.1). [1]
- Attendance records versus your own records.
- Tax credit claims or advance payments you did not expect or authorize.

Section 3 – Health Coverage Claims Verification (RAMQ) and Fraud Reporting

Health coverage in Quebec is administered by the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ). If you suspect misuse of a health insurance card or services billed under your identity, contact RAMQ using official inquiry and fraud-reporting channels.

3.1 RAMQ coverage overview

RAMQ — Health Insurance Plan:

<https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citizens/health-insurance> [5]

3.2 Report suspected RAMQ misuse or fraud

RAMQ — Fraud and Abuse Reporting:

<https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/report-fraud> [6]

Section 4 – Public Records Requests (Quebec Access to Information)

Public access to records in Quebec is governed by the **Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information**. Records involving minors, benefit cases, and protected health information may be restricted; however, parents and guardians may request records they are legally entitled to receive.

4.1 Access to information overview

Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec:

<https://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca/> [7]

4.2 How to submit an access request

Quebec — Making an access-to-information request:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/government/ministere/cai/access-information> [8]

Section 5 – Federal Verification and Reporting (Government of Canada)

Some benefits, identity-protection mechanisms, and access-to-information requests are handled federally. Use the official Government of Canada channels below if concerns involve federal programs or identity misuse.

5.1 Report suspected tax or benefit cheating (CRA)

Canada Revenue Agency — Suspected tax or benefit cheating:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html> [9]

5.2 Report a scam or identity theft affecting CRA accounts

CRA — Report a scam or identity theft:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html> [10]

5.3 Federal access-to-information / privacy requests (ATIP Online)

ATIP Online Request (Government of Canada):

<https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do> [11]

5.4 Report fraud and cybercrime (Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre)

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre — Report fraud:

<https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm> [12]

Section 6 – Public “Red Flag” Patterns (For Awareness Only)

- **Date mismatch:** benefits or services on days care was not provided.
- **Provider mismatch:** a provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** activity continues after termination or withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** services exceed approved scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing a dependent you do not recognize.

Appendix A – Official Resources (Quebec + Federal)

1. Quebec Child Care Directory –
<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/repertoire/Pages/index.aspx>
2. Ministère de la Famille – Child Care Services –
<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/Pages/index.aspx>
3. Reduced-Contribution Child Care –
<https://www.quebec.ca/en/family-and-support-for-individuals/childhood/childcare/reduced-contribution-childcare>
4. Revenu Québec Child Care Tax Credit –
<https://www.revenuquebec.ca/en/citizens/tax-credits/tax-credit-for-child-care-expenses/>
5. RAMQ Health Insurance – <https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/citizens/health-insurance>
6. RAMQ Fraud Reporting – <https://www.ramq.gouv.qc.ca/en/about-us/report-fraud>
7. Commission d'accès à l'information – <https://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca/>
8. Quebec Access Requests – <https://www.quebec.ca/en/government/ministere/cai/access-information>
9. CRA suspected tax/benefit cheating –
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/suspected-tax-cheating-in-canada-overview.html>
10. CRA scam / identity theft –
<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/corporate/scams-fraud/report-scam.html>
11. Federal ATIP request – <https://atip-aiprp.apps.gc.ca/atip/welcome.do>
12. Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre – <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

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