

# Ball Packaging Products Canada Corp.

**Group Policy Number:** G0037952, G0085237

**Plan D1:** Whitby Hourly Employees

**Employee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome to Your Group Benefit Program

**Group Policy Effective Date:** June 1, 2009

This Benefit Booklet has been specifically designed with your needs in mind, providing easy access to the information you need about the benefits to which you are entitled.

Group Benefits are important, not only for the financial assistance they provide, but for the security they provide for you and your family, especially in case of unforeseen needs.

Your Plan Administrator can answer any questions you may have about your benefits, or how to submit a claim.

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This Benefit Summary provides information about the specific benefits supplied by Manulife Financial that are part of your Group Plan.

### Employee Life Insurance

#### Benefit Amount

\$70,000

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates upon your retirement

### Extended Health Care

#### *The Benefit*

You may select no coverage, Option A or Option B

**Overall Benefit Maximum** - \$125,000 per lifetime. On each January 1st, up to \$1,000 of your Overall Benefit Maximum which has been paid by Manulife Financial will be restored, up to your age 65. When an insured person's maximum is at least \$1,000 lower than the Overall Benefit Maximum, such person may have it reinstated to the Overall Benefit Maximum by submitting evidence satisfactory to Manulife Financial that such person's health has been restored.

Not applicable to:  
Hospital

#### **Deductible**

Nil

#### **Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)**

100% for

- Hospital Care
- Vision
- Professional Services
- Medical Supplies and Services (excluding Orthopaedic Shoes when not part of a brace or splint)
- Drugs (Option B only)

80% for

- Drugs (Option A only, up to the Out-of-Pocket maximum, and 100% thereafter)

50% for

- Medical Supplies and Services (Orthopaedic Shoes when not part of a brace or splint)

*The Benefit Percentage for Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment is 100%.*

## **Benefit Summary**

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### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

#### Option A only

\$500 per calendar year for family coverage

**Termination Age** - employee's retirement

### ***ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescribed Drugs***

Charges, up to the maximum for this Covered Expense shown in the Benefit Schedule, for drugs prescribed by a licensed doctor (M.D.) or licensed dentist or other professional authorized by provincial legislation to prescribe drugs and dispensed by a registered pharmacist or licensed doctor (M.D.) legally authorized to dispense such drugs. Includes charges for injectable drugs, metamucil, lactaid, cromolyn, Ionil-T shampoo, benzoyl (skin cleansing gel), therapain (spray), viagra, vaccinations, including vaccinations and immunizations for the preventive treatment of communicable diseases, sclerosing agents and incontinence items, e.g. diapers.

- drugs prescribed by a physician or dentist for the treatment of an illness or injury
- oral contraceptives, intrauterine devices and diaphragms
- hematinic vitamins (vitamins to treat blood disorders) properly identified in the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties
- preventive vaccines and medicines (oral or injected)
- prescription vitamins
- drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction
- anti-obesity drugs
- smoking cessation aids (including Natural Health Products licensed for sale in Canada by Health Canada)
- diabetic supplies (excluding cotton swabs, rubbing alcohol, automatic jet injectors and similar equipment)

Charges for the following expenses are not covered:

- the administration of serums, vaccines, or injectable drugs
- drugs, biologicals and related preparations which are administered in hospital on an in-patient or out-patient basis
- drugs determined to be ineligible as a result of due diligence
- dietary supplements, health foods, nutritional products and vitamins (except injectable and hematinic vitamins) and Natural Health Products

### **- Drug Maximums**

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited, subject to Overall Benefit Maximum

### **- Payment of Covered Expenses**

Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum, the Benefit Percentage for drugs and any maximum.

Covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lower cost alternative drug that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary or a lower cost alternative that provides therapeutically similar results as identified by Manulife Financial.

Manulife Financial can limit the covered expense for any drug to that of a lower cost interchangeable drug at the time the drug is purchased.

If there is no lower cost alternative drug for the prescribed

### **- No Substitution Prescriptions**

If your prescription contains a written direction from your physician or dentist that the prescribed drug is not to be substituted with another product and the drug is a covered expense under this benefit, the full cost of the prescribed product is covered.

When you have a "no substitution prescription", please ask your pharmacist to indicate this information on your receipt, when you pay for the prescription. This will help to ensure that your expenses will be reimbursed appropriately when your claim is submitted to Manulife Financial for payment.

### **- Payment of Drug Claims**

Your Pay Direct Drug Card provides your pharmacist with immediate confirmation of covered drug expenses. This means that when you present your Pay Direct Drug Card to your pharmacist at the time of purchase, you and your eligible dependents will not incur out-of-pocket expenses for the full cost of the prescription.

The Pay Direct Drug Card is honoured by participating pharmacists displaying the appropriate Pay Direct Drug decal.

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

- a) present your Pay Direct Drug Card to the pharmacist at the time of purchase, and
- b) pay any amounts that are not covered under this benefit.

You will be required to pay the full cost of the prescription at time of purchase if:

- you cannot locate a participating Pay Direct Drug pharmacy
- you do not have your Pay Direct Drug Card with you at that time
- the prescription is not payable through the Pay Direct Drug Card system

For details on how to receive reimbursement after paying the full cost of the prescription, please see your Plan Administrator.

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### ***Vision Care***

- eye exams, once per 24 months
- purchase and fitting of prescription glasses or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a maximum of \$275 per 24 months
- visual training, to a maximum of \$200 per lifetime

### ***Professional Services***

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

- Chiropractor - \$500 per calendar year combined for services of a chiropractor and massage therapist
- Massage Therapist - \$500 per calendar year combined for services of a chiropractor and massage therapist
- Speech Therapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum
- Physiotherapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum
- Occupational Therapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum

## **Weekly Income (Disability)**

### **Benefit Amount**

Effective December 1, 2017 \$595

Effective December 1, 2019: \$625

Effective December 1, 2020: \$650

Effective June 7, 2022: \$700

**Qualifying Period** – none, if the disability is due to an accident; 4 calendar days, if the disability is due to a sickness

- If hospitalized due to sickness prior to the end of the Qualifying Period, benefits are payable from the first day of hospitalization.

**Maximum Benefit Period** - 78 weeks

**Termination Age** - employee's retirement

### *Designed with Your Needs in Mind*

The Benefit Booklet provides the information you need about your Group Benefits and has been specifically designed with YOUR needs in mind. It includes:

- a detailed Table of Contents, allowing quick access to the information you are searching for
- Explanation of Common Insurance Terms, which provides a brief explanation of the terms used throughout this Benefit Booklet
- a clear, concise explanation of your Group Benefits
- information you need, and simple instructions, on how to submit a claim

### *Important Note*

The purpose of this booklet is to outline the benefits for which you are eligible as an employee of Ball Packaging Products Canada Corp. The information in this booklet is a summary of the provisions of the Group Policy. In the event of a discrepancy between this booklet and the Policy (both available from your employer), the terms of the Group Policy will apply.

