

# 2024 BENEFITS

Member Booklet

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Canadian Construction Workers Union  
Benefit Trust Fund



# CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION BENEFIT TRUST FUND

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THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SHOULD BE KEPT  
IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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## WELCOME

This booklet describes the conditions of eligibility, coverage and claims procedures under the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund, which for descriptive ease is referred to in this booklet as the Trust Fund.

Effort has been made to ensure that the coverage descriptions in this booklet are consistent with the group insurance policies issued by the Insurance Companies and with related government Health coverages. However, this booklet is not, in itself, a legal contract, so it follows that the terms of the insurance policies, and of the governing legislation, take precedence in case of dispute. As well, in an effort to treat all members fairly and to guard the Trust Fund assets against abuse, the Board of Trustees is solely responsible for establishing the eligibility rules of the Trust Fund.

The Trustees intend that the benefit coverage, provided by the Trust Fund, is of real value to you and your eligible dependents. Should you require additional information, please contact your plan's Administrative Agent.

Please read this booklet carefully and keep it for future reference.

### *The Board of Trustees*

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## HOW THE TRUST FUND WORKS

The benefits provided by the Trust Fund are purchased from insurance companies with contributions made by your employer on your behalf. These contributions are made to the Trust Fund as a result of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The booklet describes benefits available under the Trust Fund.

The Trustees are responsible for the design of the benefit package provided by the Trust Fund and for the allocation of the contributions made to the Trust Fund. To help carry out their duties, the Trustees have appointed various people such as accountants, consultants and lawyers to provide them with professional advice. The Trustees meet with these advisors from time to time to review matters that arise in the running of the Trust Fund. The Trustees make all decisions that are necessary at these meetings by taking a vote amongst themselves. The plan's Administrative Agent performs the daily administrative functions of the Trust Fund.

It is hoped that the Trust Fund will be continued indefinitely, but as is customary in group insurance plans, the right of change or discontinuance at any time must be reserved. Please note that any benefit that is provided at a particular time cannot be guaranteed for any specific period of time, unless required by legislation. The Trustees reserve the right to amend, suspend, delete or terminate any benefit at any time as in their discretion they deem appropriate.

The Trustees have the power to disentitle any person to past, present or future benefits and to take any further action they deem appropriate, including denying membership in a Plan, to any person where the member or persons claiming through the member are found by the Trustees to be abusing the Plan or making false or improper claims under the Plan.

## PROTECTING THE PLAN

The benefits provided by the Trust Fund are designed for the members and their eligible dependents of the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund. Members can help maintain the Plan with the following steps to ensure the Plan is able to continue to offer quality benefits:

- Coordination of Benefit (COB) coverage with your spouse can ensure that each plan is maximized to its full potential. Please ensure to advise the Administrative Agent of other coverage available to you or your eligible spouse.
- The Plan has been designed to help the members and their eligible dependents and to ensure suitable health care access. Please remember to use it when you need it and to use it prudently.
- Prior to sending a claim under the plan for items and services, take some time to shop and compare to help keep a limit on costs.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING REGISTERED

It is absolutely essential that you complete an Application/Enrollment Card, which you can obtain from your Administrative Agent or online at [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com). On this card, you name the beneficiary/beneficiaries, to whom your Life Insurance should be paid, in the event of your death. Members should list all dependents that are eligible for insurance.

If you have already completed an Application/Enrollment Card and you have no desire to change your beneficiary/beneficiaries, it is not necessary for you to complete another card. You may change your named beneficiary/beneficiaries, subject to Provincial Law, by written request, filed with the Administrative Agent. The change will take effect as of the date such request was executed, but without prejudice to the Plan for any payment(s) made before such request is received by the Administrative Agent.

Please be sure to fully complete and sign the Application/Enrollment Card and return it to the Administrative Agent. It is extremely important that a completed Application/Enrollment Card be on file, since claims cannot be paid on behalf of you, or your eligible dependents.

After your insurance becomes effective, it is necessary for you to notify the Administrative Agent of any change in your dependent or marital status. This information is necessary so that your coverage can be adjusted accordingly.

## CHANGE OF YOUR DEPENDENT OR MARITAL STATUS

You must complete a new Application/Enrollment Card to update your status. For example, if you were a single member when your insurance commenced and you get married at a later date, or you were married at the time insurance commenced and sometime later your family includes a child.

You must advise the Administrative Agent within 31 days of a change in your dependent status. Failure to do so could jeopardize the coverage of a newly acquired dependent.

This information is important to ensure uninterrupted coverage and avoidance of any delays in the assessment of claims.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Any personal information collected by the Trustees and the Administrative Agent is used only to the extent required by law. To authorize an individual to have access to your personal information, you must complete an Authorization to Release Personal Information Form and return it to the Administrative Agent. Only authorized persons have access to your personal information when required for coverage purposes.

## MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

### WHO MAY BE INSURED

This Plan is for Members:

- who are covered under a Provincial Health Insurance Plan.
- in Good Standing with Canadian Construction Workers Union.
- of a Bargaining Unit represented by the Canadian Construction Workers Union.
- who work for a Contributing Employer and where the Collective Agreement makes provisions for contributions to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.

### DOLLAR BANK ACCOUNT

The Administrative Agent keeps an account of the contributions made by your employer on your behalf. Dollars are stored (banked) for future use when more than \$565.50 are earned in a month which is required for your monthly benefit coverage.

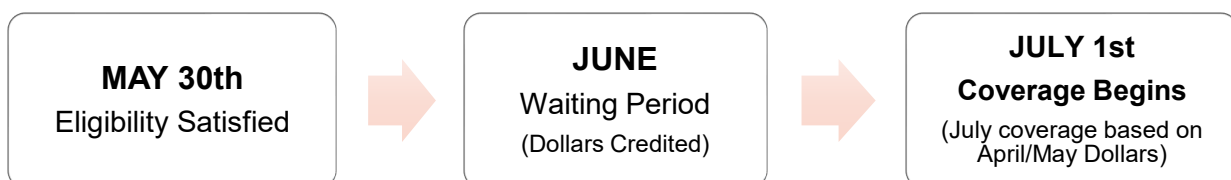
The Trustees may adjust the dollar bank requirements as required from time to time.

### INITIAL BENEFIT COVERAGE

You will become eligible for benefits provided by the Plan as follows:

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month following the date you have accumulated the monthly requirement of \$565.50 by your employer on your behalf as outlined by the Board of Trustees. Member eligibility may be amended by the Board of Trustees at any time without prior notice to individuals affected, including current active members and those not yet eligible as of the effective date of any amendment.
- Example: If a member works in April and May, the eligibility requirements are met as at May 30<sup>th</sup> and benefit coverage will commence on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### DOLLAR BANK:



- Coverage continues automatically for each month provided you have the required minimum of \$565.50 in your Dollar Bank Account. The Administrative Agent will deduct \$565.50 dollars from your Dollar Bank Account monthly.



## DOLLAR BANK ACCOUNT MAXIMUM

The maximum amount you can accumulate in your Dollar Bank Account is \$10,179.00 dollars. This number represents a maximum of 18 consecutive months of coverage.

If you earn in excess of \$10,179.00 dollars in your Dollar Bank Account, the excess dollars are transferred to the general reserve of the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.

## SELF-PAY PROVISION

Should your coverage terminate because you are unemployed and have recall rights you will be given the option to continue your coverage by making self-payments to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund on the following basis:

- Monthly payments in the amount of \$95.00 plus 8% Retail Sales Tax for a total of \$102.60 per month.
- You have the option to make self-payments for a maximum of 12 consecutive months provided you remain a Member in Good Standing with Canadian Construction Workers' Union.
- After the initial 3 months of self-payments, the CCWUcare will confirm that you remain a Member in Good Standing and are at the call of the Union and that there isn't work available for you. If work is available for you and you do not return to work, then you will be unable to self-pay thereafter.
- You are entitled to the same benefits you enjoyed while you were employed with the exception of Short-Term, Long-Term Disability Benefits, Long Term Care, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Occupational Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Critical Illness, Hospital Cash, Permanent and Total Disability Accident, Special Needs Life Insurance, Bereavement Pay, Parental Leave and Jury Duty.
- Self-payments must be made within 31 days of the termination of your coverage and must be made on a continuous basis. Retroactive self-payments will not be accepted.
- Self-Payments can be made by cheque. Please be sure to print **your full name** and your **Member Advantage Benefit Card Certificate ID Number (last 10 digits)** on the back of your cheque to ensure that your account is properly credited.
- Your Union Dues with Canadian Construction Workers' Union must be maintained and in a current status.
- You will only be eligible to make a maximum of 3 self-payments at any given time and CCWUcare will not accept postdated cheques.
- The Trustees may adjust the self-payment amount from time to time.

Self Pay cheques should be made payable to “Canadian Construction Workers’ Union Benefit Trust Fund” and mailed to:

**Canadian Construction Workers’ Union Benefit Trust Fund  
205 - 1263 Wilson Avenue  
Toronto, ON M3M 3G2**

If you choose to self-pay, as provided for above, it is your responsibility to contact CCWUcare and make the necessary payments by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Coverage is terminated if you fail to make the necessary payments on time.

## **WORKPLACE SAFETY INSURANCE BOARD (WSIB)**

If a member becomes disabled due to a work-related injury and are eligible for Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) benefits, the member and eligible dependents will remain covered for the Plan’s benefits in which their dollar bank will be frozen for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of disability while in receipt of WSIB benefits under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act. Members must report their WSIB claim number and submit Proof of Acceptance of their claim by WSIB to CCWUcare as soon as possible. Members have one (1) year from the date of the accident to report their WSIB claim to CCWUcare and are to continue to remain a member in Good Standing with the Canadian Construction Workers Union.

## **TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

Coverage for you and your dependents will terminate on the earliest of, the date:

- On the last day of the month that you have less than \$565.50 dollars in your Dollar Bank Account or you do not make the necessary self-payment to maintain your coverage.
- On the last day of the month you stop making self-payments or are not permitted to make future self-payments.
- You cease to be a member in Good Standing of the Canadian Construction Workers Union.
- Upon your attainment of age 65 with respect to Short Term Disability and Long-Term Disability Benefits; age 70 for Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Occupational Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Critical Illness, and Permanent Total Disability Accident Benefits; age 75 for Life Insurance, Dependent Life Insurance, Hospital Cash, and Special Needs Life Insurance; and age 99 for Emergency Out of Province coverage.
- Coverage for your dependents will terminate on the date such dependents cease to be eligible.

- When your coverage terminates, you may have a small balance in your Dollar Bank Account (less than \$565.50 dollars) which will be cancelled if dollars or contributions are not received by CCWUcare within 12 months of the date of termination.
- You enter Military Service.
- This Plan is discontinued.

## **REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE**

If you were previously covered by the Plan and have been terminated and subsequently return to work in which a Collective Agreement requires your employer to contribute to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund, you will be covered by the Plan:

- On the first day of the second month following the date you have accumulated \$565.50 dollars in your Dollar Bank Account, or

If you are out-of-benefit for a period greater than 12 consecutive months, you will be treated as a new member and you will be covered by the Plan:

- On the first day of the second month following the date you have accumulated \$565.50 dollars in your Dollar Bank Account.

## **ELIGIBILITY DEFINITION**

It should be noted that under the “initial benefit coverage” and “reinstatement of coverage” clauses, you must be actively at work with a contributing employer on the date your insurance becomes effective or reinstated.

If you are not “actively at work” on the date your insurance becomes effective, you must be available for work. This is defined as being on the Union’s out-of-work list and seeking work.

Should you not meet one of the above requirements, your insurance will only become effective on the date you return to work or your name is placed on the Union’s out-of-work list and you are seeking work.

## **CHANGES IN PLAN ELIGIBILITY**

The requirements under the Member eligibility may be amended by the Board of Trustees at any time without prior notice to individuals affected, including current active members and those not yet eligible as of the effective date of any amendment.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to change or terminate any or all of the benefit coverages under the Plan and amend the eligibility provisions from time to time.

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## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, certain premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for these benefits in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

Any premiums paid for the above referenced benefits on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

Benefits received from the plan are not taxable with the exception of Short-Term Disability, Long-Term Disability, Bereavement Pay, Parental Leave, and Jury Duty Benefit payments which are also reported on the T4A form received from either the Administrative Agent or directly from the insurer.

**CONTINUATION OF EXTENDED HEALTH CARE, VISION CARE, DENTAL CARE, AND EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL COVERAGE UPON YOUR DEATH - DEPENDENTS**

Extended Health Care, Vision Care, Dental Care, and Emergency Out of Province Medical Coverage benefits will continue beyond the date of your death while payments for such coverage are made by the Trust Fund on behalf of your eligible dependents, provided you were eligible for benefits at the date of death, but not beyond the earliest of:

- The date such dependents cease to be eligible.
- The date your surviving spouse remarries (children will continue to be covered).
- The date coverage for your dependents terminates as per the definition of dependent or for any other reason.
- The date your child attains the age of 21 or the age of 25 provided they are attending an accredited school, college, or university as a full-time student.
- The end of the 12 consecutive month period after the date of your death with respect to your spouse and dependents.
- Any balance in your Dollar Bank Account at the date of your death will be exhausted to provide coverage for your eligible dependents before the Trust Fund provides the 12 consecutive months of complimentary coverage as noted above.

**CONTINUATION OF EXTENDED HEALTH CARE, VISION CARE, DENTAL CARE, AND EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR INCAPACITATED CHILDREN**

Extended Health Care, Vision Care, Dental Care, and Emergency Out of Province Medical Coverage benefits will continue beyond the date an unmarried child attains the limiting age of 21 or 25 provided they are attending an accredited school, college or university as a full-time student, provided proof is submitted to the Administrative Agent within 31 days after such date that such child:

- Is incapable of supporting themselves due to a physical or psychiatric disorder.
- Become so incapacitated prior to attainment of the limiting age.
- Is chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance.
- Thereafter such proof must be submitted to the Administrative Agent as required, but not more often than yearly.

## DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY

Your dependents become eligible for coverage when you become eligible or, if acquired later, upon becoming your dependent provided they are covered under a Provincial Health Insurance Plan. If your spouse also has coverage through their employer, you must co-ordinate your benefits through this plan with your spouse's plan. You must advise the Administrative Agent if you or your dependents are covered under another plan, such as your spouse's benefit plan.

To be eligible for benefits, your eligible dependents include your spouse and dependent children as identified below.

### SPOUSE

- Spouse means a husband or wife by virtue of a valid civil or religious ceremony.
- Common Law Spouse means a person living with the member for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and will be deemed to be the member's spouse if such person is publicly represented as the member's spouse.
- Same-sex spouses are eligible provided that the relationship includes continuous cohabitation of a minimum of 12 consecutive months and public representation of married status.
- Divorced spouses are not eligible for coverage.

### DEPENDENT CHILDREN

- Dependent child means a natural or legally adopted child; or a stepchild or other child who is dependent upon the member for support and lives with the member in a regular parent/child relationship.
- Dependent children must be 20 years of age or younger (children from 21 years of age but under age 25 will be covered provided they are attending an accredited school, college or university as a full-time student. Annual proof of student registration (original) must be provided to the Administrative Agent).
- Dependent children must be dependent on you for support, unmarried and not employed at a regular full-time job.



## SUMMARY OF PLAN BENEFITS

Following is a summary of your benefit coverage. The booklet provides further details.

