MEDEC Quebec Bill 130 Submission
Summary of Recommendations

1. Adopt Bill 130 (“the Bill”) in principle.

2. In collaboration with the Conseil du trésor, implement value-based procurement standards as included in Chapter I.0.1 that amends An Act respecting health services and social services (“the Act”).

3. Describe the minister’s powers in sections 436.0.1, 436.0.2 and 436.0.3 of the Act, which have been added by section 38 of the Bill, so that provincial calls for tender are preceded by a sectoral impact and competition analysis that has demonstrated a public interest.

4. Revise paragraph 2b of section 10 of the Bill by adding access to innovation and interoperability to the items that must be considered before requiring an institution to acquire a specific information asset.

5. Specify the “additional or complementary purposes” mentioned in section 435.1, added by section 37 of the Bill, to avoid duplication or overlap with other public bodies.

6. Remove the provisions of section 435.2 setting out that the GPO may provide services to “other types of persons or bodies” to avoid imposing additional unnecessary challenges on them.

7. In the Act, set out that the GPO play a crucial role to promote access to innovation, improve quality of care, and increase the value of procurement for the health care system.

8. Specify in the Act that the GPO’s roles include the need to work with suppliers and to work in the public interest.

9. Increase the accountability of the GPO by ensuring that the required components in their annual management report are relevant and allow for a true objective assessment of their performance.

10. In the Bill, clarify the GPO’s status as public bodies by subjecting them to the normative general framework and applicable laws.

11. Clarify the application of section 436.0.4 of the Act, added by section 38 of the Bill, so as to exclude the mandatory rebates required of suppliers, whether payable to the GPO or to institutions, as well as the general terms and conditions related to financing the GPO’s activities.