The booklet is provided for information purposes only and does not create or confer any contractual rights or obligations.

Possession of this booklet alone does not mean that you or your dependents are covered. The Group Policy must be in effect and you must satisfy all the requirements of the Policy.

Where required by law, you or any claimant under the Group Policy has the right to request a copy of any or all of the following items:

- the Group Policy,
- your application for group benefits, and
- any Evidence of Insurability you submitted as part of your application for benefits.

In the case of a claimant, access to these documents is limited to that which is relevant to the filing of a claim, or the denial of a claim under the Group Policy.

Manulife Financial reserves the right to charge you for such documentation after your first request.

**We suggest you read this Benefit Booklet carefully, then file it in a safe place with your other important documents.**

## **How to Use Your Benefit Booklet**

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### ***Your Group Benefit Card***

Your Group Benefit Card is the most important document issued to you as part of your Group Benefit Program. It is the only document that identifies you as a Plan Member. The Group Policy Number and your personal Certificate Number may be required before you are admitted to a hospital, or before you receive dental or medical treatment.

The Group Policy Number and your Certificate Number are also necessary for ALL correspondence with Manulife Financial. Please note that you can print your Certificate Number on the front of this booklet for easy reference.

*Your Group Benefit Card is an important document. Please be sure to carry it with you at all times.*



## **Explanation of Common Insurance Terms**

*The following is an explanation of the terms used in this Benefit Booklet.*

### ***Adherence***

use drug, service or supply in accordance with the terms for which it was prescribed.

### ***Advisory Body***

Manulife Financial approved external experts that may provide Manulife Financial with recommendations, applying a pharmacoeconomic or cost effectiveness evaluation.

### ***Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)***

the percentage of Covered Expenses which is payable by Manulife Financial.

### ***Covered Expenses***

expenses that will be considered in the calculation of payment due under your Extended Health Care or Dental Care benefit.

### ***Deductible***

the amount of Covered Expenses that must be incurred and paid by you or your dependents before benefits are payable by Manulife Financial.

### ***Dependent***

your Spouse or Child who is insured under the Provincial Plan.

### ***-Spouse***

your legal spouse, or a person continuously living with you in a role like that of a marriage partner for at least 12 months, or less than 12 months if there is a child from the relationship.

Only one spouse will be eligible for benefits under this Policy, and will be as indicated by you on your application for benefits under this policy. Where this information is not contained on the application, the person who qualifies last under this policy's definition of spouse will be the eligible spouse.

### ***- Child***

- your natural or adopted child, or stepchild, who is:
  - unmarried
  - under age 21, or a full-time student
  - not employed on a full-time basis, and
  - not eligible for insurance as an employee under this or any other Group Benefit Program
- a child who is incapacitated on the date he or she reaches the age when coverage would normally terminate will continue to be an eligible dependent. However, the child must have been insured under this Benefit Program immediately prior to that date.

A child is considered incapacitated if he or she is incapable of engaging in any substantially gainful activity and is dependent on the employee for support, maintenance and care, due to a mental or physical handicap.

## **Explanation of Common Insurance Terms**

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Manulife Financial may require written proof of the child's condition as often as may reasonably be necessary.

- a stepchild must be living with you to be eligible
- a newborn child shall become eligible from 24 hours old

### ***Disease Management Programs***

an approach to healthcare that teaches patients how to manage a chronic disease. A system of coordinated healthcare interventions and communications for patients with conditions in which patient self-care efforts are significant in the management of their condition.

### ***Drug***

a medication that has been approved for use by Health Canada and has a Drug Identification Number.

### ***Due Diligence***

a process employed by Manulife Financial to assess new drugs, existing drugs with new indications, services or supplies to determine eligibility under the Group Policy. This process may use pharmacoeconomics, cost effectiveness analysis reference information from existing Federal or Provincial formularies, recognized clinical practice guidelines, or an advisory body.

### ***Exclusive Distribution***

Manulife Financial approved vendors.

### ***Experimental or Investigational***

not approved as an effective, appropriate and essential treatment of an illness or injury.

### ***Immediate Family Member***

you, your spouse or child, your parent or your spouse's parent, your brother or sister, or your spouse's brother or sister.

### ***Interchangeable Drug***

includes but is not limited to:

- a generic equivalent to the brand name drug deemed to be interchangeable by law where the drug is dispensed;
- a drug that contains the same active ingredient that has not been deemed interchangeable in the province where the drug is dispensed; but has been identified as interchangeable by Manulife Financial.

### ***Licensed, Certified, Registered***

the status of a person who legally engages in practice by virtue of a license or certificate issued by the appropriate authority, in the place where the service is provided.

### ***Life-Sustaining Drugs***

non-prescription drugs which are necessary to sustain life.

## **Explanation of Common Insurance Terms**

### ***Lower Cost Alternative***

if two or more drugs, supplies or services result in therapeutically similar results, or prescribing guidelines recommend alternate drugs, supplies or services be tried first that are lower in cost, the lower cost alternative will be considered.

### ***Medically Necessary***

accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession and Manulife Financial as effective, appropriate and essential treatment of an illness or injury. Manulife Financial has the right after due diligence has been completed to determine whether the drug, service or supply is covered under the Group Policy.

### ***Natural Health Products***

products licensed for sale in Canada by Health Canada as a Natural Health Product.

### ***Non-Evidence Limit***

you must submit satisfactory medical evidence to Manulife Financial for Benefit Amounts greater than this amount.

### ***Out-of-Pocket Maximum***

the portion of eligible expenses, consisting of Deductibles and your portion of the Benefit Percentage, which must be paid out by you before the plan will pay 100%.

### ***Patient Assistance Program***

a program that provides assistance to you or your dependents who are prescribed select drugs, supplies or services. Manufacturers and distributors may provide patient assistance programs that include financial support, along with education and training.

### ***Pharmacoeconomics***

the scientific discipline that evaluates the value of pharmaceutical drugs, clinical services or supplies. This discipline includes but is not limited to clinical evaluations, risk analysis, economic value and the cost consequences to plans. Pharmacoeconomic studies serve to guide optimal healthcare resource allocation, in a standardized and scientifically grounded manner as determined by Manulife Financial.

### ***Prior Authorization***

a claims management feature applied to a specific list of drugs, supplies or services to determine eligibility based on predefined clinical criteria and a pharmacoeconomic or cost effectiveness evaluation.

### ***Provincial Plan***

any plan which provides hospital, medical, or dental benefits established by the government in the province where the insured person lives.

## **Explanation of Common Insurance Terms**

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### ***Reasonable and Customary***

the lowest of:

- the prevailing amount charged for the same or comparable service or supply in the area in which the charge is incurred, as determined by Manulife Financial,
- the amount shown in the applicable professional association fee guide, or
- the maximum price established by law.