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b> (page 27)	<b>Benefit Maximum (Principal Sum):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$200,000</li> <li>Spouse - \$20,000</li> <li>Dependent Child - \$10,000</li> </ul> <b>Life Advance payable within 48 hours:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$10,000</li> </ul> <b>Special Needs Life Insurance Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$100,000</li> </ul> <b>Terminal Illness Advance (24-month life expectancy):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% of principal sum up to maximum of \$50,000.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents  ✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 75
<b>ACCIDENTAL DEATH &amp; DISMEMBERMENT</b> (page 30)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$300,000</li> <li>Spouse - \$60,000</li> <li>Dependent Child - \$8,000</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents  ✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 70
<b>OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT</b> (page 34)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$400,000</li> </ul>	✓ Members Only  ✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 70

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<b>SHORT TERM DISABILITY</b> (page 37)	<p><b>Weekly Benefit Maximum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of \$500 per week.</li> </ul> <p><b>Benefits are payable from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> day accident or hospitalization of a minimum of 18 hours</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> day illness / disease / sickness</li> </ul> <p><b>Benefit Duration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 104 weeks or to the attainment of age 65</li> </ul> <p><b>Integration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 Week Employment Insurance Sickness Benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members Only</li> <li>✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 65</li> </ul>
<b>LONG TERM DISABILITY</b> (page 40)	<p><b>Monthly Benefit Maximum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 1-5 - \$ 1,000 per month</li> <li>Years 6-10 - \$ 600 per month</li> </ul> <p><b>Benefits are payable (waiting period) from:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>104 weeks from the date of disability</li> </ul> <p><b>Benefit Duration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 10 years, recovery or the attainment of age 65</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members Only</li> <li>✓ Coverage Terminates at the attainment of age 65</li> </ul>
<b>MEMBER HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b> (page 43)	<p><b>Benefit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidential in house one-stop destination for support on all matters relating to disability including short-term disability, long-term disability and workers' compensation (WSIB).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members Only</li> <li>✓ Coverage Terminates at the attainment of age 65</li> </ul>

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<b>PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY ACCIDENT</b> (page 44)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$300,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members Only</li> <li>✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 70</li> </ul>
<b>LONG TERM CARE</b> (page 46)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 per day indemnity benefit</li> <li>\$100 per day for eligible expenses</li> <li>Lifetime Maximum \$300,000</li> <li>Hospice – Up to \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible spouse</li> </ul>
<b>CRITICAL ILLNESS</b> (page 50)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member - \$32,500</li> <li>Spouse - \$10,000</li> <li>Dependent Child - \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> <li>✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment age 70</li> </ul>
<b>HOSPITAL CASH BENEFIT</b> (page 67)	<b>Daily Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of \$200 per day (50% at age 70)</li> </ul> <b>Benefits are payable after:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 consecutive days of hospitalization</li> </ul> <b>Benefit Duration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 120 consecutive days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> <li>✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 75</li> </ul>

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<b>EXTENDED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b> (page 69)	<p>Any dollar amount shown as a "limit" in this summary refers to a maximum eligible charge, and not a maximum benefit</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lifetime Maximum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlimited per each insured family member</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription Drugs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member Advantage Benefit Card</li> <li>• 100% Reimbursement</li> <li>• Opioids – Lifetime maximum of \$50,000 for eligible opioids.</li> <li>• Smoking Cessation – One (1) course treatment up to a maximum of \$350 per member, per lifetime.</li> <li>• Vaccinations / Immunizations coverage up to a maximum of \$250 per calendar year.</li> <li>• Medical Cannabis - \$2,000 per calendar year</li> <li>• Medical Exams / Test coverage to a maximum of \$200 payable per calendar year to offset any fees charged for medical exams/tests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Coinsurance Levels:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% Orthotics</li> <li>• 100% Other Covered Charges</li> </ul>	<p>✓ Members and eligible dependents</p>

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<b>EXTENDED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b> (page 69)	<p><b>Paramedical Services Limits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chiropractor, Podiatrist/Chiropodist, Occupational Therapist, Athletic Therapy, Acupuncture, Osteopath, Naturopath and Massage Therapy* up to a maximum of \$80 per visit up to an overall combined health practitioner maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.</li> <li>Physiotherapist* up to a maximum of \$90 per visit up to an overall combined health practitioner maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.</li> <li>Clinical Psychologist, Psychoanalyst, Psychotherapist or Social Worker up to a maximum of \$100 per visit up to an overall combined behavioral therapy maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.</li> <li>Speech Therapist up to a maximum of \$200 per visit up to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 for dependent children only.</li> </ul> <p><i>* MD Referral Required</i></p> <p><b>Medical Services and Supplies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orthopedic Shoes: 1 pair every 24 months to an overall maximum of \$500 (must be custom made by a Foot Care Specialist and prescribed by licensed physician (M.D.) or specialist).</li> </ul>	<p>✓ Members and eligible dependents</p>

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<b>EXTENDED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b> (page 69)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orthotics: Reimbursement at 50% up to a maximum of \$250 per calendar year (must be custom made by a Foot Care Specialist and prescribed by licensed physician (M.D.) or specialist).</li> <li>• Hearing Aids: \$3,000 every 36 months for one set (including replacement, repairs and batteries).</li> <li>• Nursing Services: \$5,000 lifetime maximum.</li> <li>• Ambulance services: outpatient services.</li> <li>• Limb braces, crutches, prosthesis services, wheelchair, hospital bed or oxygen equipment. Vision Care: Maximum combined benefit of \$450 once every 24 months for one (1) set of eyeglasses (lenses/frames combined) <u>or</u> Contact Lenses including one (1) eye exam. Eye exam prescriptions will be valid for 24 months from the date of exam unless different from prescription.</li> <li>• \$100 Replacement Lenses (one set) <u>only if as a result of a prescription change or damage to lenses</u> within the same 24 months under Vision Care.</li> <li>• Corrective Laser Eye Surgery: \$1,500 / once per lifetime.</li> <li>• Cataract Surgery: Intra-ocular lens (IOL) single focal to a maximum of \$250 per eye, per lifetime; multi-focal to a maximum of \$600 per eye, per lifetime.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents



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<b>EXTENDED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS</b> (page 69)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cataract Surgery: Intra-ocular lens (IOL), preparation exam of \$450 per eye, per lifetime.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>DENTAL CARE BENEFITS</b> (page 79)	<p><b>Co-Insurance Levels:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine Care - 100%</li> <li>Dentures - 100%</li> <li>Crowns, Bridgework and Implants – 100%</li> <li>Orthodontics – 60% <i>(Dependent children under the age of 21 only)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Annual Maximums</b> (per calendar year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3,000 per individual</li> </ul> <p><b>Implants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$3,000 per individual (Inclusive of annual maximum)</li> </ul> <p><b>Orthodontic Lifetime Maximum:</b> (dependent children under the age of 21 only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,500 per lifetime</li> </ul> <p><b>Dental Ontario Dental Association (ODA) Fee Guide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2023 ODA Fee Guide (1-year lag, resetting every January 1)</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>EMERGENCY OUT-OF-PROVINCE MEDICAL</b> (page 85)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,000,000 Per Trip Maximum under age 70</li> <li>• \$5,000,000 Per Trip Maximum age 70 to 80</li> <li>• \$2,500,000 Per Trip Maximum age 80 to age 99</li> </ul> <b>Trip Duration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trips are limited to a maximum of 90 consecutive days to age 99.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> <li>✓ Coverage terminates at the attainment of age 99</li> </ul>
<b>EXPEDIATED HEALTHCARE</b> (page 88)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate access to diagnostic scans such as MRI, CT scans, Ultrasound, Endoscopy, and Colonoscopy.</li> <li>• Specialist consultations for expedited access to a total of 20 different specialists.</li> <li>• Expedited low priority Orthopedic and General surgeries for Members only.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> </ul>
<b>MENTAL HEALTHCARE - mHEALTH</b> (page 89)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidential Online Platform for virtual real-time Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) sessions with a psychologist.</li> <li>• Sessions up to 12 weeks from home via computer or handheld device.</li> <li>• Access to educational materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> </ul>

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>MENTAL HEALTHCARE - mHEALTH</b> (page 89)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessments can be shared confidentially &amp; securely with primary care physicians or counsellors.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE - vCARE</b> (page 90)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidential Online Platform for virtual 24/7 non-emergency personalized medical support through the mobile application.</li> <li>Instant access to connect with healthcare provider for primary health questions &amp; concerns.</li> <li>Fill and refill prescriptions.</li> <li>Initiate specialist referrals and lab requisitions.</li> <li>Unlimited virtual consultations via text or chat.</li> <li>Updates sent securely and confidentiality to primary care physicians with consent.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION</b> (page 91)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health coaching platform with nurse navigator to aid navigating current healthcare system for serious and chronic diseases.</li> <li>Single point of contact throughout the diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation process.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>CANCER ASSISTANCE</b> (page 92)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialized cancer care for immediate access to highly trained oncologists and experienced oncology nurses who work with patients and family to ensure right treatment is received.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>SECOND OPINION MEDICAL - MyCONSULT</b> (page 93)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online secured web platform to a medical second opinion program from the expertise of top Cleveland Clinic global specialists for prolonged or chronic illnesses without the time and expense of travel.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>HEALTH COACHING</b> (page 94)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidential one-on-one telephone access to dedicated professional for coaching support.</li> <li>Health goals include diabetes, heart health and mindful eating.</li> <li>Nutritional Assessments available.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>SELF HELP WORKS</b> (page 94)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online training program with video-based workshops to help with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>smoking cessation</li> <li>weight loss</li> <li>alcohol consumption</li> <li>exercise motivation</li> <li>stress relief</li> <li>diabetes</li> <li>sleep restoration and more.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>VIRTUAL HOME DELIVERY PHARMACY</b> (page 94)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convenience of home delivery for prescription medications sorted into daily packets to ensure correct daily dosage and auto renewing or prescriptions.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>FINANCIAL WELLNESS</b> (page 94)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convenience of a virtual portal with access to tools and information to assist in educating and providing guidance for financial goals and alleviate stress from financial uncertainty.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>SUBSTANCE &amp; RECOVERY PROGRAM – SMART</b> (page 95)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Substance Management Abuse &amp; Recovery Treatment (SMART) program is a confidential 24-hour, 7-day virtual online substance management and recovery program to assist with all forms of substance abuse.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents
<b>CANADIAN ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE – OPIOID PROGRAM</b> (page 95)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Canadian Addiction Treatment Centre Opioid Program is an Outpatient Treatment Service for those looking for confidential opioid therapy and treatment.</li> </ul>	✓ Members and eligible dependents

BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION TREATMENT - INPATIENT</b> (page 96)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Inpatient Substance Use and Addiction Treatment is a program for those seeking a residential bed for substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction.</li> </ul>	✓ Members Only
<b>SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION TREATMENT - OUTPATIENT</b> (page 96)	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Outpatient Substance Use and Addiction Treatment is a program for those seeking virtual treatment for substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction.</li> </ul>	✓ Members Only
<b>BEREAVEMENT PAY</b> (page 97)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$300 per day</li> </ul> <b>Benefit Duration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 3 business days</li> </ul>	✓ Members Only  ✓ Coverage is not under the Health & Welfare Plan
<b>PARENTAL LEAVE</b> (page 99)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$300 per day</li> </ul> <b>Benefit Duration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 3 business days</li> </ul>	✓ Members Only  ✓ Coverage is not under the Health & Welfare Plan



BENEFITS	BENEFIT COVERAGE	WHO IS COVERED
<b>JURY DUTY</b> (page 100)	<b>Benefit Maximum:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 per day</li> </ul> <b>Benefit Duration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum of 100 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members Only</li> <li>✓ Coverage is not under the Health &amp; Welfare Plan</li> </ul>
<b>MEMBER FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - LIFEJOURNEY</b> (page 101)	<b>Services:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidential Counseling Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible dependents</li> </ul>
<b>GROUP LEGAL AND PAID LEAVE BENEFITS</b>	<b>Benefit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with Wills, Power of Attorney, Real Estate, Separation Agreements, Divorce, Highway Traffic Act, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Members and eligible spouses</li> <li>✓ Coverage is not under the Health &amp; Welfare Plan</li> </ul>

## LIFE INSURANCE

### BENEFITS

You and your eligible dependents are covered for life insurance as follows:

LIFE INSURANCE	
Member Category	Coverage
Active Members under age 75	
- Life Insurance (Principal Sum)	\$200,000*
- Life Insurance Advance Benefit payable within 48 hours	\$ 10,000
- Terminal Illness Life Advance (24-month life expectancy)	\$ 50,000
* Total Member Life Insurance benefit payable not to exceed \$200,000. Applicable to Members only.	
Dependents	
- Spouse	\$ 20,000
- Children	\$ 10,000
- Terminal Illness Advance (24-month life expectancy)	50%
SPECIAL NEEDS LIFE INSURANCE	
Member Category	Coverage
Active Members under age 75	\$100,000

In the event of your death at any time while covered, the amount above will be paid to your named beneficiary, if living, otherwise to your estate. You may change your beneficiary whenever you like (subject to any legal restrictions) by giving written notice to the CCWUcare office.

To be eligible for the Special Needs Life insurance you must have dependent children for whom you are receiving a Federal Disability Tax Credit from Canada Revenue Agency.

## CONVERSION OPTION

If coverage for you or your eligible spouse terminates, you or your spouse may be eligible to convert the terminated amount to an individual life insurance policy without a medical examination or health questionnaire being required within 31 days of the date coverage terminates. Contact the CCWUcare office for details.

If you or your eligible spouse dies within 31 days of the date Life Insurance terminates, the amount that could have been converted will be paid as a death benefit even if no application for conversion was made.

## BENEFICIARY

For member death benefits, you may name a beneficiary (ies) and, from time to time, change such named beneficiary (ies), subject to Provincial Law, by written request filed at the office of CCWUcare, to take effect as of the date such request was executed, but without prejudice to the Plan for any payments made before such request is received.

## LIFE ADVANCE BENEFIT

In the event of your death, a one-time Life Advance Benefit of \$10,000 from the principal sum will be paid to your named beneficiary at the time of death within 48 hours, in advance of the Life Insurance Benefit to cover any burial expenses incurred. A death certificate from the funeral home must be submitted. You may change your beneficiary whenever you like (subject to any legal restrictions) by giving written notice to CCWUcare. Total Member Life Insurance benefit payable not to exceed \$200,000 and is applicable to Members only.

## TERMINAL ILLNESS LIFE ADVANCE BENEFIT

In the event of a Terminal Illness diagnosis (death expected within 24 months), a one-time Terminal Life Advance Benefit payment up to 50% of the insured amount to a maximum of \$50,000 will be paid out. A written medical report from the attending Physician attesting to the terminal illness must be submitted. Total Member Life Insurance benefit payable not to exceed the insured amount.

## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Life Insurance premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from CCWUcare that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

Any Life Insurance premiums paid on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT

If you suffer any of the losses shown below, and are under the age of 70, as the result of an injury caused solely by external, violent and accidental means and submit a claim within 365 days of the date of such injury, **you and your eligible dependents** may be eligible to receive a benefit as follows:

### BENEFITS

FOR LOSS OF:	Member (\$)	Spouse (\$)	Children (\$)
Life (Principal Sum)	300,000	60,000	8,000
Both Hands or Both Feet	300,000	60,000	32,000
Entire Sight of Both Eyes	300,000	60,000	32,000
One Hand and One Foot	300,000	60,000	32,000
One Hand and Entire Sight of One Eye	300,000	60,000	8,000
One Foot and Entire Sight of One Eye	300,000	60,000	8,000
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears	300,000	60,000	32,000
One Arm or One Leg	225,000	45,000	16,000
One Hand or One Foot	225,000	45,000	8,000
Entire Sight of One Eye	225,000	45,000	6,000
One Entire Finger of Either Hand	50,000	10,000	1,333
Speech or Hearing in Both Ears	225,000	45,000	16,000
Thumb and Index Finger of Same Hand	100,000	20,000	2,667
Four Fingers of the Same Hand	100,000	20,000	2,667
Hearing in One Ear	100,000	20,000	2,667
All Toes of the Same Foot	75,000	15,000	2,000
Four Toes of Same Foot (excluding Big Toe)	30,000	6,000	800
Thumb of Either Hand	75,000	15,000	2,000
Brain Death	300,000	60,000	8,000
Partial Loss of Finger	10,000	0	0

FOR LOSS OF USE OF:	Member (\$)	Spouse (\$)	Children (\$)
Both Arms or Both Feet or Both Hands or Both Legs	600,000	120,000	16,000
One Hand or One Foot	225,000	45,000	6,000
One Arm or One Leg	225,000	45,000	6,000
Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	100,000	20,000	2,667

FOR TOTAL PARALYSIS OF:	Member (\$)	Spouse (\$)	Children (\$)
Quadriplegia / Paraplegia / Hemiplegia	900,000	180,000	80,000

## DEFINITIONS

**“Loss”** shall mean with respect to hand or foot, the actual severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint; with respect to arm or leg, the actual severance through or above the elbow or knee joint; with respect to eye, the total and irrecoverable loss of sight; with respect to speech, the total and irrecoverable loss of speech which does not allow audible communication in any degree; with respect to hearing, the total and irrecoverable loss of hearing which cannot be corrected by any hearing aid or device; with respect to thumb, the actual severance through or above the first phalange; with respect to fingers, the actual severance through or above the first phalange; with regard to toes, the actual severance of both phalanges. If the Insured suffers complete severance of a hand, foot, arm or leg as described above, then the amount specified above will be paid even if the severed limb is surgically reattached, whether successful or not.

**“Loss”** as used with reference to Quadriplegia (paralysis of both upper and lower limbs), Paraplegia (paralysis of both lower limbs) and Hemiplegia (paralysis of upper and lower limbs of one side of the body), means the complete and irrecoverable paralysis of such limbs.

**“Loss of Use”** shall mean the total and irrecoverable loss of function of an arm, hand, foot, or leg, provided such loss of function is continuous for twelve consecutive months and such loss of function is thereafter determined on evidence satisfactory to the insurer to be permanent.

**“Brain Death”** means irreversible unconsciousness with total loss of brain function; and complete absence of electrical activity of the brain, even though the heart is still beating.

**“Partial Loss of Finger”** means the actual severance through or above the distal phalange but not through or above the proximal phalange. The benefit is only applicable to one finger, regardless of the number of fingers that may be affected as a result of the same accident.



## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

BENEFITS	Maximum Benefit Up to (\$)
Repatriation (Return Home) Benefit	15,000
Rehabilitation Benefit	15,000
Family Transportation Benefit	15,000
Spousal Occupational Training Benefit	15,000
Home Alteration & Vehicle Modification	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum
Day Care and Special Education Benefit	5% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 5,000
Parental Care Benefit	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 5,000
Seat Belt Benefit	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum
Identification / Critical Illness Benefit	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 10,000
In-Hospital Indemnity	1% of Insured Person's Principal Sum per month
Bereavement	1,000
Cosmetic Disfigurement (Third Degree Burn)	25,000

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No benefit will be paid for:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injuries, suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.
- War or any act thereof.
- Flying in aircraft owned or leased by your employer, yourself or a member of your household, or aircraft being used for any test or experimental purpose, firefighting, pipeline inspection or power line inspection.
- Flying as pilot or crew member in any aircraft or device for aerial navigation.
- Full-time, active duty in the armed forces.

## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Accidental Death and Dismemberment premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

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### BENEFITS

FOR LOSS OF:	Member (\$)
Life (Principal Sum)	400,000
Both Hands or Both Feet	400,000
Entire Sight of Both Eyes	400,000
One Hand and One Foot	400,000
One Hand and Entire Sight of One Eye	400,000
One Foot and Entire Sight of One Eye	400,000
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears	400,000
Brain Death	400,000
Coma	400,000
One Arm or One Leg	300,000
One Hand or One Foot	300,000
Entire Sight of One Eye	300,000
One Finger of Either Hand	100,000
Speech or Hearing in Both Ears	300,000
Thumb and Index Finger of Same Hand	133,333
Four Fingers of the Same Hand	133,333
Hearing in One Ear	133,333
All Toes of the Same Foot	100,000
Four Toes of the Same Foot (excluding Big Toe)	40,000
Thumb of Either Hand	100,000
Four Fingers of Same Hand	133,333

FOR LOSS OF USE OF:	Member (\$)
Both Arms or Both Feet or Both Hands or Both Legs	800,000
One Hand or One Foot	300,000
One Arm or One Leg	300,000
Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	133,333

FOR TOTAL PARALYSIS OF:		Member (\$)
Quadriplegia / Paraplegia / Hemiplegia		1,200,000

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**"Brain Death"** means irreversible unconsciousness with total loss of brain function; and complete absence of electrical activity of the brain, even though the heart is still beating.

**"Coma"** means the Member has been in a state of unconsciousness for a continuous period of at least 96 hours, during which external stimulation produced no more than primitive avoidance reflexes. A Physician who is certified as a neurologist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

BENEFITS	Maximum Benefit Up to (\$)
Repatriation (Return Home) Benefit	15,000
Rehabilitation Benefit	15,000
Spousal Occupational Training Benefit	15,000
Home Alteration & Vehicle Modification	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum
Special Education Benefit	5% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 5,000
Parental Care Benefit	10% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 5,000
Day Care Benefit	5% of Insured Person's Principal Sum up to 5,000

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No benefit will be paid for:

- Travel to/from the insured person's place of residence to the worksite.
- Intentionally self-inflicted injuries, suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.
- War or any act thereof.
- Flying in aircraft owned or leased by your employer, yourself or a member of your household, or aircraft being used for any test or experimental purpose, firefighting, pipeline inspection or power line inspection.
- Flying as pilot or crew member in any aircraft or device for aerial navigation.
- Full-time, active duty in the armed forces.

## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Occupational Accidental Death and Dismemberment premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

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## SHORT TERM DISABILITY

If you become disabled while covered because of either an illness or accidental injury that is non-occupational and you cannot perform your job duties and are under the age of 65, **you** may be entitled to Short Term Disability benefits as follows:

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit **you** must be:

- Disabled due to a **non-occupational** illness or injury.
- Seen by, treated by, and under the continued care of a licensed physician (M.D) in Canada.
- Covered and be actively at work on the day in which you become disabled (if you are laid-off, on vacation or unemployed then you are not eligible for this benefit).
- Absent from work for more than the waiting period of 7 days (if disabled as a result of a **non-occupational accident** then the 7 day waiting period does not apply).
- Hospitalized for at least 18 hours due to an illness, benefits are payable from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of hospitalization.
- Under the age of 65.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- Maximum benefit of \$500 per week.
- If you qualify for Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits, the Short-Term Disability Benefit will be frozen when Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits begin. If you continue to be disabled after exhaustion of your Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits (maximum 26 weeks), the Plan will resume its Short Term Disability payments to you for a total period of protection of 104 weeks of benefit payments including the period covered by Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits provided you remain disabled and provide ongoing medical documentation to support your disability.
- If you do not qualify for Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits, Short Term Disability benefits will be payable as long as you remain disabled up to a maximum of 104 weeks of benefit payments.
- Benefits are paid to a maximum of 104 weeks, inclusive of any weeks paid by Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness or Employment Insurance (EI) benefits or recovery.

- You may be required to report for a medical examination as often as is reasonable, by a licensed physician (M.D.) of the insurer's choice. Failure to report may result in termination of your benefit payments.
- Be sure to apply for Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness benefits immediately upon becoming disabled.
- Physician fees incurred during the initial application process may be eligible for reimbursement upon approval.

## **SUBSEQUENT DISABILITIES**

A new waiting period and benefit duration will start, if you return to active full-time work for:

- Four (4) weeks before you again become disabled because of the same or a related cause.
- One (1) week before you again become disabled because of a different or an unrelated cause.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No benefit will be paid for:

- Any day you do any kind of work for pay or profit.
- The period you are entitled to pregnancy or parental leave of absence by statute, contract or employer agreement, except where benefits are provided during the post-natal recovery period.
- The period of illness or injury for which benefits are payable under Employment Insurance (EI) or Employment Insurance (EI) Accident and Sickness Benefits.

No benefit will be paid for any disability that results from or is contributed to by:

- War, whether declared or not.
- Insurrection, rebellion or participation in a riot or civil commotion.
- Purposely self-inflicted injury.
- Your commission of, or attempt to commit, an assault or a criminal offense.
- Any injury or illness caused or contributed to by a motor vehicle accident. This applies to motor vehicle accidents which occur in Ontario and Quebec.
- Failure to report for a medical examination as required substantiating your benefit entitlement.

## **INCOME TAX**

Under current tax law, Short Term Disability benefit payments are taxable to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were in receipt of Short-Term Disability benefit payments in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February that indicates the total amount of received in the prior year.

Any Short-Term Disability benefit payments received on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

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## LONG TERM DISABILITY

If you remain totally disabled while covered and are under the age of 65, have received the maximum benefit under the Short-Term Disability benefit and are unable to return to active full time employment, then **you** may be eligible for Long-Term Disability as follows:

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you** must be:

- Seen by, and treated by, a licensed doctor (M.D.) in Canada.
- Totally disabled and under the ongoing care of a licensed doctor (M.D.) in Canada.
- Totally disabled due to a non-occupational illness or injury.
- Absent from work for more than the waiting period of 104 weeks.
- Coverage will terminate at age 65.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- Maximum benefits of \$1,000 per month for the first 5 years after you become eligible for the benefit and remain totally disabled.
- Should you remain totally disabled after the first 5 years then you may be eligible for a monthly benefit of \$600 for the next 5 years.
- Benefits are paid to a maximum of 10 years, recovery or to the attainment of 65 years of age.
- You may be required to report for a medical examination as often as is reasonable, by a licensed doctor (M.D.) in Canada. Failure to report for a medical examination may result in termination of your benefit payments.
- Benefit payments may be terminated if you are not receiving accepted standard professional treatment for the condition being treated and where appropriate treatment by a relevant and certified specialist.

### DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

Totally Disabled means that solely because of a non-occupational illness or non-occupational accidental bodily injury, you are unable to work and continue the duties of any occupation for which you are suited because of your education, training or experience.

## **RECURRENT DISABILITY**

If you return to full-time work and become disabled due to the same or related cause, a new waiting period and benefit duration will start as follows:

- When you return to active full-time work after being totally disabled, the period for which you began working and the subsequent disability must be less than 6 months.
- The above will be deemed to be one period of total disability with only the initial waiting period applying, provided the first period begins while you are covered under this benefit.

## **RECOVERY OF BENEFITS**

If you receive a benefit under this plan in excess of what should have been paid, the insurer has the right to recover the amount of such excess from you or deduct it from future monthly benefits payable to you.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No benefit will be paid for:

- The period you are entitled to pregnancy or parental leave by statute, contract or employer arrangement.
- Any day for which you are entitled to benefits under the Short-Term Disability Benefit or any illness or injury which benefits are payable under the Provincial Automobile Insurance Act.
- War, whether declared or not.
- Insurrection, rebellion or participation in a riot or civil commotion purposely self-inflicted injury.
- Commission of, or attempt to commit, any assault of criminal offence.
- Chronic alcoholism or use of narcotics, barbiturates or hallucinogens, unless you are receiving ongoing active professional treatment deemed appropriate for the condition being treated.
- Any injury or illness caused or contributed to by a motor vehicle accident. This applies to motor vehicle accidents which occur in Ontario and Quebec.

## **INCOME TAX**

Under current tax law, Long Term Disability benefit payments are taxable to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were in receipt of Long-Term Disability benefit payments in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February that indicates the total amount of received in the prior year.

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## MEMBER HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

If **you or an eligible dependent** is struggling with health issues or need assistance during times of disability, Member Health Management Services is your in-house one-stop destination for support on all matters relating to disability, workers' compensation, and other medical benefits and services to get you back to health.

Member Health Management Services is comprised of disability management specialists and health professionals trained to ensure members receive medical care focused on recovery and return to work. Member Health Management Services staff work with members in developing a personalized plan and coordinating appropriate plan benefits and services on an expedited basis.

Member Health Management Services is here to promote a return to health by offering:

- Short-Term and Long-Term Disability benefits
- Non-occupational case management services
- Occupational accident (WSIB) case management services
- Expediting diagnostic and specialist assessments
- Healthcare navigation and second opinions
- Coordinating mental health wellness strategies and counselling
- Accessing medically related plan benefits for you and your eligible dependents such as hospital cash, critical illness, long term care, home nursing, AD&D, life insurance and other benefits.
- Coordinating plan benefits during a medical absence, and more.

Whether waiting for a specialist appointment or diagnostic test, struggling to stay at work due to a medical or mental health issue, off work due to disability, or simply looking to connect with someone regarding your health and wellbeing, contact the Member Health Management Services at 416-240-2104 or toll-free at 1-866-315-6011.

## PERMANENT TOTAL DISABILITY ACCIDENT BENEFIT

If you become totally and permanently disabled as the result of an accident, are under the age of 70 and are unable to engage in your occupation or employment, **you** may be eligible for the Permanent and Total Disability Accident benefit as follows:

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you** must be:

- Continuously disabled and unable to work for a period greater than 1 year due to being disabled as the result of an accident which means a sudden, unforeseen, fortuitous event.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum benefit of \$300,000.

### DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

You must be totally and permanently disabled as the result of being in an accident, which means the complete inability, after 1 year of continuous total disability, to engage in any occupation or employment for which you are fitted by reason of education, training or experience for the remainder of your life and completely and irreversibly unable to perform at least two of the six Activities of Daily Living without assistance from another person, as deemed by a Physician and as supported by objective medical evidence.

The inability to perform your own occupation must commence within 30 days from the date of the accident.

### EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No benefit will be paid for any accidental injuries you sustain as a result of any of the following:

- Flying in an aircraft, vehicle or device for aerial navigation:
  - For test or experimental purpose that you are operating, learning to operate or serving as a crew member;
  - That is operated by or under the direction of any military authority (this does not include transport type aircraft which is operated by the Canadian Air Transport Command or any other countries similar type of air transport service).

- Intentionally self-inflicted injuries, suicide or any attempt, while sane or insane.
- Declared or undeclared war or any act thereof.
- Losses occurring while the insured person is serving on full-time active duty in the Armed Forces of any country or international authority.
- Any injury or illness that is the result of non-accidental means.

## **INCOME TAX**

Under current tax law, Permanent Total Disability Accident Benefit premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

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## LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

If you or your eligible spouse suffers from a prolonged or chronic illness and are over the age of 18, **you or your eligible spouse** may be eligible for Long Term Care Benefits as follows:

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you or your eligible spouse** must be:

- Over the age of 18.
- Not needing Long Term Care at that time you become eligible for Long Term Care coverage.
- Not be able to perform at least 2 of the 6 “activities of daily living” without assistance due to a loss of functional capacity.
- Require “substantial supervision” to protect your health and safety due to a cognitive impairment.
- Surviving spouse of an Active Member is eligible for a period of up to two (2) years from the deceased date of Member while in benefit.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you or your eligible spouse** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum basic daily indemnity benefit of up to **\$50 per day** if you qualify as needing long term care.
- A maximum additional daily reimbursement benefit of up to **\$100 per day** toward the cost of eligible long term care expenses such as home care services or home health care services provided by a licensed agency, hospice or long-term care facility (provided supporting documentation is submitted to substantiate the expenses).
- A maximum respite care basic benefit of up to **\$100 per day** if receiving the basic daily indemnity benefit for a maximum of 14 days in each 12-month period following the date of the claim for actual costs incurred for additional home care or home health care services provided by a licensed agency when the insured persons primary unpaid caregiver requires relief from providing such care. Unused portions of this benefit cannot be carried forward.
- A maximum home modification benefit of up to **\$500 per period** of care for actual costs incurred within 60 days of the date of eligibility for primary home modifications.

- A maximum grief counselling benefit of up to **\$1,000 per period** of care for actual costs incurred within 365 days of the death of the insured for surviving spouse/caregiver and/or dependent children provided by a licensed, registered or certified therapist or counsellor.
- Hospice Care up to a maximum benefit of \$10,000.
- The lifetime maximum benefit is \$300,000 per person.

## ELIMINATION PERIOD

For each period during which you or your spouse needs long term care, no benefit is payable for the first 90 days. This waiting period, or “elimination period”, begins on the first documented date that the person is considered to need long term care. After this 90 day period, benefits will be payable for the rest of the qualifying period of care.

If the person who needs long term care recovers and then needs care once again, the second period of care will be considered a continuation of the first one if the two periods are less than 180 days apart and are due to related causes. For periods of care that do not meet these conditions, a new elimination period will apply each time.

## ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

- **Bathing:** washing oneself by sponge bath, or in either a tub or shower, including the task of getting into or out of the tub or shower.
- **Continence:** the ability to maintain control of bladder function, or when unable to maintain control of the bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene (including care for catheter or colostomy bag).
- **Dressing:** putting on and taking off all necessary items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners or artificial limbs.
- **Eating:** feeding oneself by getting food, already prepared and made available, into the body from a receptacle (such as a plate, cup or table) or by a feeding tube or intravenously.
- **Toileting:** getting to and from the toilet, getting on and off the toilet and performing associated personal hygiene.
- **Transferring:** moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair with or without the use of equipment.
- **Substantial Supervision:** continual supervision which may include cueing by verbal the chronically ill person from threats to health or safety (such as may be a result from wandering).



## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The Plan does not cover or pay benefits for any claim, care or treatment directly or indirectly related to:

- Home care services and home health care services provided by an immediate family member (e.g., spouse, daughter or son), who may or may not be a nurse, unless provided through an agency;
- Confinement, services or care received while in a hospital that is not a long-term care facility (charges that exceed what the provincial health plan covers, such as private duty nursing, may be covered by this Plan);
- Neurosis, psychoneurosis, psychopathy, psychosis or any other mental or nervous disorder without demonstrable organic disease. Note: Brain disorders with demonstrable organic cause (such as Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia) are covered if symptoms are exhibited or a diagnosis is made;
- Alcoholism, drug addiction or other chemical dependence; however, this exclusion does not apply to a drug dependency sustained or acquired at the hands of or while under treatment by a physician in the course of treatment for an injury or sickness;
- Confinement, services or care for which no charge is normally made in the absence of insurance;
- Care or treatment provided outside of Canada or the United States;
- Any charges for the comfort and convenience of the chronically ill person such as, but not limited to televisions, telephones, beauty care and entertainment. Also excluded are any charges for medications;
- War or act of war (whether declared or undeclared);
- Participation in a felony, riot or insurrection;
- Service in the armed forces or units auxiliary thereto;
- Suicide (sane or insane), attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- Commission of any attempt to commit a criminal act; or
- An injury sustained because of involvement in an illegal occupation.

## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Long Term Care premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

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## CRITICAL ILLNESS

If you or your eligible spouse become diagnosed with a critical illness and are under the age of 70, **you or your eligible dependents** may be eligible for the Critical Illness benefits as follows:

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you or your eligible dependents** must be:

- Under the age of 70.
- Covered at the time of diagnosis and be diagnosed by a licensed physician (M.D.) in Canada.

