

# MY BENEFIT PLAN BOOKLET

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## WELCOME TO YOUR HEALTH AND DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN

### ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet contains important information you will need about your group benefits with CEVA Logistics Canada ULC., your plan sponsor, available through the group contract with Green Shield Canada (GSC). It includes:

- a Table of Contents, to allow easy and quick access to the information you are looking for
- a Schedule of Benefits, listing all the deductibles, co-insurances and maximums that may impact the amount paid to you
- a Definitions section, to explain common terms used throughout the booklet
- detailed benefit descriptions for each benefit in your group benefits plan
- information you need to submit a claim

You are encouraged to read this booklet carefully; please keep it in a safe place so that you may refer to it when submitting claims.

You will receive Identification Card(s) showing your GSC Identification Number to be used on all claims and correspondence. Your number will appear on the front of the card and end in -00, while each of your dependents with their numbers will be shown on the back.

### PLAN MEMBER ONLINE SERVICES

In addition to this booklet and our Customer Service Centre, we also provide you with access to our secure website. Self-service through the GSC website makes things quick, convenient and easy. Register today to:

- View your Benefit Plan Booklet
- Access your personal claims information, including a breakdown of how your claims were processed
- Simulate a claim to instantly find out what portion of a claim will be covered
- Submit certain claims online
- Arrange for claim payments to be deposited directly into your bank account\*
- Print personalized claim forms and replacement Identification Cards
- Print personal Explanation of Benefits statements for when you need to co-ordinate benefits
- Get the support you need online

**Register online at [greenshield.ca](https://www.greenshield.ca) and see what our website can do for you!**

**\*Please note** that once arrangements have been made for Direct Deposit, claim payments will be deposited directly into the bank account you have chosen. Statements will no longer be mailed to you but will be available for online viewing.



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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

This schedule describes the deductibles, coinsurances and maximums that are applicable if you are included in the Billing Division shown on the cover of this booklet.

Complete benefit details are provided in the Description of Benefits section of this booklet. Be sure to read these pages carefully. They show the conditions, limitations and exclusions that may apply to the benefits. All dollar maximums are expressed in Canadian dollars. You are covered for only those specific benefits for which you have applied.

This group benefit plan is intended to supplement your provincial health insurance plan. The benefits shown below will be eligible, if they are reasonable and customary, and are medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury.

	Basic	Enhanced
<b>Deductible</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Co-insurance</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision and Optometric eye examinations</li> </ul>	100%	100%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prescription Drugs</li> </ul>	75% until out of pocket expense maximum* has been reached, 100% thereafter	90%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other services</li> </ul>	75% until out of pocket expense maximum* has been reached, 100% thereafter  *The out of pocket expense maximum is \$2,000 per calendar year for all health benefits (excluding vision and prescription drug dispensing fees)	100%
<b>Prescription Drugs Dispensing Fee Cap</b> (maximum paid by GSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSC pays the dispensing fee when dispensed at a Loblaws pharmacy</li> <li>GSC pays \$6 per prescription or refill when dispensed at any other pharmacy</li> <li>You pay any allowed dispensing fee for less than a 3-month supply of maintenance drugs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSC pays the dispensing fee when dispensed at a Loblaws pharmacy</li> <li>GSC pays \$6 per prescription or refill when dispensed at any other pharmacy</li> <li>You pay any allowed dispensing fee for less than a 3-month supply of maintenance drugs</li> </ul>
<b>Overall Maximum</b>	Unlimited	Unlimited