### ***Waiting Period***

the period of continuous employment with your employer which you must complete before you are eligible for Group Benefits.

### ***Ward***

a hospital room with 3 or more beds which provides standard accommodation for patients.

## Why Group Benefits?

Government health plans can provide coverage for such basic medical expenses as hospital charges and doctors' fees. In case of disability, government plans (such as Employment Insurance, Canada/Quebec Pension Plan, Workers' Compensation Act, etc.) may provide some financial assistance.

But government plans provide only basic coverage. Medical expenses or a disability can create financial hardship for you and your family.

Private health care and disability programs supplement government plans and can provide benefits not available through any government plan, providing security for you and your family when you need it most.

Your Group Benefit Program is provided by Ball Packaging Products Canada Corp., in partnership with The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company.

### **Your Plan Administrator**

Your Plan Administrator is responsible for ensuring that all employees are covered for the Benefits to which they are entitled by submitting all required premiums, reporting all new enrolments, terminations, changes, etc., and keeping all records up to date.

As a member of this Group Benefit Program, it is up to you to provide your Plan Administrator with the necessary information to perform such duties.

Your Plan Administrator is _____
Phone Number: _____

*Please record the name of your Plan Administrator and the contact number in the space provided.*

### **Applying for Group Benefits**

To apply for Group Benefits, you must submit a completed Enrolment or Re-enrolment Application form, available from your Plan Administrator. Your Plan Administrator then forwards the application to Manulife Financial.

### **Making Changes**

To ensure that coverage is kept up to date for yourself and your dependents, it is vital that you report any changes to your Plan Administrator. Such changes could include:

- change in Dependent Coverage
- change in Beneficiary
- applying for coverage previously waived
- change in Name

To make such changes, you must complete the Application for Change Form available from your Plan Administrator.

# The Claims Process

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## ***Naming a Beneficiary***

Manulife Financial does not accept beneficiary designations for any benefits other than Employee Life Insurance.

**This Plan contains a provision removing or restricting the right of the group life insured to designate persons to whom or for whose benefit insurance money is to be payable.**

## ***How to Submit a Claim***

All claim forms, available from your Plan Administrator, must be correctly completed, dated and signed. Remember, always provide your Group Policy Number and your Certificate number (found on your Group Benefit Card) to avoid any unnecessary delays in the processing of your claim.

Your Plan Administrator can assist you in properly completing the forms, and answer any questions you may have about the claims process and your Group Benefit Program.

You may not commence legal action against Manulife Financial less than 60 days after proof has been filed as outlined under Submitting a Claim. Every action or proceeding against Manulife Financial for the recovery of insurance money payable under the plan is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act or applicable legislation.

## ***Payment of Extended Health Care Claims***

Once the claim has been processed, Manulife Financial will send a Claim Statement to you.

The top portion of this form outlines the claim or claims made, the amount subtracted to satisfy deductibles, and the benefit percentage used to determine the final payment to be made to you. If you have any questions on the amount, your Plan Administrator will help explain.

The bottom portion of this form is your claims payment, if applicable. Simply tear along the perforated line, endorse the back of the cheque and you can cash it at any chartered bank or trust company.

You should receive settlement of your claim within three weeks from the date of submission to Manulife Financial. If you have not received payment, please contact your Plan Administrator.

## ***Co-ordination of Extended Health Care Benefits***

If you or your dependents are covered for similar benefits under another Plan, this information will be taken into account when determining the amount of expenses payable under this Program.

This process is known as Co-ordination of Benefits. It allows for reimbursement of covered medical and dental expenses from all Plans, up to a total of 100% of the actual expense incurred.

Plan means:

- other Group Benefit Programs,
- any other arrangement of coverage for individuals in a group, and
- individual travel insurance plans.

Plan does not include school insurance or Provincial Plans.

### Order of Benefit Payment

A variety of circumstances will affect which Plan is considered as the "Primary Carrier" (ie., responsible for making the initial payment toward the eligible expense), and which Plan is considered as the "Secondary Carrier" (ie., responsible for making the payment to cover the remaining eligible expense).

- If the other Plan does not provide for Co-ordination of Benefits, it will be considered as the Primary Carrier, and will be responsible for making the initial payment toward the eligible expense.
- If the other Plan does provide for Co-ordination of Benefits, the following rules are applied to determine which Plan is the Primary Carrier.

**- For Claims incurred by you or your Dependent Spouse:**

The Plan covering you or your Dependent Spouse as an employee/member pays benefits before the Plan covering you or your Spouse as a dependent.

In situations where you or your Spouse have coverage as an employee/member under more than one Plan, the order of benefit payment will be determined as follows:

- The Plan where the person is covered as an active full-time employee, then
- The Plan where the person is covered as an active part-time employee, then
- The Plan where the person is covered as a retiree.

**- For Claims incurred by your Dependent Child:**

The Plan covering the parent whose birthday (month/day) is earlier in the calendar year pays benefits first. If both parents have the same birthdate, the Plan covering the parent whose first name begins with the earlier letter in the alphabet pays first.

However, if you and your Spouse are separated or divorced, the following order applies:

- The Plan of the parent with custody of the child, then
- The Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child (i.e., if the parent with custody of the child remarries or has a common-law spouse, the new spouse's Plan will pay benefits for the Dependent Child), then
- The Plan of the parent not having custody of the child, then
- The Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child (i.e., if the parent without custody of the child remarries or has a common-law spouse, the new spouse's Plan will pay benefits for the Dependent Child).
- Where you and your spouse share joint custody of the child, the Plan covering the parent whose birthday (month/day) is earlier in the calendar year pays benefits first. If both parents have the same birthdate, the Plan covering the parent whose first name begins with the earlier letter in the alphabet pays first.

## **The Claims Process**

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- A claim for accidental injury to natural teeth will be determined under Extended Health Care Plans with accidental dental coverage before it is considered under Dental Plans.
- If the order of benefit payment cannot be determined from the above, the benefits payable under each Plan will be in proportion to the amount that would have been payable if Co-ordination of Benefits did not exist.
- If the person is also covered under an individual travel insurance plan, benefits will be co-ordinated in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association.

### **Submitting a Claim for Co-ordination of Benefits**

To submit a claim when Co-ordination of Benefits applies, refer to the following guidelines:

- As per the Order of Benefit Payment section, determine which Plan is the Primary Carrier and which is the Secondary Carrier.
- Submit all necessary claim forms and original receipts to the Primary Carrier.
- Keep a photocopy of each receipt or ask the Primary Carrier to return the original receipts to you once your claim has been settled.
- Once your claim has been settled by the Primary Carrier, you will receive a statement outlining how your claim has been handled. Submit this statement along with all necessary claim forms and receipts to the Secondary Carrier for further consideration of payment, if applicable.