### INSURED CONDITIONS

- Diagnoses must be made in Canada for one (1) of the following eligible conditions:

ELIGIBLE CRITICAL ILLNESS CONDITIONS:		
Alzheimer's Disease	Heart Valve Replacement/Repair	Parkinson's Disease
Aortic Surgery	Kidney (Renal) Failure	Quadriplegia (Paralysis)
Aplastic Anemia	Life Threatening Cancer	Primary Pulmonary Hypertension
Bacterial Meningitis	Non-Life-Threatening Cancer (25%)	
Benign Brain Tumor	Liver Failure of Advanced Stage	Progressive Systemic Sclerosis
Blindness (Sight)	Loss of Independent Existence	Paraplegia (Paralysis)
Chron's Disease required Surgery	Loss of Limbs (Two)	Hemiplegia (Paralysis)
Coma	Loss of Speech	Severe Burn
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	Major Organ Failure on Waiting List	Stroke
Deafness (Hearing)	Major Organ Transplant	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
Dementia (Alzheimer's Disease)	Motor Neuron Disease	
Dilated Cardiomyopathy	Multiple Sclerosis	
Fulminant Viral Hepatitis	Muscular Dystrophy	
Heart Attack	Occupational HIV Infection	

ELIGIBLE CRITICAL ILLNESS CONDITIONS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ONLY:		
Cerebral Palsy	Cystic Fibrosis	Muscular Dystrophy
Congenital Heart Disease	Down Syndrome	Type 1 Diabetes

## BENEFITS

If you or your eligible dependents have met the eligibility requirements, **you or your eligible dependents** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- Member - A maximum benefit of \$32,500
- Spouse - A maximum benefit of \$10,000
- Dependent – A maximum benefit of \$10,000

## MULTIPLE EVENT BENEFIT

If the Insured Member is diagnosed with a Critical Illness for which the Principal Sum has been paid and the Insured Member has thereafter been considered actively at work for at least 90 days and is then diagnosed with another separate Critical Illness; then a Multiple Event Benefit equal to the Principal Sum may be payable if the Critical Illness is listed as an Eligible Second Event Critical Illness. The Multiple Event Benefit Coverage has the possibility of being payable of up to 9 separate claims. Multiple Event Benefit not available for spouses or dependents.

An Insured Member is eligible for payment of the Principal Sum one time per Critical Illness Group, as follows:

Critical Illness Group	Critical Illness Conditions
Group 1	Aortic Surgery; Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery; Heart Attack; Heart Valve Replacement or Repair; Stroke, Dilated Cardiomyopathy, Primary Pulmonary Hypertension
Group 2	Aplastic Anemia; Kidney Failure; Major Organ Failure on Waiting List; Major Organ Transplant, Liver Failure of Advanced Stage, Progressive Systemic Sclerosis, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
Group 3	Bacterial Meningitis; Benign Brain Tumor; Coma; Dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease; Loss of Independent Existence; Loss of Speech; Motor Neuron Disease; Multiple Sclerosis; Muscular Dystrophy; Parkinson's Disease and Specified Atypical Parkinson Disorders; Quadriplegia, Paraplegia, Hemiplegia
Group 4	Blindness
Group 5	Deafness
Group 6	Life Threatening Cancer (unless the conditions under Cancer Recurrence Benefits are met)
Group 7	Loss of Limbs
Group 8	Occupational HIV Infection
Group 9	Severe Burn
Group 10	Crohn's Disease requiring Surgery
Group 11	Fulminant Viral Hepatitis

## CANCER RECURRENCE BENEFIT

If the Insured Member or Spouse or eligible dependent have already been diagnosed with cancer and, while insured, a new Diagnosis of Life-Threatening Cancer is made the Insured Member or Spouse or eligible dependent will receive a benefit equivalent to the Benefit Amount applicable to the person Diagnosed with Life-Threatening Cancer, if the following conditions have been met:

- More than 60 months have passed since the previous cancer Diagnosis; and No treatment relating directly or indirectly to cancer has been received within that 60 month period (treatment does not include preventative medications and follow up visits to the doctor.

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No benefit will be paid for:

- Suicide or any attempt at suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane.
- Declared or undeclared war, or any act of declared or undeclared war.
- Participation or commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
- Voluntary participation in any riot or civil insurrection.
- Any illness specifically excluded from the definition of any critical illness.

## INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Critical Illness premiums paid to an insurance company are taxed as income to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were covered for this benefit in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of premium paid in the prior year.

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## DEFINITIONS

**AORTIC SURGERY** - is the undergoing of surgery for disease of the aorta requiring excision and surgical replacement of any part of the diseased aorta with a graft. Aorta means the thoracic and abdominal aorta but not its branches. The surgery must be determined to be medically necessary by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for angioplasty, intra-arterial procedures, percutaneous trans-catheter procedures or non-surgical procedures.

**APLASTIC ANEMIA** - means a definite diagnosis of a chronic persistent bone marrow failure, confirmed by a biopsy, which results in anemia, neutropenia and thrombocytopenia requiring blood product transfusion and treatment with at least one of the following:

- Marrow stimulating agents;
- Immunosuppressive agents;
- Bone marrow transplantation that is first manifested after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

The diagnosis of Aplastic Anemia must be made by a Specialist.

**BACTERIAL MENINGITIS** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of meningitis, confirmed by cerebrospinal fluid showing growth of pathogenic bacteria, and resulting in neurological deficits persisting for at least 90 days from the date of diagnosis. The presence of pathogenic bacteria must be confirmed by culture or other generally medically accepted microbiological testing.

The diagnosis of Bacterial Meningitis must be made by a Specialist.

For greater certainty, neurological deficits must be detectable by a Specialist and may include, but are not restricted to, measurable loss of hearing, objective loss of sensation, paralysis, localized weakness, dysarthria (difficulty with pronunciation), dysphasia, (difficulty with speech) dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing), measurable visual impairment, impaired gait (difficulty walking), difficulty with balance, lack of coordination, seizures undergoing treatment or measurable changes in neuro-cognitive function. Headache or fatigue will not be considered a neurological deficit.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for viral meningitis.

**BENIGN BRAIN TUMOUR** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of a non-malignant tumour located in the cranial vault and limited to the brain, meninges, cranial nerves or pituitary gland that is first manifested after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force. The Benign Brain Tumour must have undergone surgical or radiation treatment or cause irreversible objective neurological deficit(s).

These deficits must be corroborated by diagnostic imaging showing changes that are consistent in character, location and timing with the neurological deficits.

For greater certainty, neurological deficits must be detectable by a Specialist and may include, but are not restricted to, measurable loss of hearing, objective loss of sensation, paralysis, localized weakness, dysarthria (difficulty with pronunciation), dysphasia, (difficulty with speech) dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing), measurable visual impairment, impaired gait (difficulty walking), difficulty with balance, lack of coordination, seizures undergoing treatment or measurable changes in neuro-cognitive function. Headache or fatigue will not be considered a neurological deficit.

The diagnosis of Benign Brain Tumour must be made by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for pituitary adenomas less than 10 mm, vascular malformations, cholesteatomas, infectious or inflammatory tumours.

**BLINDNESS** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the total and irreversible loss of vision in both eyes, evidenced by:

- the corrected visual acuity being 20/200 or less in both eyes; or,
- the field of vision being less than 20 degrees in both eyes that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

The diagnosis of Blindness must be made by a Specialist.

**CROHN'S DISEASE REQUIRING SURGERY** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis by a consultant gastroenterologist of Crohn's disease, evidenced by:

- confirmed by results of typical endoscopy and histopathology findings; and
- must exhibit intra-abdominal; or
- anal abscesses; or
- fistulas; or
- intestinal obstruction; or
- perforation; or
- intractable disease not responding to nonsurgical management.

The surgery must take place by the Insured Person's 71<sup>st</sup> birthday

**CEREBRAL PALSY** - means a definite diagnosis of a non-progressive neurological defect affecting muscle control. The defect is characterized by spasticity and incoordination of movements.

The diagnosis of cerebral palsy must be:

- made before the Dependent Child's 25th birthday, and
- made by a Specialist.

**COMA** - means a profound state of unconsciousness with no reaction to external stimuli or response to internal needs from which the individual cannot be aroused, even by powerful stimulation, which is diagnosed after the Insured Person's effective date of coverage and lasts for a continuous period of at least 96 hours and for which period the Glasgow coma score must be 4 or less.

The Diagnosis of Coma must be made by a Specialist and indicate that permanent neurological deficit is present.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for:

- medically induced coma; or,
- a coma which results directly from alcohol or drug use; or,
- a diagnosis of brain death.

**CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE** - means a definite diagnosis of at least one of the covered heart conditions:

- Coarctation of the aorta
- Ebstein's anomaly
- Eisenmenger syndrome

The diagnosis of the heart condition must be:

- made before the Dependent Child's 25th birthday
- made by a Specialist, and
- supported by cardiac imaging acceptable to the Company.

Congenital heart disease also covers specific conditions described below for which open heart surgery is performed to correct the condition.

Covered Heart Conditions if Open Heart Surgery is Performed. These heart conditions are covered only if open heart surgery is performed to correct at least one of them:

- Aortic stenosis
- Atrial septal defect
- Discrete sub valvular aortic stenosis
- Pulmonary stenosis
- Ventricular septal defect.



Procedures not covered by this definition are:

- Percutaneous atrial septal defect closure
- Trans catheter procedures which include balloon valvuloplasty.

The diagnosis of the heart condition must be made and the surgery:

- recommended by a Specialist;
- supported by cardiac imaging acceptable to the Company and
- performed by a Specialist.

**CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY** - means undergoing open heart surgery to correct narrowing or blockage of one or more coronary arteries with bypass grafts, after the Insured Person's effective date of coverage.

The Diagnosis of the condition that necessitates the need for a Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery must be made by a cardiologist and based on angiographic evidence of the underlying disease.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for angioplasty, intra-arterial procedures, percutaneous trans-catheter procedures or non-surgical procedures.

Partial Payment for Coronary Angioplasty: The benefit will provide 50% of the Principal Sum for Coronary Angioplasty, which is defined as the undergoing of an interventional procedure to unblock or widen a coronary artery that supplies blood to the heart to allow an uninterrupted flow of blood. The procedure must be determined to be medically necessary by a Specialist.

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS** - means a definite diagnosis of cystic fibrosis where the dependent child has chronic lung disease and pancreatic insufficient.

The diagnosis of cystic fibrosis must be:

- made before the Dependent Child's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, and
- made by a specialist.

**DEAFNESS** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the total and irreversible loss of hearing in both ears, with an auditory threshold of 90 decibels or greater within the speech threshold of 500 to 3,000 hertz, that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

The diagnosis of Deafness must be made by a Specialist.

**DEMENTIA, INCLUDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of dementia, that is first manifested after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force and which must be characterized by a progressive deterioration of memory and at least one of the following areas of cognitive function:

- aphasia (a disorder of speech);
- apraxia (difficulty performing familiar tasks);
- agnosia (difficulty recognizing objects); or
- disturbance in executive functioning (e.g. inability to think abstractly and to plan, initiate, sequence, monitor, and stop complex behaviour), which is affecting daily life.

The Insured Person must exhibit:

- dementia of at least moderate severity, which must be evidenced by a Mini Mental State Exam of 20/30 or less, or equivalent score on another generally medically accepted test or tests of cognitive function; and
- evidence of progressive worsening in cognitive and daily functioning either by serial cognitive tests or by history over at least a 6-month period.

The diagnosis of Dementia must be made by a Specialist.

**DILATED CARDIOMYOPATHY** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of cardiomyopathy by a consultant cardiologist and must be:

- confirmed by a echocardiographic abnormalities demonstrating new abnormal cardiac function with a persistent low ejection fraction (less than 40%) for at least 3 months; and
- clinical impairment of heart function resulting in the permanent loss of ability to perform physical activities to at least Class 3 of the New York Heart Associations classification of function capacity.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for ischemic and toxic causes (including alcohol, prescription, and non-prescription drug use) of dilated cardiomyopathy.

**DOWN SYNDROME** – means a definitive diagnosis of down syndrome supported by chromosomal evidence of trisomy 21.

The diagnosis of Down Syndrome must be made by a Specialist. The Dependent Child must survive for 30 days following the date of diagnosis.

**FULMINANT VIRAL HEPATITIS** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of a sub-massive to massive necrosis of the liver caused by any virus precipitously to liver failure. Payment under this condition requires satisfaction of all the following:

- a rapidly decreasing liver size as confirmed by abdominal ultrasound;

- necrosis involving entire lobules, leaving only a collapsed reticular framework to include histology, if available;
- rapidly deteriorating liver function tests;
- deepening jaundice.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for chronic hepatitis; or liver failure caused by alcohol, toxins, and/or drugs, malignant, autoimmune, and vascular conditions.

**HEART ATTACK** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the death of heart muscle due to obstruction of blood flow, that results in a rise and fall of biochemical cardiac markers to levels considered diagnostic of myocardial infarction, with at least one of the following:

- heart attack symptoms;
- new electrocardiogram (ECG) changes consistent with a heart attack;
- development of new Q waves during or immediately following an intra-arterial cardiac procedure including, but not limited to, coronary angiography and coronary angioplasty.

The diagnosis of Heart Attack must be made by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for:

- elevated biochemical cardiac markers as a result of an intra-arterial cardiac procedure including, but not limited to, coronary angiography and coronary angioplasty, in the absence of new Q waves, or
- other acute coronary syndromes, including angina pectoris and unstable angina, or
- ECG changes suggesting a prior myocardial infarction, which do not meet the Heart Attack definition as described above.

**HEART VALVE REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR** - is defined as the undergoing of surgery to replace any heart valve with either a natural or mechanical valve or to repair heart valve defects or abnormalities. The surgery must be determined to be medically necessary by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for angioplasty, intra-arterial procedures, percutaneous trans-catheter procedures or non-surgical procedures.

**KIDNEY FAILURE** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force, and as a result of which regular hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis or renal transplantation is initiated.

The diagnosis of Kidney Failure must be made by a Specialist.

**LIFE-THREATENING CANCER** - means a disease of the Insured Person which is first manifested while the Insured Person's insurance under this contract is in effect, which is characterized by the presence of a malignant tumour and by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and the invasion of tissue. Life-Threatening Cancer includes carcinoma, sarcoma, invasive malignant melanoma, lymphoma, and leukemia, as well as cancers for which chemotherapy or radiation treatments have been recommended. Life-Threatening Cancer does not provide coverage for any form of cancer defined under Partial Payment for Non-Life Threatening Cancer.

Life-Threatening Cancer must be positively Diagnosed by a Specialist and supported with pathological report. Clinical Diagnosis alone does not meet this standard.

Partial payment for **NON-LIFE-THREATENING CANCER**: The benefit will provide 25% of the Principal Sum for the following conditions:

- 1) Basal or Squamous Cell Carcinoma that has spread beyond the hypodermis (the deepest layer of skin) and has not metastasized;
- 2) Stage I Colon cancer that is classified as T1 or T2 without lymph node or distant metastasis;
- 3) Carcinoma in situ;
- 4) Papillary thyroid cancer or follicular thyroid cancer, or both, that is less than or equal to 4.0 cm in greatest dimension and classified as T1 or T2, without lymph node or distant metastasis;
- 5) chronic lymphocytic leukemia classified as Rai stage 0 without enlargement of lymph nodes, spleen or liver and with normal red blood cell and platelet counts; or
- 6) Any tumour in the presence of any Human Immunodeficiency (HIV).

Partial payment for **NON-LIFE-THREATENING CANCER**: The benefit will provide 50% of the Principal Sum for the following conditions:

- 1) Stage I malignant melanoma of skin that is less than or equal to 0.75 mm in thickness and is classified as T1 or T2 without lymph node or distant metastasis, excluding malignant melanoma in situ;
- 2) Ductal Carcinoma in Situ of Breast;
- 3) Prostate cancer classified as T1a or T1b, without lymph node or distant metastasis;

Non-Life-Threatening Cancer must be positively Diagnosed by a Specialist and supported with pathological report.

Only one claim per Non-Life-Threatening Cancer condition is permitted for partial payment for Non-Life-Threatening Cancer.

For purposes of the policy, T1a or T1b prostate cancer means a clinically inapparent tumour that was not palpable on digital rectal examination and was incidentally found in resected prostatic tissue.

For purposes of the policy, the term gastrointestinal stromal tumours (GIST) classified as AJCC Stage 1 means:

- Gastric and omental GISTs that are less than or equal to 10 cm in greatest dimension with five or fewer mitoses per 5 mm<sup>2</sup>, or 50 per HPF; or
- Small intestinal, esophageal, colorectal, mesenteric and peritoneal GIST that are less than or equal to 5 cm in greatest dimension with five or fewer mitoses per 5 mm<sup>2</sup>, or 50 per HPF.