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	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Enhanced</b>
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>	Pay Direct Drug Card	Pay Direct Drug Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fertility Drugs</li> </ul>	Not covered	\$2,500 per calendar year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sclerotherapy Agents</li> </ul>	\$15 per visit	\$15 per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All other covered drugs</li> </ul>	Unlimited	Unlimited
<b>Hospital Accommodation</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public general hospital or convalescent or rehabilitation hospital</li> </ul>	Not covered	Not covered
<b>Audio</b>	\$500 every 5 years based on date of first paid claim	\$500 every 3 years based on date of first paid claim
<b>Medical Items and Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footwear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ custom made boots or shoes or custom made foot orthotics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$200 combined every 2 years based on date of first paid claim	\$300 combined every 2 years based on date of first paid claim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable Patient Lifts</li> </ul>	\$2,000 every 5 years based on date of first paid claim	\$2,000 every 5 years based on date of first paid claim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable wheelchair ramp</li> </ul>	\$2,000 per lifetime	\$2,000 per lifetime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TENS stimulator</li> </ul>	\$700 per lifetime	\$700 per lifetime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breast prostheses</li> </ul>	\$150 every 2 years based on date of first paid claim	\$150 every 2 years based on date of first paid claim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bra (mastectomy)</li> </ul>	2 every 12 months based on date of first paid claim	2 every 12 months based on date of first paid claim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myo-electric arm</li> </ul>	\$10,000 per prostheses	\$10,000 per prostheses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compression stockings (20mmhg or higher)</li> </ul>	\$100 per calendar year	\$100 per calendar year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compression pumps</li> </ul>	\$1,500 per lifetime	\$1,500 per lifetime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contraceptive devices</li> </ul>	\$50 per calendar year	\$50 per calendar year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wigs</li> </ul>	\$150 per calendar year	\$150 per calendar year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optometric eye exams</li> </ul>	Once every 2 years based on date of first paid claim (12 months for covered persons age 17 and under) to a maximum of \$70	Once every 2 years based on date of first paid claim (12 months for covered persons age 17 and under) to a maximum of \$70
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood glucose monitor</li> </ul>	1 every 4 years based on date of first paid claim	1 every 4 years based on date of first paid claim
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other items and services – See the Description of Benefits section for details</li> </ul>	Reasonable and customary charges	Reasonable and customary charges
<b>Private Duty Nursing in the Home</b>	Not covered	\$10,000 every 12 months based on date of first paid claim
<b>Emergency Transportation</b>	Reasonable and customary charges	Reasonable and customary charges



	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Enhanced</b>
<b>Accidental Dental</b>	Reasonable and customary charges	Reasonable and customary charges
<b>Vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prescription eye glasses or contact lenses or medically necessary contact lenses or laser eye surgery</li> </ul>	\$150 every 24 months based on date of first paid claim (every 12 months for dependent children 17 years of age and under)	\$300 every 24 months based on date of first paid claim (every 12 months for dependent children 17 years of age and under)
<b>Paramedical Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chiropractor</li> <li>• Registered Massage Therapist (Physician (M.D.) recommendation required)</li> <li>• Osteopath</li> <li>• Naturopath</li> <li>• Psychologist or Social Worker/Counsellor or Counsellor, Master of Social Work</li> <li>• Speech Therapist</li> <li>• Physiotherapist</li> <li>• Chiropodist/Podiatrist</li> <li>• Acupuncturist</li> <li>• Orthotherapist (Physician (M.D.) recommendation required)</li> <li>• Audiologist</li> <li>• Dietitian</li> <li>• Occupational Therapist</li> </ul>	<p>\$500 for all practitioners combined per calendar year</p> <p>\$50 per calendar year for X-rays for chiropractor, osteopath and podiatrist</p>	<p>\$500 per type of practitioner to a maximum of \$1,500 for all practitioners combined per calendar year</p> <p>\$50 per calendar year for X-rays for chiropractor, osteopath and podiatrist</p>

## TRAVEL BENEFIT PLAN

This schedule describes the deductibles, coinsurances and maximums that are applicable if you are included in the Billing Division shown on the cover of this booklet.

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This group benefit plan is intended to supplement your provincial health insurance plan. Hospital and medical services are eligible only if your provincial health insurance plan provides payment toward the cost of incurred services. The benefits shown below will be eligible, if they are reasonable and customary, and are medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury.

Reimbursement of eligible benefits for emergency services will be made only if the services were required as a result of emergency illness or injury that occurred while you were vacationing or traveling for other than health reasons.