### ***Eligibility***

You are eligible for Group Benefits if you:

- are an active, permanent, hourly employee of Ball Packaging Products Canada Corp., working full-time at the Whitby Ontario Plant, and work at least the Required Number of Hours,
- are a member of an eligible class,
- are younger than the Termination Age,
- are residing in Canada,
- are covered under a Provincial Health Insurance Plan, and
- have completed the Waiting Period.

An Employee will become eligible for insurance on the later of;

- the Effective Date; or
- the first of the month following the month of employment.

For Drug Option B

An Employee's coverage for Drug Option B will become effective the later of:

- a) the Employee becomes eligible;
- b) the Employee makes a written request 31 days from being eligible; and
- c) January 1 of the year following the receipt of the Employee's written request for payroll deductions.

The Termination Age and Waiting Period may vary from benefit to benefit. For this information, please refer to each benefit in the section entitled Your Group Benefits.

Your dependents are eligible for coverage on the date you become eligible or the date you first acquire a dependent, whichever is later. You must apply for insurance for yourself in order for your dependents to be eligible.

### ***Required Number of Hours***

For Full-time employee: normal work schedule of at least 25 hours per week.

### ***Evidence of Insurability***

Medical evidence is required when you apply for insurance in excess of the Non-Evidence Limit.

Medical evidence is also required for all benefits when you make a Late Application for insurance on any person.

## **Who Qualifies for Coverage?**

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### ***Late Application***

If you apply for benefits that were previously waived because you were covered for similar benefits under your spouse's plan, your application is considered late when you:

- apply for insurance more than 31 days after the date benefits terminated under your spouse's plan; or
- apply for benefits, and benefits under your spouse's plan have not terminated.

Medical evidence can be submitted by completing the Evidence of Insurability form, available from your Plan Administrator. Further medical evidence may be requested by Manulife Financial.

### ***Effective Date of Coverage***

- If Evidence of Insurability is not required, your Group Benefits will be effective on the date you are Eligible.
- If Evidence of Insurability is required, your Group Benefits will be effective on the date you become eligible or the date the evidence is approved by Manulife Financial, whichever is later.

You must be actively at work for insurance to become effective. If you are not actively at work on the date your insurance would normally become effective, your insurance will take effect on the next day on which you are again actively at work.

Your dependent's insurance becomes effective on the date the dependent becomes eligible, or the date any required medical evidence on the dependent is approved by Manulife Financial, whichever is later.

Your dependent's insurance will not be effective prior to the date your insurance becomes effective.

### ***Termination of Insurance***

Your Group Insurance will terminate on the earliest of:

- the date you cease to be an eligible employee
- the date you cease to be actively at work, unless the Group Policy allows for your coverage to be extended beyond this date
- the date your employer terminates coverage
- the date you enter the armed forces of any country on a full-time basis
- the date the Group Policy terminates or coverage on the class to which you belong terminates
- the date you reach the Termination Age
- the date of your death

Your dependents' insurance terminates on the date your insurance terminates or the date the dependent ceases to be an eligible dependent, whichever is earlier.

### Employee Life Insurance

If you die while insured, this benefit provides financial assistance to your beneficiary. If your beneficiary dies before you or if there is no designated beneficiary, this benefit is payable to your estate.

#### ***The Benefit***

##### **Benefit Amount**

\$70,000

##### **Non-Evidence Limit**

\$70,000

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates upon your retirement

##### **Waiting Period**

first of the month following the month of employment for employees hired on or prior to the Group Policy Effective Date

first of the month following the month of employment for all other employees

#### ***Naming a Beneficiary***

You have the right to designate and/or change a beneficiary, subject to governing law. The necessary forms are available from your Plan Administrator.

You should review your beneficiary designation to be sure that it reflects your current intent.

#### ***Submitting a Claim***

To submit an Employee Life Insurance claim, your beneficiary must complete the Life Claim form which is available from your Plan Administrator.

Documents necessary to submit with the form are listed on the form.

A completed claim form must be submitted within 90 days from the date of the loss.

#### ***Conversion Privilege***

If your Group Benefits terminate or reduce, you may be eligible to convert your Employee Life Insurance to an individual policy, without medical evidence. Your application for the individual policy along with the first monthly premium must be received by Manulife Financial within 31 days of the termination or reduction of your Employee Life Insurance. If you die during this 31-day period, the amount of Employee Life Insurance available for conversion will be paid to your beneficiary or estate, even if you didn't apply for conversion.

For more information on the conversion privilege, please see your Plan Administrator. Provincial differences may exist.

## Your Group Benefits

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### Extended Health Care

If you or your dependents incur charges for any of the Covered Expenses specified, your Extended Health Care benefit can provide financial assistance.

Payment of Covered Expenses is subject to any maximum amounts shown below under The Benefit and in the expenses listed under Covered Expenses.

Claim amounts that will be applied to the maximum are the amounts paid after applying the Deductible, Benefit Percentage, and any other applicable provisions.

#### Drug Benefit and Pharmacy Services for Quebec Residents

Group benefit plans that provide prescription drug coverage to Quebec residents must meet certain requirements under Quebec's prescription drug insurance and pharmacy services insurance legislation (An Act Respecting Prescription Drug Insurance and the Health Insurance Act And Amending Various Legislative Provisions). If you and your dependents reside in Quebec, the provisions specified under Drug Benefit and Pharmacy Services For Persons Who Reside In Quebec, will apply to your drug benefit.

#### ***The Benefit***

You may select no coverage, Option 2 or Option 3

**Overall Benefit Maximum** - \$125,000 per lifetime. On each January 1st, up to \$1,000 of your Overall Benefit Maximum which has been paid by Manulife Financial will be restored, up to your age 65. When an insured person's maximum is at least \$1,000 lower than the Overall Benefit Maximum, such person may have it reinstated to the Overall Benefit Maximum by submitting evidence satisfactory to Manulife Financial that such person's health has been restored.

Not applicable to:  
Hospital

#### ***Deductible***

Nil

#### **Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)**

100% for  
Hospital Care  
Vision  
Professional Services  
Medical Supplies and Services (excluding Orthopaedic Shoes when not part of a brace or splint)  
Drugs (Option B only)

80% for  
Drugs (Option A only, up to the Out-of-Pocket maximum, and 100% thereafter)

50% for  
Medical Supplies and Services (Orthopaedic Shoes when not part of a brace or splint)

*The Benefit Percentage for Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment is 100%*

#### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

Option A only

\$500 per calendar year for family coverage

**Termination Age** - employee's retirement.

### **Waiting Period**

first of the month following the month of employment for full-time employees hired on or prior to the Group Policy Effective Date

first of the month following the month of employment for all other full-time employees

### **Covered Expenses**

The expenses specified are covered to the extent that they are reasonable and customary, as determined by Manulife Financial, provided they are:

- medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury and recommended by a physician
- incurred for the care of a person while covered under this Group Benefit Program
- reasonable taking all factors into account
- not covered under the Provincial Plan or any other government-sponsored program
- legally insurable
- used as prescribed or recommended by a physician
- associated with any drug, supply or service that was subject to the due diligence process, the process has been completed with the result that expenses for that drug, supply or service are eligible under the policy as of the date of approval as determined by Manulife Financial and shared with your employer as required.