For purposes of the policy, the terms Tis, Ta, T1a, T1b, T1 and AJCC Stage 1 are defined in the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) cancer staging manual, 8th Edition, 2018.

For purposes of the policy, the term Rai stage 0 is defined in KR Rai, A Sawitsky, EP Cronkite, AD Chanana, RN Levy and BS Pasternack: Clinical staging of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Blood 46:219, 1975.

**LIVER FAILURE OF ADVANCED STAGE** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of advanced liver failure due to cirrhosis and resulting in all of the following:

- permanent jaundice;
- ascites; and
- encephalopathy.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for any liver failure secondary to alcohol or drug use (except those taken as prescribed by a Physician).

**LOSS OF INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the total inability to perform, by oneself, at least 2 of the following 6 Activities of Daily Living for a continuous period of at least 90 days with no reasonable chance of recovery. The diagnosis of Loss of Independent Existence must be made by a Specialist, after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

Activities of Daily Living are:

- 1) bathing – the ability to wash oneself in a bathtub, shower or by sponge bath, with or without the aid of assistive devices;
- 2) dressing – the ability to put on and remove necessary clothing, braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances with or without the aid of assistive devices;
- 3) toileting – the ability to get on and off the toilet and maintain personal hygiene with or without the aid of assistive devices;
- 4) bladder and bowel continence – the ability to manage bowel and bladder function with or without protective undergarments or surgical appliances so that a reasonable level of hygiene is maintained;

5) transferring – the ability to move in and out of a bed, chair or wheelchair, with or without the aid of assistive devices; and

6) feeding – the ability to consume food or drink that already has been prepared and made available, with or without the use of assistive devices.

**LOSS OF LIMBS** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the complete severance of two or more limbs at or above the wrist or ankle joint as the result of an accident or medically required amputation.

The diagnosis of Loss of Limbs must be made by a Specialist.

**LOSS OF SPEECH** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the total and irreversible loss of the ability to speak as the result of physical injury or disease, for a period of at least 180 days, that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

The diagnosis of Loss of Speech must be made by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for all psychiatric related causes.

**MAJOR ORGAN FAILURE ON WAITING LIST** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the irreversible failure of the heart, lung, liver, kidney or bone marrow that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force, and transplantation must be medically necessary. To qualify under Major Organ Failure on Waiting List, the Insured Person must become enrolled as the recipient in a recognized transplant centre in Canada or the United States of America that performs the required form of transplant surgery.

The diagnosis of the major organ failure must be made by a Specialist.

**MAJOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of the irreversible failure of the heart, lung, liver, kidney or bone marrow that is first diagnosed after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force, and transplantation must be medically necessary.

To qualify under Major Organ Transplant, the Insured Person must undergo a transplantation procedure as the recipient of a heart, lung, liver, kidney or bone marrow, and limited to these entities.

The diagnosis of the major organ failure must be made by a Specialist.

**MOTOR NEURON DISEASE** - is defined as a definitive diagnosis of one of the following:

- amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease);
- primary lateral sclerosis;
- progressive spinal muscular atrophy;
- progressive bulbar palsy; or
- pseudo bulbar palsy, or
- Charcot-Marie Tooth disorder,

that is first manifested after the effective date of the coverage while the policy, and limited to these entities.

A diagnosis of Motor Neuron Disease must be made by a Neurologist.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of at least one of the following:

- two or more separate clinical attacks confirmed by at least one magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the nervous system, showing multiple lesions of demyelination; or
- well-defined neurological abnormalities lasting more than 6 months, confirmed by MRI of the nervous system, showing multiple lesions of demyelination; or
- a single attack, confirmed by repeated MRI of the nervous system, which shows multiple lesions of demyelination which have developed at intervals at least one month apart, that is first manifested after the effective date of the coverage while the policy remains in force.

The diagnosis of definite Multiple Sclerosis must be made by a Neurologist.

No benefit will be payable for the following:

- Solitary Sclerosis;
- Clinically Isolated Syndrome;
- Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorders; or
- "Suspected" Multiple Sclerosis or "probable" Multiple Sclerosis.

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY** – means a definite diagnosis of muscular dystrophy where the Insured Persons has well defined neurological abnormalities, confirmed by electromyography and either muscle biopsy or other testing acceptable to the Company that confirms the diagnosis.

The diagnosis of Muscular Dystrophy must be:

- made before the Dependent Child's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday;
- made before the Member or Spouse's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday; and
- made by a Specialist.

**OCCUPATIONAL HIV INFECTION** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) resulting from accidental injury during the course of the Insured Person's normal occupation, which exposed the person to HIV contaminated body fluids. The accidental injury leading to the infection must have occurred after the later of the effective date of the policy, or the effective date of last reinstatement of the policy.

Payment under this condition requires satisfaction of all of the following:

- the accidental injury must be reported to the insurer within 14 days of the accidental injury;
- a serum HIV test must be taken within 14 days of the accidental injury and the result must be negative;
- a serum HIV test must be taken between 90 days and 180 days after the accidental injury and the result must be positive;
- all HIV tests must be performed by a duly licensed laboratory in Canada or the United States of America; and
- the accidental injury must have been reported, investigated and documented in accordance with current Canadian or United States of America workplace guidelines.

The diagnosis of Occupational HIV Infection must be made by a Specialist.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition if:

- the Insured Person has elected not to take any available licensed vaccine offering protection against HIV;
- a licensed cure for HIV infection has become available prior to the accidental injury; or
- HIV infection has occurred as a result of non-accidental injury including, but not limited to, sexual transmission and intravenous (IV) drug use.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND SPECIFIED ATYPICAL PARKINSONIAN DISORDERS**

- is defined as a definite diagnosis of primary Parkinson's disease, a permanent neurologic condition which is characterized by bradykinesia (slowness of movement) and at least one of: muscular rigidity or rest tremor. The Insured Person must exhibit objective signs of progressive deterioration in function for at least one year, for which the treating neurologist has recommended dopaminergic medication or other generally medically accepted equivalent treatment for Parkinson's Disease.

Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders are defined as a definite diagnosis of progressive supranuclear palsy, corticobasal degeneration, or multiple system atrophy.

The diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease or a Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorder must be made by a Neurologist.



Exclusions: No benefit will be payable for Parkinson's Disease or Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders if, within the first year following the later of, the effective date of the policy, or the date of last reinstatement of the policy, the Insured Person has any of the following:

- signs, symptoms or investigations that lead to a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, a Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorder or any other type of parkinsonism, regardless of when the diagnosis is made; or
- a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease, a Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorder or any other type of parkinsonism

Medical information about the diagnosis and any signs, symptoms or investigations leading to the diagnosis must be reported to the Company within 6 months of the date of the diagnosis. If this information is not provided within this period, the Company has the right to deny any claim for Parkinson's Disease or Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders or, any critical illness caused by Parkinson's Disease or Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders or its treatment.

No benefit will be payable under Parkinson's Disease and Specified Atypical Parkinsonian Disorders for any other type of parkinsonism.

**PRIMARY PULMONARY HYPERTENSION** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of primary pulmonary hypertension. There must be a clinical impairment of heart function resulting in the permanent loss of ability to perform physical activities to at least Class 4 of the New York Heart Association's classification of functional capacity\*.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable if pulmonary hypertension is secondary to any other known cause i.e. left heart disease, lung disease, chronic blood clot in lung or unknown causes.

\* NYHA Class 4. Symptoms occur even at rest; discomfort with any physical activity. Unable to carry on any physical activity without symptoms of heart failure.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for any other type of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

**PROGRESSIVE SYSTEMIC SCLEROSIS** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of Progressive systemic scleroderma with systemic involvement of the heart, lungs or kidneys. The Diagnosis must be unequivocally supported by clinical and serological evidence and with biopsy results when available.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for:

- Localized scleroderma (linear scleroderma or morphea); or
- Eosinophilic fasciitis; or
- CREST syndrome.

**QUADRIPLEGIA, PARAPLEGIA, HEMIPLEGIA** - means total and irreversible paralysis of:

- both upper and lower limbs (Quadriplegia);
- both lower limbs (Paraplegia);
- one side of the body (Hemiplegia).

Paralysis means the complete and irreversible loss of muscle function of two or more limbs as a result of injury or disease to the nerve supply of those limbs, for a continuous period of 90 days or more from the date of the diagnosis to determine that the paralysis is permanent.

If an Insured Person suffers a Loss of Life as a direct result of the paralysis, 30 days or more after the diagnosis of such paralysis, benefit will be payable to the Insured Person's beneficiary.

The Diagnosis of Paralysis must be made after the Insured Person's effective date of coverage and include documented evidence of the illness or injury that caused the Paralysis.

**SEVERE BURN** - is defined as a definite diagnosis of third-degree burns over at least 20% of the body surface.

The diagnosis of Severe Burns must be made by a Specialist.

**STROKE (CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENT)** - resulting in persistent neurological deficits is defined as a definite diagnosis of an acute cerebrovascular event caused by intra-cranial thrombosis or hemorrhage, or embolism from an extra-cranial source, with:

- acute onset of new neurological symptoms, and
- new objective neurological deficits on clinical examination, persisting for more than 30 days following the date of diagnosis.

These new symptoms and deficits must be corroborated by diagnostic imaging testing showing changes that are consistent in character, location and timing with the new neurological deficits.

The diagnosis of Stroke must be made by a Specialist.

For greater certainty, neurological deficits must be detectable by a Specialist and may include, but are not restricted to, measurable loss of hearing, objective loss of sensation, paralysis, localized weakness, dysarthria (difficulty with pronunciation), dysphasia, (difficulty with speech) dysphagia (difficulty in swallowing), measurable visual impairment, impaired gait (difficulty walking), difficulty with balance, lack of coordination, seizures undergoing treatment or measurable changes in neuro-cognitive function. Headache or fatigue will not be considered a neurological deficit.

Exclusion: No benefit will be payable under this condition for:

- Transient Ischaemic Attacks;
- Intracerebral vascular events due to trauma;
- Ischaemic disorders of the vestibular system; or
- Lacunar infarcts which do not meet the definition of stroke as described above.

**SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS** – is defined as a definite Diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus by a consultant rheumatologist resulting in either of the following:

- permanent neurological deficit with persisting clinical symptoms; or
- the permanent impairment of kidney function tests as follows: – Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) below 30 ml/min.

Exclusions: No benefit will be payable under this condition for any other forms of lupus, such as discoid lupus and those forms with only hematological and joint involvement.

**TYPE 1 DIABETES MELLITUS** - means a definite diagnosis where the dependent child has total insulin deficiency and continuous dependence on exogenous insulin for survival. Dependence on insulin must persist for a continuous period of at least three months.

The diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes mellitus must be:

- made before the insured person's 24th birthday, and
- made by a Specialist.

## HOSPITAL CASH

If **you or your eligible dependents** become hospitalized and are under the age of 75, you may be eligible to receive a daily cash benefit for the duration of your hospital stay.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you or your eligible dependents** must be:

- Present themselves at a recognized hospital anywhere for a minimum of 3 consecutive days including time spent in the Emergency Room immediately preceding admission to the hospital.
- Hospital stays of less than 3 days do not qualify for this benefit. Once you have been confined to a recognized hospital for more than 3 consecutive days, your benefit will include the first 3 consecutive days. Hospital confinements associated with the admission and birth of a child will begin after 1 day (24 hours).

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you or your eligible dependents** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum daily benefit of \$200 (reduced by 50% upon the attainment of age 70).
- A maximum benefit period of 120 consecutive days.

### DEFINITION OF HOSPITAL

“**HOSPITAL**” means an incorporated or licensed hospital having accommodation for resident bed patients, a laboratory, a registered graduate nurse always on duty and an operating room where surgical operations are performed by a legally qualified physician or surgeon. The term “Hospital” shall not include a rest home, nursing home, convalescent home, health spa, a place for custodial care, a home for the aged or an institution used primarily for the confinement or treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction, tuberculosis or mental illness. The term “Hospital” shall also include a rehabilitation hospital when recommended by a physician, and if you are transferred directly from a hospital to a rehabilitation hospital. Only in the event where a concurrent transfer from a hospital to a rehabilitation hospital is not feasible will a grace period of 14 days be provided for the admittance to a rehabilitation hospital.

The Hospital Cash Benefit is available for claims incurred outside of Canada so long as the standard definition of “hospital” is met and the valid discharge papers are submitted to CCWUcare.

## **SUBSEQUENT HOSPITALIZATION**

If under the unfortunate circumstance you require further hospital confinement, or your situation requires more than one period of hospitalization for the accident or illness, then the full benefit will be reinstated provided that at least 61 days has elapsed from your last paid hospitalized day.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No benefit will be paid for:

- Suicide or any attempt at suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane.
- Declared or undeclared war, or any act of declared or undeclared war.
- Flying in an aircraft, vehicle or device for aerial navigation:
  - For test or experimental purpose that you are operating, learning to operate or serving as a crew member;
  - That is operated by or under the direction of any military authority (this does not include transport type aircraft which is operated by the Canadian Air Transport Command or any other countries similar type of air transport service).
- Losses occurring while the insured person is serving on full-time active duty in the Armed Forces of any country or international authority.
- Any injury or illness that is the result of non-accidental means.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The eligibility and benefit provisions set out in this booklet are general and for information only. The booklet is not, in itself, a legal contract. The terms and conditions of the insurance policies take precedence in case of dispute. Should you require further information on eligibility or benefits, please contact the Administrative Agent.

## EXTENDED HEALTH CARE

If **you or your eligible dependents** incur reasonable and customary expenses for any of the services and supplies listed below, you will be reimbursed for the eligible expenses as described. These services and supplies must be recommended by a legally qualified physician in Canada, where indicated, and received while you are insured for either an illness, including pregnancy, or injury that is non-occupational.

### MAXIMUM LIFETIME BENEFIT

The maximum amount payable under this benefit is unlimited per eligible dependent. This amount applies separately to you and each eligible dependent.

### PERCENTAGE PAYABLE

This is the percentage of covered charges that are paid.

- 50% for custom made orthotics
- 100% for all other eligible covered expenses.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BENEFIT

You and your eligible dependents are covered for prescription drug charges as follows:

- Prescription drugs must be medically necessary and used to treat a bona fide, serious medical condition.
- Prescription drugs must be prescribed by a licensed physician (M.D.) or dentist or other professional authorized by provincial legislation to prescribe drugs and dispensed by a registered pharmacist or licensed physician (M.D.) legally authorized to dispense such drugs in Canada.
- Prescription drugs must be approved and used for the purpose identified by Health Canada and certain controlled drugs are subject to the amount and dosages that may be dispensed, i.e. – narcotics may be subject to a 30-day supply at any given time.
- Prescriptions drugs are limited to a maximum of a 3-month supply at any one time.
- Eligible opioids medication will be covered up to a lifetime maximum benefit of \$50,000.
- Vaccines / Immunizations covered up to a maximum of \$250 per calendar year.
- Smoking Cessation coverage for one (1) course treatment up to a maximum of \$350 per lifetime.
- You and your eligible spouse will be provided a **Member Advantage Benefit Card** that you **must present to your pharmacist** when purchasing your prescription drugs for you and your eligible dependents.

## WHAT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS/MEDICATIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

The prescription drug plan does not reimburse the following:

- Drugs that can be purchased as over the counter medication or without a prescription.
- Drugs that are associated with dietary, anti-obesity, health foods, nutritional products, anabolic steroids, experimental drugs, vitamins, supplements, homeopathic medications, injectables, fertility, and erectile dysfunction.
- Drugs that are used for non-medically necessary purposes and provided directly by a physician or hospital.
- Prescribed drugs for sale in Canada not approved by Health Canada will not be reimbursed by the benefit plan if purchased outside of Canada.
- Prescribed drugs must be approved and used for the purpose identified by Health Canada.
- Lost, damaged, stolen or spoiled prescription drugs **will not** be covered by the drug plan.
- Any drugs purchased outside of Canada.

## MEMBER ADVANTAGE BENEFIT CARD

Once you satisfy the eligibility requirements, you and your eligible spouse will be provided with a Member Advantage Benefit Card to be used as follows:

- For the purchase of all your eligible prescription drug expenses, dental expenses, & healthcare expenses.
- It is critical that CCWUcare have complete, accurate and up-to-date information on you and your dependents.
- In the event your Member Advantage Benefit Card does not work at the pharmacy, dental office or practitioner office due to incomplete information, please contact the Member Services Department at **416-240-0047**.
- If you are **not** in benefit at the date of your purchase, your Member Advantage Benefit Card will not work and you will be required to make the purchase directly at the office.
- Should your Member Advantage Benefit Card not function and you are in benefit, you may purchase the medication/supplies or pay for the service and submit the paid receipt along with a completed claim form for assessment to CCWUcare.

- Should you choose not to use your Member Advantage Benefit Card and purchase eligible drugs or services with cash, debit or credit card, the pharmacist/practitioner may charge you in excess of what is eligible through your Member Advantage Benefit Card and you will be responsible for these excess charges. It is imperative you use your Member Advantage Benefit Card to assist in controlling the costs the pharmacy/pharmacists/practitioner levies.
- Certain drugs that are medically necessary and appropriate for the plan to cover need to be pre-approved prior to purchase. Please contact the CCWUcare at 416-240-0047 for more information.

## **GENERIC SUBSTITUTION**

Many brand name drugs on the market have a generic equivalent. In Canada, a generic drug has the same active ingredients as the brand name drug.

It is recommended that you ask your physician to prescribe a less expensive generic equivalent drug if one is available. This does not mean that your health care will be negatively impacted because, in Canada, the generic drug has the same active chemical ingredients as a brand name drug.

Generic substitution is the substitution of a less expensive drug for the originally prescribed brand name drug. This can be done by the pharmacist without the consent of your physician and is the normal practice of many pharmacists for a limited number of drugs.

## **DISPENSING FEES**

Dispensing fees are a significant cost to the member and the benefit plan. Members can help keep costs down by shopping around, as some drug stores can charge more than twice as much as others.

## **TRILLIUM DRUG PROGRAM**

The Trillium Drug Program helps to cover the cost of drugs if your drug costs are high compared to income level. Serious illnesses can have higher than normal drug costs; therefore, a member can combine benefits from the Program and their benefit plan to cover up to 100% of costs along with a deductible. The Trillium Drug Program covers drugs that are approved under the Ontario Drug Program (ODB).

The following criteria are to be met in order to qualify:

- The Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund does not cover 100% of the prescription drug costs;



- Must have valid coverage through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP);
- Must not be covered under the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program.

For more information on the Trillium Drug Program, please call 1-800-575-5386.

## **ONTARIO DRUG BENEFIT (ODB) PROGRAM**

Active members living in Ontario that are over 65 years of age can qualify for the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program, a government paid prescription drug expense program that provides access to about 4,400 drugs. The Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund Drug Plan will reimburse members the \$100 Ontario Drug Benefit deductible and up to a maximum of \$6.11 per prescription for Ontario Drug Benefit dispensing fee charges.

Pharmacies will coordinate reimbursements directly with the Ontario Drug Benefit Program.

For more information on the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program, please call 1-866-811-9893.

## **MEDICAL CANNABIS**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for Medical Cannabis coverage in the province of Ontario as follows:

- Up to a calendar year maximum of \$2,000 per insured individual.
- For medical purposes when obtained from a licensed producer pursuant to a medical document issued by an authorized healthcare practitioner and has been assigned a product identification number as defined under the Cannabis Act and Regulations.
- Must be accompanied with a Prior Authorization Approval and purchased through a Licensed Producer.
- For the treatment of one of the six eligible pre-determined conditions:
  - Neuropathic Pain (Chronic)
  - Spasticity
  - Palliative Care
  - Spinal Cord Injury
  - Nausea / Vomiting from Chemotherapy
  - Anorexia

## MEDICAL EXAMS

You and your eligible dependents are covered for Medical Examinations and Tests to offset any fees charged for any medical exam or test in the province of Ontario as follows:

- Up to a calendar year maximum of \$200 per insured individual.

## HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

You and your eligible dependents are covered for charges by the following health practitioners:

- Chiropractor, Massage Therapist\*, Athletic Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Podiatrist / Chiropodist, Naturopath, Osteopath, and Acupuncturist up to a maximum charge of \$80 per visit up to an overall combined health practitioner maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.
- Physiotherapist\* up to a maximum of \$90 per visit in addition to a \$100 reimbursement for initial visit up to an overall combined health practitioner maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.
- Clinical Psychologist, Psychoanalyst, Psychotherapist or Social Worker up to a maximum of \$100 per visit up to an overall combined behavioral therapy maximum of \$1,500 per calendar year.
- Speech Therapist up to a maximum of \$200 per visit up to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 for dependent children only. Must be prescribed by a licensed physician (M.D.) or a nurse practitioner in Canada as to duration and type and claims must be accompanied by the referral.
- Psychoanalyst who is a licensed physician (M.D.) if the insured person is not hospitalized (for Quebec residents only).
- Treatments by a Physiotherapist, Massage Therapist and Speech Therapist must be prescribed by a licensed physician (M.D.) in Canada as to duration and type and claims must be accompanied by a M.D. referral. If the treatment is required for more than 1 year, a M.D. referral is required on an annual basis.
- \* M.D. Referral Required

## AMBULANCE

You and your eligible dependents are covered for transportation by a licensed ambulance. Covered charges are in excess of the amount payable under your Provincial Health Plan, excluding air or rail ambulance service. Ambulance transportation coverage is as follows:

- From the place of injury (or where illness struck) to the nearest hospital where treatment is available.

- Directly from the first hospital where treatment is given to the nearest hospital for needed specialized treatment not available at the first hospital.
- From a hospital to a convalescent hospital / rehabilitation hospital.

## **DENTAL CARE FOR ACCIDENTAL INJURY**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for services by a legally qualified Dentist for prompt repair of sound natural teeth when required because of a non-occupational injury or loss caused solely by external and accidental means within Canada.

Accidental Dental services must be commenced within 90 days of the accident causing the injury or loss and be completed within 12 months from the date of the accident.

## **ORTHOPEDIC SHOES**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for custom made orthopedic shoes as follows:

- One (1) pair every 24 months up to a maximum reimbursement of \$500.
- Custom made Orthopedic shoes must be prescribed by a licensed Physician (M.D.) or specialist and dispensed by a Pedorthist, Orthotist, Podiatrist or Chiropodist in Canada.
- Custom made Orthopedic shoes (including repairs) must be specially designed and molded to correct a diagnosed physical impairment, provided that the following information is supplied:
  - A diagnosis, including a list of symptoms and the primary complaint;
  - A description of the physical findings from the clinical examination;
  - A brief description of the abnormal walking pattern associated with the diagnosis (a gait analysis); and
  - Confirmation that the product has been custom made.

## **ORTHOTICS**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for custom made Orthotics as follows:

- One (1) pair up to 50% of their purchase price to an overall maximum benefit of \$250 per calendar year.
- Custom made Orthotics must be prescribed by a licensed Physician (M.D.) or specialist in Canada and dispensed by a Pedorthist, Orthotist, Podiatrist or Chiropodist and must be specially designed and molded to correct a diagnosed physical impairment, provided that the following information is supplied:
  - A diagnosis, including a list of symptoms and the primary complaint;

- A description of the physical findings from the clinical examination;
- A brief description of the abnormal walking pattern associated with the diagnosis (a gait analysis); and
- Confirmation that the product has been custom made.

## HEARING AIDS

You and your eligible dependents are covered for Hearing Aids as follows:

- To a maximum benefit of \$3,000 every 36 months for one set of hearing aids when provided by a certified clinical audiologist in Canada including any replacement, repair charges and batteries.

## VISION CARE

You and your eligible dependents are covered for Vision care services as follows:

- Maximum combined benefit of \$450 once every 24 months includes one (1) set of eyeglasses (lenses and frame combined) or contact lenses in lieu of eyeglasses. Included in the vision care benefit is one (1) eye exam. Remaining balances cannot be applied to future claims.
- One (1) eye exam within the same 24 months up to a maximum benefit of \$100. Members/Spouses over age 65 will have eye exams covered under OHIP while dependents are continued to be covered under the benefit plan. Eye exam prescriptions will be valid for 24 months from the date of exam unless different from prescription.
- One (1) set of replacement lenses up to a maximum of \$100 only if your prescription changes or lenses become damaged within the same 24 month period covered under Vision Care, as per above.
- Corrective Laser Eye surgery up to a lifetime maximum reimbursement of \$1,500.
- Prior to Cataract Surgery, Intra-ocular lens (IOL) preparation exams are covered up to \$450 per eye, per lifetime.
- Following Cataract Surgery, Intra-ocular lens (IOL) is covered up to a lifetime maximum of \$250 for single focal lens per eye and \$600 for multi focal lens per eye.
- All lenses must be prescribed by a legally qualified optometrist or ophthalmologist in Canada and must be for the correction of vision defects.
- A completed claim form must be submitted with the original paid receipts including final payment date and a copy of the original prescription.
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses must be purchased in Canada, Laser Eye surgery and Cataract Surgery must be performed in Canada.

You will not be reimbursed for the following:

- Nonprescription reading glasses, sunglasses, tinted other than (type 1 or 2) glasses, anti-reflective coatings or safety glasses.

## **OUT OF HOSPITAL NURSING**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for Nursing care services as follows:

- Home nursing care performed by a legally qualified Registered Nurse (R.N.), Registered Nursing Assistant (R.N.A.), Registered Practical Nurse (R.P.N.) or Victorian Order Nurse (V.O.N.) in Canada.
- Your nurse cannot be related to you by blood or marriage or a member of your family and not normally a resident in your home.
- Services must be ordered by a licensed physician (M.D.) in Canada as medically necessary for a disability that requires the specialized training of a nurse.
- Home Nursing care will be eligible up to a maximum lifetime benefit of \$5,000.

## **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES**

Prior to incurring any major expenses, you should submit details to CCWUcare to determine payable benefits. In any event, a letter will be required by a licensed physician (M.D.) describing the nature of the disability and type, medical need and estimated duration of any required durable medical equipment.

You and your eligible dependents are covered for the rental of or at the Insurers discretion, the purchase of Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies as follows:

- Medical Braces for Wrist, Elbow, Finger, and Ankle up to a maximum of \$250 per limb, once every 3 years.
  - Respiratory equipment, kidney dialysis equipment, oxygen, hypodermic needles and catheters.
  - Wheelchairs, Hospital Beds, Iron Lungs or similar mechanical equipment.
  - Splints, Canes, Crutches, Walkers, Trusses, Casts and Dennis Browne splints.
  - Rigid or Semi-Rigid Back, Neck, Arm or Leg Braces once (1) every five (5) years per limb.
  - Non-dental prosthesis such as artificial limbs and eyes, including replacement if required due to a change in physical condition.
  - Injectables, needles, syringes, diabetic testing agents, insulin, glucometers and infusion pumps when patient is insulin dependent.
  - Apnea monitors.
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- External breast prosthesis to a maximum of \$500 per breast, once every 24 months.
- Two pairs of surgical brassieres, per calendar year.
- Two pairs of custom graduated compression stockings with a minimum compression factor of 20mmhg or higher per calendar year.
- Wig once per lifetime up to a maximum of \$500.
- Sclerotherapy (Vein Injections) is limited to \$20 per visit up to a maximum of \$2,500 per calendar year.

The Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies benefit does not cover the following:

- Items for personal comfort, convenience, exercise, safety, self-help or environmental control.
- Items which may be used for non-medical reasons, such as but not limited to heating pads or lamps, communication aids, air conditioners or cleaners, whirlpool baths or saunas.

## **ONTARIO ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP)**

The Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP) may provide reimbursement for certain expenses up to 75% of the cost. Eligible items are breast, limb and eye prosthesis, respiratory equipment, communication aids, ostomy supplies, visual aids, wheelchairs, etc. Claims for these types of services must be forwarded to ADP with the balance being submitted to the Plan for consideration.

## **INSULIN PUMPS**

The Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP) provides funding assistance to eligible Ontario residents of all ages with type 1 diabetes. The program covers 100% of the cost of an insulin pump (up to a maximum of \$6,300) paid directly to the supplier on behalf of the recipient. The program will also cover \$2,400 (\$600 every three months) per year for supplies paid directly to the recipient. Members and eligible dependents that do not qualify for Adult Insulin Program should submit their claim for an insulin pump for pre-approval under the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.

## **OSTOMY SUPPLIES**

The Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP) provides funding assistance to eligible Ontario residents that have a permanent colostomy, ileostomy, urostomy, ileal conduit or continent pouch/reservoir. The program does not pay for supplies for persons with a temporary ostomy. The program will pay \$600 (\$300 every six months) per year directly to the recipient for supplies if eligible. Any additional costs should be submitted to the CCWUcare for consideration.

For more information on the Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP), please call 1-800-268-6021.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No benefit will be paid for:

- For drugs, sera or injectable drugs when administered in a hospital setting, whether administered on an inpatient or outpatient basis.
- Any expenses incurred and submitted for cosmetic/lifestyle purposes.
- If the payment is prohibited by law.
- That a covered person may obtain as a benefit under any governmental plan or law.
- For which no charge would have been made in the absence of this coverage.
- For dental work, except as provided under Dental Care for Accidental Injury.
- Expenses submitted more than 18 months after the date of service are not covered.
- Expenses incurred outside of Canada will not be eligible for reimbursement.

No amount will be paid for any charge incurred that results from or is contributed by:

- War, whether declared or not.
- Insurrection, rebellion or participation in a riot or civil commotion.
- Purposely self-inflicted injury.
- The commission or, attempt to commit, an assault or a criminal offence.

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## DENTAL CARE

**You or your eligible dependents** may incur reasonable and customary charges for services and supplies provided by or under the supervision of a licensed, certified or registered oral surgeon or dentist within Canada. Eligible services are those that are recommended as necessary by a physician or dentist. Dental treatments are considered eligible if performed by a dentist or denturist who practices within the scope of his/her license.

Members may choose to either have their dental care provided by the Insured Dental Plan or by enrolling in the LiUNA Local 183 Dental Clinic. LiUNA Local 183 Dental Clinic Members and their eligible dependents must use the Dental Clinic for their Dental Care needs. Members and eligible dependents enrolled in the LiUNA Local 183 Dental Clinic that incur services outside of the LiUNA Local 183 Dental Clinic, while enrolled in the Clinic, will **not** be eligible for reimbursement.

The following chart provides an illustration of the dental coverage provided under the Plan.

Summary of Dental Care Benefits		
Dental Clinic / Insured Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar Year Maximum</li> <li>• Dental Fee Guide Reimbursement</li> <li>• Diagnostics: exams, x-rays</li> <li>• Endodontics: root canals</li> <li>• Periodontics: root planing and surgery</li> <li>• Preventative: polishing, scaling, fluoride</li> <li>• Dentures: Partial &amp; Complete</li> <li>• Crowns / Bridgework / Implants</li> <li>• Restorative: fillings, crowns</li> <li>• Surgical: extractions, oral surgery</li> <li>• Orthodontics: (dependent children 21 years of age or younger)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3,000 per person / year</li> <li>• 2023 O.D.A.</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 100%</li> <li>• 60% (max of \$2,500 per lifetime)</li> </ul>

## BENEFITS

The total benefits payable are subject to the following maximums:

Calendar Year Maximum (per individual) - \$3,000 per Calendar Year

Lifetime Maximum (Dependent Children Only – 21 years of age or younger)

Orthodontics - \$2,500 Lifetime Maximum



## PERCENTAGE PAYABLE

This is the percentage of covered charges that are paid. Covered Charges are charges up to the amount shown in the Fee Guide for needed Dental Care, services or supplies, while you are covered for either a disease or injury that is non-occupational.

## DENTAL FEE GUIDE

Payments under the **Insured Dental Plan** will be reimbursed at the **2023 Ontario Dental Fee Guide** (*The ODA Dental Fee Guide will adjust each January 1 and remain 1 year behind the current year*).

## ROUTINE DENTAL CARE SERVICES

You and your eligible dependents are covered for charges up to the benefit maximum as follows:

- Oral examinations, prophylaxis (light scaling and polishing of teeth) and bite-wing X-rays, up to once every 6 months.
- Scaling, root planing or occlusal equilibration (limited to 8 units per calendar year for all procedures combined).
- Fluoride treatment for the maintenance of sound natural teeth (dependent children age 16 or younger).
- Dental X-rays (full mouth series of X-rays or Panoramic X-ray once every 24 months).
- Complete exams covered once in every 24 months.
- Fillings, including porcelain fillings on all teeth and surfaces.
- Oral surgery and extractions for the removal of teeth, including the excision of impacted wisdom teeth.
- Anesthesia and its administration when made necessary due to a dental procedure.
- Space maintainers and pre-fabricated full coverage restorations for primary teeth.
- Repair, relining or rebasing of dentures.
- Repair or re-cementing of crowns, inlays, onlays or bridges.
- Periodontal treatment for disease of the bone and gums of the mouth, including tissue grafts, bone grafts and occlusal guards, but not athletic guards.
- Endodontic treatment, including initial root canal therapy and pulp conservation and root resection.
- Root canal once per lifetime per tooth.

- Scaling and cleaning of teeth may be done by a licensed dental hygienist.
- Fee for the root canal has been reduced by ½ of the fee paid for pulpectomy.