In the event that a provincial plan or government-sponsored program or plan or legally mandated program excludes, discontinues or reduces payment for any services, treatments or supplies formerly covered in full or in part by such plan or program, this policy will not automatically assume coverage of the charges for such treatments, services or supplies, but will reserve the right to determine, at the time of change, whether the expenses will be considered eligible or not.

This policy will not automatically assume eligibility for all drugs, services and supplies. New drugs, existing drugs with new indications, services and supplies are reviewed by Manulife Financial using the due diligence process. Once this process has been completed, the decision will be made by Manulife Financial to include as a covered expense, include with prior authorization criteria, exclude or apply maximum limits.

Manulife Financial maintains a list of drugs, services and supplies that require prior authorization. Prior authorization is applied to ensure that the therapy prescribed is medically necessary. Where there are lower cost alternative treatments or prescribing guidelines recommend alternative drugs be tried first that are lower in cost, you or your eligible dependents will be required to have tried an alternative treatment unless medical contraindications to alternative treatments exist.

At Manulife Financial's discretion, medical information, test results or other documentation will be required from your physician to determine the eligibility of the drug, service or supply.

Manulife Financial has the right to ensure you or your dependents access Manulife Financial's exclusive distribution channels where applicable when purchasing a drug, service or supply. Manulife Financial may decline a drug, service or supply purchased from a provider outside the exclusive distribution channel.

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### **Adherence**

Non-compliance may result in the drug, service or supply no longer being eligible for reimbursement.

### **Patient Assistance Programs**

Manulife Financial may require you or your dependents to apply to and participate in any patient assistance program to which you or your dependents are entitled. Manulife Financial reserves the right to reduce the amount of a covered expense by the amount of financial assistance you or your dependents are entitled to receive under a patient assistance program.

### **Disease Management Programs**

Participation in a disease management program may be required. Participation will be at the discretion of Manulife Financial.

### **Advance Supply Limitation**

Payment of any Covered Expenses under this benefit which may be purchased in large quantities will be limited to the purchase of up to a 3 months' supply at any one time.

### **- Drug Expenses**

The maximum quantity of drugs that will be payable for each prescription will be limited to the lesser of:

- the quantity prescribed by your physician or dentist, or
- a 34 day supply.

A quantity of up to a 100-day supply may be payable in long term therapy cases, where the larger quantity is recommended as appropriate by your physician and pharmacist.

### **Hospital Care**

- charges, in excess of the hospital's public ward charge, for semi-private accommodation, provided:
  - the person was confined to hospital on an in-patient basis, and
  - the accommodation was specifically elected in writing by the patient
- charges for any portion of the cost of ward accommodation, utilization or co-payment fees (or similar charges) are not covered

### **ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescribed Drugs**

Charges, up to the maximum for this Covered Expense shown in the Benefit Schedule, for drugs prescribed by a licensed doctor (M.D.) or licensed dentist or other professional authorized by provincial legislation to prescribe drugs and dispensed by a registered pharmacist or licensed doctor (M.D.) legally authorized to dispense such drugs. Includes charges for injectable drugs, metamucil, lactaid, cromolyn, Ionil-T shampoo, benzoyl (skin cleansing gel), therapain (spray), viagra, vaccinations, including vaccinations and immunizations for the preventive treatment of communicable diseases, sclerosing agents and incontinence items, e.g. diapers.

- drugs prescribed by a physician or dentist for the treatment of an illness or injury
- oral contraceptives, intrauterine devices and diaphragms

- hematinic vitamins (vitamins to treat blood disorders) properly identified in the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties
- preventive vaccines and medicines (oral or injected)
- prescription vitamins
- drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction
- anti-obesity drugs
- smoking cessation aids (including Natural Health Products licensed for sale in Canada by Health Canada)
- diabetic supplies (excluding cotton swabs, rubbing alcohol, automatic jet injectors and similar equipment)

Charges for the following expenses are not covered:

- the administration of serums, vaccines, or injectable drugs
- drugs, biologicals and related preparations which are administered in hospital on an in-patient or out-patient basis
- drugs determined to be ineligible as a result of due diligence
- dietary supplements, health foods, nutritional products and vitamins (except injectable and hematinic vitamins) and Natural Health Products

### **- Drug Maximums**

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited, subject to Overall Benefit Maximum

### **- Payment of Covered Expenses**

Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum, the Benefit Percentage for drugs and any maximum.

Covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lower cost alternative drug that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary or a lower cost alternative that provides therapeutically similar results as identified by Manulife Financial.

Manulife Financial can limit the covered expense for any drug to that of a lower cost interchangeable drug at the time the drug is purchased.

If there is no lower cost alternative drug for the prescribed

### **- No Substitution Prescriptions**

If your prescription contains a written direction from your physician or dentist that the prescribed drug is not to be substituted with another product and the drug is a covered expense under this benefit, the full cost of the prescribed product is covered.

When you have a "no substitution prescription", please ask your pharmacist to indicate this information on your receipt, when you pay for the prescription. This will help to ensure that your expenses will be reimbursed appropriately when your claim is submitted to Manulife Financial for payment.

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### **- Payment of Drug Claims**

Your Pay Direct Drug Card provides your pharmacist with immediate confirmation of covered drug expenses. This means that when you present your Pay Direct Drug Card to your pharmacist at the time of purchase, you and your eligible dependents will not incur out-of-pocket expenses for the full cost of the prescription.

The Pay Direct Drug Card is honoured by participating pharmacists displaying the appropriate Pay Direct Drug decal.

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

- c) present your Pay Direct Drug Card to the pharmacist at the time of purchase, and
- d) pay any amounts that are not covered under this benefit.

You will be required to pay the full cost of the prescription at time of purchase if:

- you cannot locate a participating Pay Direct Drug pharmacy
- you do not have your Pay Direct Drug Card with you at that time
- the prescription is not payable through the Pay Direct Drug Card system

For details on how to receive reimbursement after paying the full cost of the prescription, please see your Plan Administrator.

### **Vision Care**

- eye exams, once per 24 months
- purchase and fitting of prescription glasses or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a maximum of \$275 per 24 months
- visual training, to a maximum of \$200 per lifetime

### **Professional Services**

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

- Chiropractor - \$500 per calendar year combined for services of a chiropractor and massage therapist
- Massage Therapist - \$500 per calendar year combined for services of a chiropractor and massage therapist
- Speech Therapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum
- Physiotherapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum
- Occupational Therapist - Unlimited, subject to the Overall Plan Maximum

Expenses for services of a chiropractor may be payable in part by Provincial Plans. In those provinces, expenses under this Benefit Program are payable after the Provincial Plan's maximum for the benefit year has been paid.

Expenses for all other Professional Services may be payable in part by Provincial Plans. Coverage for the balance of such expenses prior to reaching the Provincial Plan maximum may be prohibited by



provincial legislation. In those provinces, expenses under this Benefit Program are payable after the Provincial Plan's maximum for the benefit year has been paid..

Recommendation by a physician for Professional Services is not required.

### ***Medical Services and Supplies***

For all medical equipment and supplies covered under this provision, Covered Expenses will be limited to the cost of the device or item that adequately meets the patient's fundamental medical needs.

### **Private Duty Nursing**

Services which are deemed to be within the practice of nursing and which are provided in the patient's home by, or under the supervision of, an LPN, or RPN Home Health Care Services include the following treatments:

- part-time or intermittent nursing care by, or under the supervision of, an RN or LPN;
- part-time or intermittent home health aide services which consist primarily of caring for the patient;
- physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, medical social services, nutritional guidance, hemodialysis, oxygen and it's administration, and diagnostic services;
- medical supplies, drugs and medications prescribed by a physician provided such supplies would have been prescribed if the patient had remained in the hospital.

Charges for the following services are not covered:

- service provided primarily for custodial care, homemaking duties, or supervision
- service performed by a nursing practitioner who is an immediate family member or who lives with the patient
- service performed while the patient is confined in a hospital, nursing home, or similar institution
- service which can be performed by a person of lesser qualification, a relative, friend, or a member of the patient's household

### ***Pre-Determination of Benefits***

Before the services begin, it is advisable that you submit a detailed treatment plan with cost estimates. You will then be advised of any benefit that will be provided.

### **Ambulance**

- licensed ambulance service provided in the patient's province of residence, including air ambulance, to transfer the patient to the nearest hospital where adequate treatment is available

### **Medical Equipment**

- rental or, when approved by Manulife Financial, purchase of:
  - Mobility Equipment: crutches, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs
  - Durable Medical Equipment: manual hospital beds, respiratory and oxygen equipment, and other durable equipment usually found only in hospitals

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### Non-Dental Prostheses, Supports and Hearing Aids

- external prostheses
- contact lenses or glasses following cataract surgery, limited to 1 pair per lifetime
- surgical stockings
- surgical brassieres
- braces (other than foot braces), trusses, collars, leg orthosis, casts and splints
- stock-item orthopaedic shoes and modifications or adjustments to stock-item orthopaedic shoes or regular footwear (recommendation of either a physician or a podiatrist is required) and custom-made shoes which are required because of a medical abnormality that, based on medical evidence, cannot be accommodated in a stock-item orthopaedic shoe or a modified stock-item orthopaedic shoe (must be constructed by a certified orthopaedic footwear specialist) , up to a maximum of 1 pair per calendar year
- casted, custom-made orthotics, (recommendation of either a physician or a podiatrist is required)
- cost, installation, repair and maintenance of hearing aids, (excluding charges for batteries), to a maximum of \$500 per 60 months

### Other Supplies and Services

- ileostomy, colostomy and incontinence supplies
- medicated dressings and burn garments
- wigs and hairpieces for patients with temporary hair loss as a result of medical treatment
- oxygen
- CPAP masks, including replacements
- handrails
- raised toilet seats
- microscopic and other similar diagnostic tests and services rendered in a licensed laboratory in the province of Quebec
- charges for the treatment of accidental injuries to natural teeth or jaw, provided the treatment is rendered within 12 months of the accident, unless a longer period is required by legislation, excluding injuries due to biting or chewing

### ***Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada***

- treatment required as a result of a medical emergency while temporarily outside the province of residence, provided the insured person who receives the treatment is also covered by the Provincial Plan during the absence from the province of residence, up to a maximum of \$40,000 per lifetime.

A Medical Emergency is:

- a sudden, unexpected injury or a new medical condition which occurs while an insured person (you or your dependent) is travelling outside of his province of residence, or
- a specific medical problem or chronic condition that was diagnosed but medically stable prior to departure

Stable means that, in the 90 days before departure, the insured person (you or your dependent) has not:

- been treated or tested for any new symptoms or conditions
- had an increase or worsening of any existing symptoms
- changed treatments or medications (other than normal adjustments for ongoing care)
- been admitted to the hospital for treatment of the condition

Coverage is not available if you (or your dependents) have scheduled non-routine appointments, tests or treatments for the condition or an undiagnosed condition.

Coverage is also available for medical emergencies related to pregnancy as long as travel is completed at least 4 weeks before the due date.

A medical emergency ends when the attending physician feels that, based on the medical evidence, a patient is stable enough to return to his home province or territory.

Charges for the following are payable under this expense:

- physician's services
- hospital room and board at standard ward rates. Charges in excess of ward rates are payable, if hospital coverage is provided under this Benefit Program.
- the cost of special hospital services
- hospital charges for out-patient treatment
- licensed ambulance services, including air ambulance, to transfer the patient to the nearest medical facility or hospital where adequate treatment is available
- medical evacuation for admission to a hospital or medical facility in the province where the patient normally resides

The amount payable for these expenses will be the reasonable and customary charges less the amount payable by the Provincial Plan.

Charges incurred outside the province of residence for all other Covered Extended Health Care Expenses are payable on the same basis as if they were incurred in the province of residence.

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### ***Submitting a Claim***

To submit an Extended Health Care claim, you must complete an Extended Health Care Claim form, except when claiming for physician or hospital expenses incurred outside your province of residence. For these expenses, you must complete an Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada claim form. Claim forms are available from your Plan Administrator.

All applicable receipts must be attached to the completed claim form when submitting it to Manulife Financial.

All claims must be submitted within 12 months after the date the expense was incurred.

Claims for Out-of-Canada expenses must first be submitted to the Provincial Plan for payment. Any outstanding balance should be submitted to Manulife Financial, along with the explanation of payment from the Provincial Plan.

### ***Subrogation (Third Party Liability)***

If your medical expenses result from an injury caused by another person and you have the legal right to recover damages, Manulife Financial may request that you complete a subrogation reimbursement agreement when you submit a claim for such expenses.

On settlement or judgement of your legal action, you will be required to reimburse Manulife Financial those amounts you recover which, when added to the payments you received from Manulife Financial, exceed 100% of your incurred expenses.