## **MAJOR RESTORATIVE SERVICES**

You and your eligible dependents are covered for charges up to the benefit maximum as follows:

### **DENTURES**

- First installation, including adjustments, of partial, permanent or complete temporary or permanent removable dentures to replace 1 or more natural teeth extracted while you are covered if you are covered for less than 12 consecutive months.
- Denture adjustments that occur more than 3 months after installation.
- Replacement of an existing partial or full removable denture, if it was installed at least 5 years before and cannot be made serviceable or is a temporary full denture which replaces one or more natural teeth extracted while the person is covered if the person has been covered for less than 12 months, and for which replacement by a permanent denture is required and takes place within 1 year from the date the temporary denture was installed. The cost of a temporary denture will be deducted from the cost of a permanent denture.
- Addition of teeth to an existing partial denture, if required to replace 1 or more natural teeth extracted while the person is covered.
- Installation, adjustment, repair, relining or rebasing of dentures may be done by a dentist, denture therapist, technician or mechanic, who is registered and practicing within the scope of his/her license.
- Denture Relines/Rebases are covered once every 24 months per arch.
- Denture repairs/adjustments are not eligible within 3 months of the date the denture was inserted.
- Cost of denture may apply towards Initial Bridge when missing 3 or more teeth within the same arch.

## **CROWNS, INLAYS, ONLAYS**

- Inlays, onlays, gold fillings and crowns.
- First installation of inlays or onlays, and crowns are covered when a natural tooth has extensive loss.
- Replacement of an existing inlays, onlays, and crown, but only if it was installed at least 5 years before and cannot be made serviceable.

## **BRIDGEWORK**

- First installation of a fixed bridge is covered when 2 or less natural teeth have been extracted while insured under the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.
- Replacement of an existing bridge, but only if it was installed at least 5 years before and cannot be made serviceable.

## **IMPLANTS**

- First installation of an implant is covered if the natural tooth (teeth) have been extracted while insured under the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.
- Replacement of an existing implant crown, but only if it was installed at least 5 years before and cannot be made serviceable.
- Implant claims are reimbursed in two portions of the approved amount. 50% is reimbursed when the surgical stage is completed, and the remaining 50% will be paid when restorative crown is placed.
- Implants up to a maximum of \$3,000 per calendar year, per individual inclusive of all other dental care services (Routine Dental Care Services and Major Restorative Services).

## **ORTHODONTICS**

Your dependent children 21 years of age or younger are covered for charges as follows:

- Orthodontic treatments are reimbursed at 60% of the total submission, up to an overall maximum of \$2,500 per lifetime.
- An estimate must be submitted prior to any incurred orthodontic treatments.
- Initial treatment cannot exceed 35% of the total cost of orthodontic treatment.
- Treatment must commence prior to the dependent reaching 21 years of age.
- Services will only be eligible if rendered in Canada.

- Reimbursement of orthodontic benefits will only be made if the Member is in benefit at the time the service is rendered.
- Diagnostic procedures, initial fee, monthly, and quarterly fees will be reimbursed as services are rendered.
- Orthodontic reimbursements are limited to a monthly fee, therefore, no lump sums will be reimbursed. Should you choose to pay your orthodontist the entire treatment fee up front, you will only be reimbursed for the services as they are actually rendered. Prepayments are not reimbursable under this plan.

## **ALTERNATE BENEFITS CLAUSE**

If alternative services may be performed for the treatment of a dental condition, the maximum amount payable will be the amount shown in the Fee Guide for the least expensive service or supply required to produce a professionally adequate result.

## **PREDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS**

If charges for a planned Course of Treatment by a licensed dentist in Canada will exceed \$300, proposed details and x-rays should be submitted to the CCWUcare for pre-approval.

Failure to do so may result in payment of a lesser benefit amount because of the difficulty in determining the need for such treatment after it has been provided. Dental x-rays will be promptly returned to the dentist.

Course of Treatment means one or more services rendered by one or more dentist for the correction of a dental condition diagnosed as a result of an oral exam starting on the date the first service to correct such condition is rendered.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

No benefit will be paid for:

- Dental care or appliances that are deemed to be for cosmetic purposes.
- Replacement of tooth structure lost due to incisal wear.
- Fillings are limited to once every 12 months per tooth, per surface.
- Expenses submitted more than 18 months after the date of service are not covered.
- Perio-Splinting is not eligible unless performed in conjunction with periodontal surgery.
- Crowns, Abutments and Pontics on molar teeth will be limited to the cost of metal appliance.

- Fees associated with travel, completion of claim forms and or missed appointment fees.
- Services that are not performed by a licensed dentist.
- Services incurred outside of Canada.
- Dental care covered under a medical plan provided by an Employer or Government.
- Space maintainers and pre-fabricated full coverage restorations for permanent teeth.
- Oral hygiene instruction or nutritional counseling.
- Protective athletic appliances.
- A full mouth reconstruction for a vertical dimension correction, or for diagnosis or correction of a temporomandibular joint dysfunction.
- Replacement of a lost or stolen prosthesis.
- Prosthesis, including crowns and bridgework, and the fitting there of which were ordered while the person was not covered, or which were ordered while the person was covered but which were finally installed or delivered after this benefit is discontinued or more than 90 days after termination of coverage for any other reason.

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## EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL COVERAGE

Each Canadian Province and Territory provides a Medicare Plan with comprehensive benefits for hospital confinement, the service of medical physicians and other health practitioners, ambulance services, etc.

When you are outside your province of residence or Canada and require these services, your Provincial Medicare Plan will usually make a payment towards your expenses but that payment is usually limited to the amount that would have been paid for the same service in the Province in which you reside.

This benefit provides extensive coverage for many services rendered outside of Canada. It would be important to note that such expenses are covered provided that they were unexpected and of an emergency nature. This benefit does not provide benefits for medical treatment if the purpose of your trip is to obtain medical treatment.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you and your eligible dependents** must be:

- Under the age of 99.

### PERIOD OF COVERAGE

You and your dependents are covered while outside your province of residence or Canada for such reasons as business or vacation up to a maximum of:

- 90 consecutive days per trip if under age 80
- 90 consecutive days per trip ages 80 to 99

Travel medical insurance covers member and eligible dependents for trips of up to the consecutive days above. Travelers must return home for at least one day before being eligible for a new set of consecutive days for another trip.

### BENEFIT MAXIMUMS

When injuries or sickness result in a claim, benefits will not exceed a per trip maximum of \$5,000,000 for persons under age 70 for the actual expenses incurred outside of Province that exceed the amount which is payable with respect to such expenses under any government hospitalization or medical plan in Canada. Persons age 70 to under age 80 are subject to a maximum of \$5,000,000 per trip maximum and persons age 80 to 99 are subject to a maximum of \$2,500,000 per trip maximum.

## BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the following benefits:

	<b><u>Benefit Maximums</u></b>
• Hospital, Medical and Therapeutic Services	\$5,000,000
• Hospital Confinement	\$5,000,000
• Emergency Evacuation Benefit	\$ 500,000
• Repatriation Benefit	\$ 15,000
• Emergency Dental Treatment	\$ 2,500
• Identification Benefit	\$ 5,000
• Auto Return Benefit	\$ 10,000
• Family Transportation Benefit	\$ 15,000
• Return Transportation for Travelling Companion	\$ 5,000
• Return and Escort of Dependent Children Under Age	\$ 5,000
• Trip Interruption Benefit	Airfare \$ 500
	<i>Hotel and Meal Expenses (5 day max) \$ 1,500</i>
	<i>Combined Maximum \$ 2,000</i>

## EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

No benefit will be paid for:

- Injuries received while the insured person is participating in any maneuvers or training exercises of the armed forces.
- Pregnancy, miscarriage, voluntary termination of pregnancy, childbirth or their complications except that in the case of a pregnancy, complications which occur before the end of the seventh month will be covered if they occur while insured hereunder.
- Sickness or injury where the trip is undertaken for the purpose of securing medical treatment or advice for such sickness or injury.
- Dental surgery or cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is a result of a covered injury.
- Treatment or services that contravene any government hospital or medical care plan in Canada.
- Sickness or injury due to participation in professional sports.
- Anticipated medical treatment required on an ongoing basis or for continued stabilization of a medical condition known to the Insured Person prior to departure.
- Emotional or mental disorders unless the insured person is hospitalized.
- Expenses incurred on an elective (non-emergency) basis.
- Loss or injury as a result of suicide or any attempted threat or self-inflicted injuries, while sane or insane.

- An act of declared or undeclared war, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalization or requisition by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
- Any services or supplies provided by an insured person.
- Any treatment or surgery not required for the immediate relief of acute pain or suffering.
- Any treatment or surgery, which reasonably could be delayed until the insured person returns to Ontario; or anticipated medical treatments required on an ongoing basis or for continued stabilization of a medical condition known to the insured person prior to departure.
- Any sickness, injury or medical condition that was not stable in the 180 days prior to the departure date if you are 85 years of age or above.

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## IN AN EMERGENCY, HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

You or someone acting on your behalf should call AXA Assistance Canada (AXA) immediately, before you get medical assistance in the event of a serious medical emergency. If you can't call right away, contact AXA as soon as you are able to do so. Their operators are backed by a team of emergency care professional physicians and nurses who work closely with the physician looking after you and, if necessary, your family or company physician, to help ensure that you receive the medical care you need.

NOTE: If you contact AXA right away, your claim may be pre-approved so you can avoid having to pay upfront and claim for reimbursement later. Telephone the AXA Assistance Canada (AXA) at the numbers listed below:

- Canada & U. S. A. - **1-877-490-7228**
- Elsewhere (Collect Call) - **647-258-7274**

An operator will ask you the following:

- Your name, location and the details of your emergency
- Your AIG Policy No: **SRG 9143302**

## EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL WALLET CARD

Emergency Out of Province Medical Coverage Wallet Cards to carry while traveling, are available online at [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com) or from the CCWUcare office.

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## EXPEDITED HEALTHCARE

If you or your eligible dependents require access to a diagnostic procedure or are referred to a specialist and are placed on a medical waitlist, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the QuikCare Platinum as follows.

The QuikCare Platinum program provides expedited access to the Canadian Healthcare system to assist you and your eligible dependents by allowing those who are placed on a medical waitlist, immediate access to diagnostic scans (MRI/CT scans) and specialist consultations so you can focus on taking care of your wellbeing.

The QuikCare Platinum program was designed for diagnostic scans to be booked and preformed within 72 hours and specialist consultations be booked within weeks and not months so you don't have to spend time worrying if your condition is worsening, being stressed, unable to work and participate in your usual day to day activities which can have a substantial impact to you and your family.

The different types of diagnostic scans and specialists covered available to you and your eligible dependents include the following:

ELIGIBLE DIAGNOSTIC SCANS AND SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AND ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS:	
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Urologist
Computed Tomography Scan (CT scan)	Rheumatologist
Ultrasounds	Neurosurgeon
Orthopedic	Endoscopy
Cardiologist	Colonoscopy
Neurologist	Dermatologist
Gastroenterologist	Endocrinologist
General Surgeon	Gynecologist
Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT)	Podiatrist
Ophthalmologist	Respirologist

ELIGIBLE DIAGNOSTIC SCANS AND SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO <u>MEMBERS ONLY</u> :	
Orthopedic Surgery	General Surgery
Addiction Treatment	

When your physician recommends a diagnostic procedure or refers you to a specialist, you can contact the QuikCare Platinum 24/7 dedicated toll-free helpline at 1-844-900-8357 to set up your consultation with one of our intake specialists for rapid intervention.

## MENTAL HEALTHCARE - mHEALTH

If you or your eligible dependents require help to assess any mental health issues you may have and require any type of support, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the mHealth virtual mental healthcare as follows.

The mHealth online platform is an easy to access digital platform with educational materials and virtual real-time therapy. Members and eligible dependents have access to mental health forums and libraries with videos and podcasts, support, video therapy, a diagnostic and statistical mental health assessment tool, and a variety of other resources.

Members and eligible dependents get effective psychological treatment that will improve and sustain their overall health by ensuring rapid access to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) as a short-term therapy that offers long term benefits. The program offers virtual CBT therapy sessions with a psychologist for a range of psychological conditions in the comfort and privacy of the members' own home for up to 12 weeks including but not limited to:

ELIGIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITIONS:	
Anxiety	Addiction
Depression	Stress
Substance Abuse	

This confidential evidence-based treatment alleviates the social stigma associated with mental health care. Should more intensive therapy or psychiatric intervention be needed, escalation can be facilitated.

Members and dependents can download and share results of the assessment tool with their primary care physician or their mental health counsellors, securely and confidentially, from the comfort of home via computer or a handheld device.

Please visit [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com) and simply click on the mHealth link at the top of the website to download and register or you can contact the Confidential Helpline 24/7 at 1-844-900-8357.

## VIRTUAL HEALTHCARE - vCARE

If you or your eligible dependents have a non-emergency health question or concern and are unable to visit a walk-in clinic or get an appointment with your family doctor, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the vCare Virtual Healthcare as follows.

The vCare online platform provides you and your eligible dependents with 24/7 personalized medical support wherever you are through the mobile application. The virtual care platform is designed to address your healthcare needs via secure text and video chat anywhere at any time.

Members and eligible dependents can connect instantly with a healthcare provider for any primary health questions and concerns, fill and refill prescriptions, specialist referrals, and lab requisitions as outlined below:

- Unlimited virtual consultations via secure text and video chat
- Convenient primary and mental healthcare support
- Fill and refill prescriptions, specialist referrals, and lab requisitions
- Virtual follow-ups with no appointments required
- Health record on the platform with updates sent to your family doctor with your consent

The on-demand virtual healthcare solution avoids visits to the doctor's office, walk-in clinics and emergency rooms for non-emergency issues such as but not limited to:

- Infections, rashes, and skin irritations
- Anxiety and depression
- Stomach and digestive issues
- Cough, cold and flu
- Weight loss counselling, smoking cessation, and more.

The vCare online platform can help with most primary care needs though specific cases will require an in-person medical appointment at the discretion of our healthcare providers. Don't wait until you are sick, active your account now to be ready when the need arises. Please visit [www.vcareregistration.com](http://www.vcareregistration.com) to download and register or call 1-800-254-7223. For emergencies, please call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

## HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION

If you or your eligible dependents require any sort of health coaching along with assistance navigating the current health care system for serious and chronic diseases, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for Health Care Navigation as follows.

The Health Care Navigation platform provides you and your eligible dependents with a single point of contact, such as a personal nurse, throughout the diagnoses, treatment, and rehabilitation process. The nurse navigator will provide information about test and treatment options and assist with but not limited to the following:

- Doctor-to-doctor consults with patient.
- In-depth assessments of treatment plans and options proposed by the local treating physician to ensure they are consistent with medical best practice.
- Explanation of options for tests and treatments in each case.
- Facilitate access to diagnostic tests, treatments, and clinical trials.
- Guide patients to alternate treatment locations, when requested or required.
- Ongoing coaching as how to best manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and chronic pain to name a few.
- Dramatically improve the overall quality of care, recovery, and outcomes.

The Health Care Navigation platform provide an individualized and personal service based on each individual's situation and is the only service of its kind in Canada. Services are unlimited and are to ensure members and eligible dependents receive the right care, at the right place, at the right time, every step of the way. For more information, please contact Compass Health Care Navigation at 1-866-883-5956 to speak with a nurse navigator.

## CANCER ASSISTANCE

If you or your eligible dependents are cancer patients and require navigation through the public health care system, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for Cancer Assistance as follows.

The Cancer Assistance program provides you and your eligible dependents access to highly trained oncologists and experienced oncology nurses who work with patients and their immediate family to ensure that the right treatment is received. The program provides expert assessment of current cancer treatment approaches along with the following:

- Help reduce the physical and emotional impact of cancer.
- Ensure medical best practices are utilized throughout active treatment.
- Provide expert assessment of current cancer treatment approaches.
- Provide answers to patients' questions and explanation of tests and treatments.
- Empower patients to better understand their diagnosis and treatment options.

The Cancer Assistance program specializes in cancer care. Services are unlimited and are to ensure members and eligible dependents receive the right treatment when needed most. For more information, please contact Cancer Assistance at 1-866-599-2720.

## SECOND OPINION MEDICAL - MyCONSULT

If you or your eligible dependents suffers from a prolonged or chronic illness and would prefer a detailed second opinion, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for Cleveland Clinic's MyConsult Online Medical Second Opinion program as follows.

Cleveland Clinic Canada is a global healthcare leader and the MyConsult Online Medical Second Opinion program connects you and your eligible dependents to the expertise of top Cleveland Clinic global specialists without the time and expense of travel.

Through the secure web platform, members and eligible dependents can submit their detailed health information, medical records and diagnostic test results to an assigned nurse navigator who will submit to the Cleveland Clinic. The most appropriate Cleveland Clinic doctor is assigned to the consultation and will review and provide a detailed second opinion to you and your physician to discuss the results and recommended treatments via phone. MyConsult Online Medical Second Opinion helps to:

- Make the most informed decision about your healthcare or that if an eligible dependent.
- Ensure the diagnosis is correct.
- Ensure the treatment plan is optimal for you and your family.
- Receive a comprehensive written report from a Cleveland Clinic expert.
- Learn about new and innovative treatment plans.