### ***Exclusions***

*No Extended Health Care benefits are payable for expenses related to:*

- for Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada only, self-inflicted injuries, either directly or indirectly, unless medical evidence establishes that the injuries are related to a mental health illness
- war, insurrection, the hostile actions of any armed forces or participation in a riot or civil commotion
- committing or attempting to commit an assault or criminal offence
- injuries sustained while operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of any intoxicant, including alcohol
- an illness or injury for which benefits are payable under any government plan or workers' compensation
- charges for periodic check-ups, broken appointments, third party examinations, travel for health purposes, or completion of claim forms
- services or supplies provided by an employer's medical or dental department
- services or supplies for which no charge would normally be made in the absence of insurance
- services and supplies where reimbursement would have been made under a government-sponsored plan, in the absence of insurance

- services or supplies which are not permitted by law to be paid
- services or supplies which are required for recreation or sports
- services or supplies which would have been payable by the Provincial Plan if proper application had been made
- medical treatment which is not usual or customary, or is experimental or investigational in nature
- medical or surgical care which is cosmetic
- services or supplies which are performed or provided by the insured person, an immediate family member or a person who lives with the insured person
- services or supplies which are provided while confined in a hospital on an in-patient basis
- services or supplies which are not specified as a covered expense under this benefit

### ***Continuation of Coverage***

If a person is Disabled when insurance under this Benefit terminates, Covered Expenses related to the treatment of the Disability will continue to be payable by Manulife Financial.

Coverage will be continued for up to 90 days after insurance would otherwise have terminated while the person remains Disabled. Any claims will be subject to the time limitations as outlined under Submitting a Claim, unless a longer period is required by legislation. However, coverage will terminate if the disabled person becomes eligible for insurance under another group plan.

You will be considered Disabled if you are eligible for disability benefits under any other provision of this Policy.

A Dependent will be considered Disabled if he is receiving medical treatment from a Physician and confined to a Hospital or to his home.

### ***Drug Benefit and Pharmacy Services For Persons Who Reside In Quebec***

If you and your dependents reside in Quebec, the following provisions apply to your drug benefit coverage.

### ***Covered Expenses***

The following expenses are covered:

- drugs that are on the List of Insured Drugs that is published by the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ List), provided such drugs are on the list at the time the expense is incurred, and
- covered pharmacy services that are to be paid when the drug is on the RAMQ List, and
- drugs that are listed as a covered expense in this Benefit Booklet, but are not on the RAMQ List.

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### ***Coverage for drugs on the List of Insured Drugs that is published by the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ List) and pharmacy services published for private plans***

The following provisions apply to the coverage of drugs that are on the RAMQ List and pharmacy services for private plans, as legislated by An Act Respecting Prescription Drug Insurance and the Health Insurance Act (R.S.Q. c., A-29-01). Coverage for all other drugs will be subject to the regular provisions included in this Benefit Booklet:

#### **a) Benefit Percentage**

Prior to the annual out-of-pocket maximum being reached, the percentage of covered drug expenses payable will be:

- i) for any drugs on the RAMQ list which are not otherwise covered under the terms of the plan, the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.
- ii) for any Legislated pharmacy services which are not otherwise covered under the terms of the plan, the percentage payable is as set out by the then applicable Legislation.
- iii) for any drug on the RAMQ List which is covered under the terms of the plan, the greater of:
  - the benefit percentage stated under The Benefit, or
  - the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

After the annual out-of-pocket maximum has been reached, the percentage of covered drug expenses payable under this benefit will be 100%.

#### **b) Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The annual out-of-pocket maximum is a portion of covered drug expenses or covered pharmacy services which must be paid by you and your spouse in a calendar year, before the percentage payable under this benefit will be 100%. Amounts that will be applied to the annual out-of-pocket maximum are

- i) deductible amounts, and
- ii) the portion of covered drug expenses that is paid by a covered person, when the percentage of covered expenses payable under this benefit is less than 100%, and
- iii) covered pharmacy services that are performed by pharmacists for drugs on the RAMQ formulary.

The annual out-of-pocket maximum for you and your spouse is as stipulated in the Legislation and includes those portions of covered drug expenses and covered pharmacy services relating to a drug on the RAMQ formulary paid for your dependent children.

For the purposes of calculating the out-of-pocket maximum for you and your spouse, those portions of covered drug expenses and covered pharmacy services paid for your dependent children will be applied to the person who is closest to reaching the annual out-of-pocket maximum.

#### **c) Deductible**

Deductible amounts (if any) for the drug benefit will apply, until the annual out-of-pocket maximum is reached. Thereafter, the deductible will not apply.

### d) **Lifetime Maximums**

Lifetime maximums (if any) will not apply to drugs on the RAMQ List or covered pharmacy services. Drug and covered pharmacy service coverage provided after the lifetime maximum amount stated under the benefit is reached is subject to the following conditions:

- i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered, and
- ii) only covered pharmacy services that are performed for drugs on the RAMQ List are covered, and
- iii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

### e) **Eligible Dependent Children**

Your eligible dependent children who are in full-time attendance at an accredited educational institution will be covered until the later of:

- i) the age specified in this Benefit Booklet (please refer to definition of child in the Explanation of Common Insurance Terms), and
- ii) age 26.

Drug coverage and covered pharmacy services provided for dependent children after the age stated in this Benefit Booklet is subject to the following conditions:

- i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered, and
- ii) only covered pharmacy services performed for a drug on the RAMQ List are covered, and
- iii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

### f) **Termination Age for Covered Drug and Pharmacy Service Expenses**

Provided you are otherwise eligible for the drug benefit, the Termination Age (if any) for the drug benefit will not apply. Drug coverage provided after the Termination Age specified under the benefit is subject to the following conditions:

- i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered,
- ii) only covered pharmacy services related to a drug on the RAMQ List are covered,
- iii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation,
- iv) the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is as stipulated in the then applicable Legislation, and
- v) the premium required for the drug coverage is the premium for the Extended Health Care benefit.

### ***Coverage for drugs that are listed as a covered expense in this Benefit Booklet but are not on the RAMQ List***

Coverage for drugs that are listed as a covered expense under this Benefit but not on the RAMQ List will be subject to all the standard provisions included in this Benefit Booklet.

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### Survivor Extended Benefit

If you die while your dependents are covered under this Group Benefit Program, Manulife Financial will continue the Extended Health Care benefits without payment of premium, until the earliest of:

- the date your dependent is no longer a dependent, according to the definition of dependent (see Explanation of Common Insurance Terms)
- the date similar coverage is obtained elsewhere
- the end of the month following the month of your death
- the date the Group Policy terminates

### Weekly Income (Disability)

If you become Totally Disabled while covered and meet the Entitlement Criteria for this benefit, Manulife Financial will pay a disability benefit.

#### ***Definition of Totally Disabled***

Totally Disabled means a restriction or lack of ability due to an illness or injury which prevents you from performing your job duties.

The availability of work will not be considered by Manulife Financial in assessing your disability.

If you must hold a government permit or licence to perform the duties of your job, you will not be considered Totally Disabled solely because your permit or licence has been withdrawn or not renewed.

#### **Benefit Amount:**

Effective December 1, 2017 \$595

Effective December 1, 2019: \$625

Effective December 1, 2020: \$650

Effective June 7, 2022: \$700

**Qualifying Period** - none, if the disability is due to an accident; 4 calendar days, if the disability is due to a sickness

- If hospitalized due to sickness prior to the end of the Qualifying Period, benefits are payable from the first day of hospitalization.

**Maximum Benefit Period** - 78 weeks

**Termination Age** - employee's retirement

#### **Waiting Period**

first of the month following the month of employment for employees hired on or prior to the Group Policy Effective Date

first of the month following the month of employment for all other employees



### **Entitlement Criteria**

To be entitled to disability benefits, you must meet the following criteria:

- you must be continuously Totally Disabled throughout the Qualifying Period
- Manulife Financial must receive medical evidence documenting how your illness or injury causes restrictions or lack of ability, such that you are prevented from performing your job duties
- you must be receiving from a physician, regular, ongoing care and treatment for your disabling condition

### ***Periods for Which You are Not Entitled to Benefits***

You are not entitled to benefit payments for any period that:

- you are not receiving from a physician, regular, ongoing care and treatment for your disabling condition
- you do not supply Manulife Financial with medical evidence documenting how your illness or injury causes restrictions or lack of ability such that you are prevented from performing the essential duties your own occupation
- after you fail to participate and cooperate in a medical, psychiatric, psychological and/or functional examination or evaluation by a medical examiner selected by Manulife Financial
- you are receiving Employment Insurance maternity, parental, compassionate care or critically ill child benefits
- you are on lay-off during which you become Totally Disabled
- you are on leave of absence during which you become Totally Disabled, unless your employer is required to pay benefits during this period as a result of legislation, regulation or case law
- you are engaged in employment for wage or profit, except as provided for under the Rehabilitation Assistance provision
- you are incarcerated in a prison, correctional facility, or mental institution by order of authority of a criminal court

### **Amount of Disability Benefit Payable**

The amount of disability benefit payable to you is the Benefit Amount shown above reduced by any amount you receive:

- for the same or related disability:
  - from Workers' Compensation or similar coverage
  - from any provincial motor vehicle plan or motor vehicle insurance policy that does not take into account disability benefits payable under the Employment Insurance program
  - from your employer-sponsored salary continuance or wage loss replacement plan

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- as earnings from your employer, including severance and vacation pay as set out in the Employment Insurance Program
- from Canada or Quebec retirement or disability Pension Plan, excluding dependent benefits

### ***Benefit Calculation Rules***

Manulife Financial will apply the following rules in determining the Employee's Disability Benefit:

- a) benefits from other sources which began before the commencement of the Employee's current Disability will not be taken into account;
- b) benefits payable from other sources will not be adjusted to take into account any difference between the tax status of those benefits and the benefit payable by Manulife Financial; and
- c) for benefits payable other than on a weekly basis, a weekly equivalent of such benefit will be estimated by Manulife Financial.

### ***Subrogation***

If your disability is caused by another person and you have a legal right to recover damages, Manulife Financial will request that you complete a subrogation reimbursement agreement when you submit your Weekly Income claim.

On settlement or judgement of your legal action, you will be required to reimburse Manulife Financial those amounts you recover which, when added to the disability benefits that Manulife Financial paid to you, exceed 100% of your lost income.

### **Tax Status of Benefits**

The tax position of any payments you receive under this benefit depends on whether you or your employer pays the cost of the benefit.

If your employer pays a portion or all of the cost, then any disability benefit payments you receive will be taxable. If you pay the full cost of the benefit, then any disability benefit payments you receive will be non taxable.

### **Payment of Disability Benefits**

Disability benefit payments will be made weekly in arrears. Any payment for a period of less than one week will be made at a daily rate of one-seventh of your weekly benefit amount.

### ***Rehabilitation Assistance***

Once Manulife Financial determines that you are Totally Disabled, if appropriate, and at Manulife Financial's discretion, you may be offered rehabilitation to assist you in returning to work.

In considering whether Rehabilitation Assistance is appropriate for you, Manulife Financial will take into account:

- the nature, extent and expected duration of your disability
- your level of education, training or experience
- the nature, scope, objectives and cost of a Vocational Plan

### **- Vocational Plan**

A Vocational Plan is a training or job placement program that is expected to facilitate your return to work.

If it is determined that Rehabilitation Assistance is appropriate for you, in partnership with you and your employer, Manulife Financial will provide a structured Vocational Plan that will prepare you for a return to work with your employer.

### **- Disability Benefits During Rehabilitation**

You will continue to be entitled to disability benefits while participating in the Vocational Plan. If you receive any earnings as part of the plan, your disability benefit will be reduced once your total income (your disability benefit plus your earnings) exceeds 100% of your pre-disability gross earnings; net earnings if your benefit is not taxable.

If you cease to participate in the Vocational Plan because of a change in your medical status, Manulife Financial will require medical evidence documenting how your current medical status prevents you from continuing with the Vocational Plan.

If you are not available or do not co-operate or participate in the Vocational Plan, you will no longer be entitled to disability benefits.

### **Termination of Benefit Payments**

Your disability benefit payments will cease on the earliest of:

- the date you cease to be Totally Disabled, as defined under this benefit
- the date on which benefits have been paid up to the Maximum Benefit Period for this benefit
- the date you retire
- the date of your death

### ***Recurrent Disability***

If you become Totally Disabled again from the same or related causes within 2 weeks from the end of the period for which Weekly Income benefits were paid, Manulife Financial will treat the disability as a continuation of your previous disability.

You will not be required to satisfy any applicable Qualifying Period again. The benefit payable to you will be based on your earnings as at the date of your previous disability. Benefits for all such recurrent disabilities will not be paid for a combined period longer than the Maximum Benefit Period for this benefit.

If the same disability recurs more than 2 weeks after the end of the period for which benefits were paid, such disability will be considered a separate disability.

Two disabilities which are due to unrelated causes are considered separate disabilities if they are separated by a return to work of at least one day.

### **Submitting a Claim**

To submit a claim, you must complete the Weekly Income Claim form available from your Plan Administrator. Your attending physician must also complete a portion of this form.

A completed claim form must be submitted within 180 days from the end of the Qualifying Period.

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### Exclusions

No benefits are payable for any disability related to:

- any illness or injury which arises out of or in the course of employment, unless Workers' Compensation denies your claim
- any illness or injury for which benefits are payable under the Quebec Automobile Insurance Act
- self-inflicted injuries, unless medical evidence establishes that the injuries are related to a mental health illness
- war, insurrection, the hostile actions of any armed forces or participation in a riot or civil commotion
- medical or surgical care which is performed solely for cosmetic purposes, except if due to an illness or injury
- the committing of a criminal offence
- injuries sustained while operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol as prohibited by law
- abuse of drugs or alcohol, unless you are participating in an in-patient medical treatment program for substance abuse