The Cleveland Clinic is a global health care leader specializing in heart care. For more information, please contact MyConsult at 1-866-883-5956.

## WELLNESS BENEFITS

### HEALTH COACHING

Members and eligible dependents can now take back their health with the new Health Coaching program. The Health Coaching program is a confidential program which gives members and eligible dependents telephone access to a dedicated professional who will provide one-on-one coaching support in achieving health goals around diabetes, heart health and mindful eating. To complete your nutritional assessment, sign up for the program at [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com) to start achieving all your health goals.

### SELF HELP WORKS

Members and eligible dependents can now use a training process that combines the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy with health coaching best practices with the Self Help Works online program. The online Self Help Works program allows for lifestyle goals become reality with video-based workshops to help with smoking cessation, weight loss, alcohol consumption, exercise motivation, stress relief, diabetes management, sleep restoration and more. To learn more about these life changing programs to help take back your health, sign up at [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com).

### VIRTUAL HOME DELIVERY PHARMACY

The Virtual Home Delivery Pharmacy was added to the Plan to provide Members and eligible dependents the convenience of home delivery for their prescription medication sorted into daily packets to ensure the correct dose daily, also ensuring auto-renewing of prescriptions, while taking advantage of lower dispensing fees and same day delivery within the Greater Toronto Area. Home delivery pharmacy is available online or by using the app on your device, simply visit [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com) to sign up and have access to all your prescription information.

### FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Members and eligible dependents now have the convenience of a secure and confidential digital platform with 24-hour access to tools and information designed to educate and build financial confidence. The website includes articles, bulletins, videos, and a variety of methods to help members navigate through current circumstances, life changes and alleviate stress from financial uncertainty. Contact CCWUcare to start your journey towards better financial health.

## **SUBSTANCE & RECOVERY PROGRAM - SMART**

If you or your eligible dependents suffer from any form of substance abuse, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the SMART Substance & Recovery Program as follows.

The Substance Management Abuse & Recovery Treatment (SMART) program is a 24-hour, 7-day virtual online substance management and recovery program for members and eligible dependents to assist with all forms of substance abuse including opioids, alcohol, prescription drugs and other drug abuse. The SMART program provides secure access to coaches, therapists, and physicians through a secure mobile and web platform to get on demand assistance when needed.

For more information, please visit [www.ccwucare.com](http://www.ccwucare.com)

## **CANADIAN ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES – Opioid Program**

If you or your eligible dependents suffer from opioid abuse, you and your eligible dependents may be eligible for the Opioid Treatment Program as follows.

The Opioid Treatment Program is an Outpatient Treatment Service for members and eligible dependents who are looking for confidential opioid therapy and treatment. Members and dependents can confidentially call 1-877-937-2282 to begin the process in a same or next day appointment at one of the treatment centres or to obtain virtual care for those who are unable to attend in person.



## SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION TREATMENT - Inpatient

If you suffer from substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction, **you**, may be eligible for the Substance Use Addiction Inpatient treatment as follows.

The Inpatient Substance Use and Addiction Treatment is a program to provide immediate access to a residential bed for substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction. Facilities provide 24/7 access to physicians with addiction training, withdrawal management services, and a team committed to supporting your recovery for the entire year following discharge.

Members can confidentially call 1-844-900-8357 to begin the process in a same or next day appointment with the case management team to obtain required documentation and assist through every step.

## SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION TREATMENT - Outpatient

If you suffer from substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction, **you**, may be eligible for the Intensive Outpatient Program as follows.

The Intensive Outpatient Program provides immediate access to a 8 - week program offered to members for substance use and alcohol, drug, and prescription medication addiction. The Program is offered through video counselling in both the daytime and evenings, accommodating a variety of work schedules to encourage recovery while remaining productive.

Members can confidentially call 1-844-900-8357 to begin the process in a same or next day appointment with the case management team to obtain required documentation and assist through every step.

## BEREAVEMENT PAY

If you suffer the loss of an eligible family member, **you** may be eligible to receive Bereavement Pay from the Plan, for attending funeral or religious services, upon proof of loss of time from work and regular earnings.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you** must:

- Be actively working at the time the bereavement occurs.
- Provide a signed letter from your employer or payroll department (company letterhead) advising of the last day worked, the days you did not work as a result of the bereavement and confirmation that you were employed at the time of death, confirming your absence.
- Provide an original death certificate or statement of death from the funeral home advising of the name and date of death of your family member.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum benefit of \$300 per day.
- Benefit is payable up to maximum of 3 consecutive business days within a 10-day period from date of death.
- Benefits are payable from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of lost earnings as a result of the bereavement provided you were actively working the day immediately preceding the date the bereavement occurred.

### ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

Bereavement benefits will be payable for the loss of the following family members:

- Spouse
- Child, Son-in-law, Daughter-in-law, Step-Children
- Parent, Parent-in-law, Step-Parent
- Grandparent
- Brother, Brother-in-law
- Sister, Sister-in-law

## **INCOME TAX**

Under current tax law, Bereavement benefit payments are taxable to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were in receipt of Bereavement benefit payments in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of received in the prior year.

Any Bereavement benefit payments received on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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## PARENTAL LEAVE

If **you** are actively at work and wish to spend time with your family immediately following the birth of a newborn, you may be eligible to receive parental leave benefits.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you** must:

- Be absent from work immediately following the birth of your child or adopted child up to a maximum of 3 consecutive days within a 10-day period from date of birth.
- Provide a signed letter from your employer or payroll department (company letterhead) advising of the last day worked, the days you did not work as a result of parental leave and confirmation that you were employed at the time of the birth, confirming your absence.
- Provide an original certificate of birth or a temporary health card from the hospital advising of the name and date of birth of your child.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum benefit of \$300 per day.
- Benefit is payable up to a maximum of 3 consecutive business days.

### INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Parental Leave benefit payments are taxable to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were in receipt of Parental Leave benefit payments in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of received in the prior year.

Any Parental Leave benefit payments received on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

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## JURY DUTY BENEFIT

If you suffer a loss of earnings due to an interruption of employment due to Jury Duty, **you** may be eligible to receive Jury Duty benefits.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this benefit, **you** must:

- Show a loss of time of work and regular earnings due to Jury Duty leave.
- Provide a signed letter from your employer or payroll department (company letterhead) advising of the last day worked, the days you did not work as a result of Jury Duty and confirmation that you were employed at the time of Jury Duty.
- Provide an original letter from the courthouse confirming dates of attendance due to Jury Duty.

### BENEFITS

If you have met the eligibility requirements, **you** may be eligible for the following benefits:

- A maximum benefit of \$200 per day.
- Benefits will be payable for a maximum of 100 days.

### INCOME TAX

Under current tax law, Jury Duty benefit payments are taxable to the member in the calendar year in which it was received. Members who were in receipt of Jury Duty benefit payments in the previous calendar year will receive a T4A every February from the Administrative Agent that indicates the total amount of received in the prior year.

Any Jury Duty benefit payments received on behalf of the member (shown on the T4A) must be reported by the member as income in the member's annual income tax return.

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## MEMBER FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - LIFEJOURNEY

If **you or your eligible dependents** need family assistance during times of stress, the LifeJourney, a Digital Member Family Assistance Program (MFAP) provides access to professional confidential counselling services.

LifeJourney provides an access to additional resources to help with a wide range of challenges. Care advocates have specialized expertise, are fluent in different languages and are available to help develop solutions for your problems or concerns.

Counselling is available in person, by phone or online through the vCare app platform. There is no cost to you. Offices are local and appointments are made quickly, with your convenience in mind. The counselling is intended to be short-term and focused on providing you with the tools and resources to address the cause of your stress.

**If you wish to access the Member Family Assistance Program, please call Toll Free 1-800-254-7223 or visit online at [www.vcareregistration.com](http://www.vcareregistration.com).** The Member Family Assistance Program helps you take practical and effective steps to improve your well-being and be the best you can be. Within a supportive, confidential and caring environment you can receive counselling for any challenge including:

ELIGIBLE COUNSELLING:	
Nutrition	Financial Stress
Lifestyle Changes	Addictions
Weight Management	Anxiety
Smoking Cessation	Depression
Family Care	Life Transitions
Elder Care	Greif / Bereavement
Relationships	Other Issues

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (EXTENDED HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL CARE)

If a person covered under this Plan is also covered under another plan, benefits under all plans are adjusted so as to limit the combined payment to 100% of the total allowable expense. The Plans will coordinate the benefits to eliminate over-insurance or duplication of benefits.

The manner in which this is done is to determine which plan pays first (and thus determines where to submit the claim first) and which plan(s) pay next.

**The plan that does not have a Coordination of Benefits provision pays before the plan that does (most, if not all, plans have such a provision).**

The plan that covers the person as:

- Other than a dependent pays before the plan that covers such person as a dependent; or
- A dependent child of the parent, covered as an employee or member, whose birthday occurs first during the calendar year, pays first.

If priority cannot be established in the above manner, the benefits shall be pro-rated between or amongst the plans in proportion to the amounts that would have been paid under each plan had there been coverage by just that plan.

To implement this provision, the Administrative Agent may:

- Subject to the consent of the covered person, if required by law, obtain from or release to any other person, corporation or organization any information deemed to be needed; or
- Pay to or recover from any other person, corporation or organization any excess payment, any payment so made will be deemed to be benefits paid and, to the extent of such payment, will fully discharge the Administrative Agent from all liability under this Plan.

#### Spousal Plan without Coordination of Benefits Provisions

<i>Member</i>	<i>Spouse</i>
For members whose spousal's plans do not have rules on claiming from more than one plan, should, claim first to the spouse's plan then submit unpaid remaining claims to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund when treatment is received.	If your spouse receives treatment, they should claim to his/her plan first then submit unpaid remaining claims to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.

**Spousal Plan with Coordination of Benefits Provisions**

<i><b>Member</b></i>	<i><b>Spouse</b></i>
Members are to claim to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund first then submit unpaid remaining claims to their spouse's plan when treatment is received.	If your spouse receives treatment, they should claim to his/her plan first then submit unpaid remaining claims to the Canadian Construction Workers Union Benefit Trust Fund.

**Dependent Children**

<i><b>Determination of Coverage</b></i>	<i><b>What to do?</b></i>
A dependent child's primary coverage is determined by the parent/guardian whose birthday comes earlier in the calendar year.	A member living with their child's other parent should first claim to the primary coverage then submit unpaid remaining claim to the remaining plan.
<p>If you are separated or divorced, claims for each dependent child should be made in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To the plan of the parent in custody</li> <li>2. To the plan of the spouse of the parent in custody</li> <li>3. To the plan of the parent not having custody</li> <li>4. To the plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody</li> </ol>	

**HOW ARE BENEFITS CALCULATED?**

The group plan that determines benefits first will calculate its benefits as though duplicate coverage does not exist. The group plan that determines benefits second, limits its benefits for each individual item of expense listed on the claim, to the lesser of:

1. The amount that would have been payable had it been the group plan that determines benefits first, or;
2. 100% of the eligible expense (not the submitted expense) reduced by all other benefits payable by the group plan that determines benefits first for the same expense.



The combined payment from all group plans for a particular service/item cannot exceed 100% of the eligible expense. In some cases, the combined payment from all group plans on a particular service/item may be less than the actual expense incurred. Please note, dental expenses are based on the active fee guide for the plan at the time the expense is incurred. Services submitted provided by a specialist will be reimbursed under the current General Practitioners Fee Guide.

As such, where a visit or expense is paid in part by a group plan, the visit will count as one (1) visit, or the expense will accumulate towards any cumulative maximums applicable to that expense.

Where the eligible expense for a submitted claim is paid in full by the group plan that determines benefits first, submission to the group plan that determines benefits second is not required unless the covered individual wishes to count that expense towards any applicable deductions or maximums.

## DEFINITIONS

Allowable expense means any necessary, reasonable and customary item of expense, at least a portion of which is covered under at least one of the plans covering the person for whom the claim is made. When the plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered will be deemed to be both an allowable expense and a benefit paid.

Plan means any contract of group insurance or other arrangement for members of a group (whether on an insured basis or not), prepaid health or dental care coverage, or student accident insurance.

## ONTARIO HEALTH PLAN (OHIP)

The Ontario Health Plan (OHIP) pays most medical and surgical services required by residents of Ontario and their eligible dependents. It also pays for standard ward hospital charges. Regulations for the Ontario Health Plan are made under the Ontario Health Insurance Act and will change from time to time.

Should you have any questions relating to the commencement date or termination procedures of your OHIP coverage, you should contact OHIP directly.

## PROOF OF LOSS

Written proof stating the occurrence, character and extent of loss must be submitted for each Benefit to the Administrative Agent within:

- 6 months after the date of death for Life Insurance Benefits.
- 6 months after the start of disability for Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability Benefit.
- 18 months after the date of the loss, but not more than 6 months after the date coverage terminates, for Extended Health Care and Dental Care benefits.
- Legal action to recover benefits under this plan must begin within 3 years (6 years for Life Insurance) of the date of loss.
- 90 days after the date of loss for Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Occupational Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Emergency Out of Province, Special Needs Life Insurance, Long Term Care, Permanent and Total Disability Accident Benefit, Hospital Cash and Critical Illness Benefits.

CCWUcare shall have the right and opportunity to examine any person whose injury or illness is the basis of claim, when and as often as it may reasonably be required during the pendency and payment period, if any of such claim.

## OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS

In the event where the Plan has paid more benefits to a Member than entitled to, the following measures apply:

- The Member will be notified of the overpayment by CCWUcare and asked to repay the Plan within 30 days after notice or within a longer period if agreed in writing.
- The Trustees may elect that if the Member has hours banked in their Dollar Bank Account, those hours be cancelled up to the number of hours of equivalent monetary value to the amount of overpayment in which they will be notified by CCWUcare.
- If the Member doesn't make the repayment within 30 days, the Trustees may decide the overpayment be treated as a lien against any future benefit claimed by the Member and deducted from any future payments paid to the Member.

## HOW TO SUBMIT A CLAIM

Claim forms are available online or from CCWUcare. Please be sure to complete them fully, attach necessary original paid in full invoices along with any other original documentation where applicable and keep a copy for your records to substantiate your claims, and submit to the following mailing address:

**CCWUcare  
c/o Benefit Plan Administrators Limited  
205 - 1263 Wilson Avenue  
Toronto, ON M3M 3G2**

## INSURANCE PROVIDERS

The benefits described under this plan may be revised from time to time or discontinued. Detailed information about benefits or other provisions of the policies may be obtained from CCWUcare.

The Group Insurance Benefits described in this booklet are insured as follows:

### **CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY - POLICY NO. 177869**

- Member Life Insurance
- Dependent Life Insurance
- Short Term Disability
- Long Term Disability
- Extended Health Care
- Vision Care
- Dental Care

### **BERKLEY CANADA**

- Long Term Care – Policy No. **BC06127**

### **AIG INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA**

- Critical Illness – Policy No. **C19143303**
- Emergency Out of Province Medical – Policy No. **SRG9143302**

### **CHUBB INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA**

- Special Needs Life Insurance – Policy No. **GL10363502**
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment – Policy No. **AB10241022**
- Occupational Accidental Death & Dismemberment – Policy No. **AB10357402**
- Permanent Total Disability Accident Benefit – Policy No. **SG10395003**
- Hospital Cash – Policy No. **SG10395003**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding your coverage, you should contact:

**CCWUcare**  
**c/o Benefit Plan Administrators Limited**  
**1263 Wilson Avenue – East Wing**  
**Suite 205**  
**Toronto, Ontario**  
**M3M 3G2**

**Telephone Directory:**

<b>Member Services Department</b>	<b>416-240-0047</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>416-240-7480</b>
<b>General Fax</b>	<b>416-240-7488</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b>www.ccwucare.com</b>
<b>General Email</b>	<b>info@ccwucare.com</b>
<b>Member Health Management Services</b>	<b>416-240-2104</b>

**Additional Phone Numbers:**

Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP)	1-800-268-6021
Trillium Drug Program	1-800-575-5386
Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Program	1-866-811-9893
AIG – Emergency Out of Province Coverage	
<i>Canada &amp; U.S.A.</i>	1-877-490-7228
<i>Elsewhere (Collect Call)</i>	647-258-7274
Expedited Healthcare	1-844-900-8357
Mental Healthcare - mHealth	1-844-900-8357
Virtual Healthcare – vCare	1-800-254-7223
Healthcare Navigation	1-866-883-5956
Cancer Assistance	1-866-599-2720
Second Opinion Medical - MyConsult	1-866-883-5956
Canadian Addiction Treatment Centres	1-877-937-2282
Addiction Inpatient Services	1-844-900-8357
Member Family Assistance Program (MFAP) LifeJourney	1-800-254-7223
Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB)	1-800-387-0750
Employment Insurance (EI)	1-800-206-7218
Canada Pension Plan (CPP)	1-800-277-9914
Suicide Crisis Line	988



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