**The patient must contact GSC Canada Travel Assistance within 48 hours of commencement of treatment.** Failure to notify us within 48 hours may result in benefits being limited to only those expenses incurred within the first 48 hours of any and each treatment/incident or the plan maximum, whichever is the lesser of the two.

	Basic	Enhanced
<b>Deductible</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Overall Maximum:</b>	Does not apply	Does not apply
<b>Co-insurance:</b>	100% - Emergency Services 50% - Referral Services	100% - Emergency Services 50% - Referral Services
<b>Maximum Number of Days per Trip</b>	90	90
<b>Emergency Services Maximum</b>	\$2,000,000 per incident	\$5,000,000 per incident
<b>Referral Services Maximum</b>	\$50,000 per lifetime	\$100,000 per lifetime

For a full description of the Travel Benefit, refer to the Benefit Description section.

## DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN

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	<b>Basic</b>	<b>Enhanced</b>
<b>Deductible:</b>	Nil	Nil
<b>Fee Guide:</b>	The current minus one year Provincial Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners in the province where services are rendered  For independent Dental Hygienists, the lesser of the current minus one year Dental Hygienists' Association Fee Guide and Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners	The current minus one year Provincial Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners in the province where services are rendered  For independent Dental Hygienists, the lesser of the current minus one year Dental Hygienists' Association Fee Guide and Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners
<b>Co-insurance:</b>		
Basic Services and Comprehensive Basic Services	75%	90%
Major Services	50%	50%
Orthodontics Services (for covered persons 6 to 19 years of age)	Not covered	50%
<b>Maximums</b>		
Basic Services, Comprehensive Basic Services and Major Services combined	\$1,500 per calendar year	\$2,000 per calendar year
Orthodontics Services (for covered persons 6 to 19 years of age)	Not covered	\$2,000 per lifetime

## DEFINITIONS

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the following definitions will apply throughout this booklet.

**Allowed amount** means, as determined by GSC:

- a) Drugs – the GSC National Pricing Policy and/or the reasonable and customary charge;
- b) Extended Health Services – the reasonable and customary charge for the service or supply but not more than the prevailing charge in the area in which the charge is made for a like service or supply;
- c) Dental – the fee guide as specified in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Calendar year** means the 12 consecutive months from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

**Co-insurance** is the percentage of the eligible allowed amount that you or your dependents are entitled to receive for reimbursement of an eligible expense, after the deductible is satisfied.

**Covered person** means the plan member who has been enrolled in the plan or his or her enrolled dependents.

**Custom made boots or shoes** means footwear used by an individual whose condition cannot be accommodated by existing footwear products. The fabrication of the footwear involves making a unique cast of the covered person's feet and the use of 100% raw materials. (This footwear is used to accommodate the bony and structural abnormalities of the feet and lower legs resulting from trauma, disease or congenital deformities).

**Custom made foot orthotics** means a device made from a 3-dimensional model of an individual's foot and made from raw materials. (This device is used to relieve foot pain related to biomechanical misalignment to the feet and lower limbs.)

**Deductible** is the amount that must be paid by or on behalf of you and your dependent in any calendar year before reimbursement of an eligible expense will be made.

**Dependent** means

- a) your spouse, if you are legally married or if not legally married, you have lived in a common-law relationship for more than 12 continuous months or, if you are a Quebec resident until the earlier birth or adoption of a child of the relationship. Only one spouse will be considered at any time as being covered under the group contract;
- b) your unmarried child under age 21;
- c) your unmarried child under age 26 if enrolled and in full-time attendance at an accredited college, university or educational institute;
- d) your unmarried child (regardless of age) who became totally disabled while eligible under b) or c) above, and has been continuously so disabled since that time and is considered a dependent as defined under the Income Tax Act, also qualify as a dependent.

Your child (your or your spouse's natural, legally adopted or stepchildren) must reside with you in a parent-child relationship or be dependent upon you (or both) and not regularly employed.

Children who are in full-time attendance at an accredited school do not have to reside with you or attend school in your province. If the school is in another province, you must apply to your provincial health insurance plan for an extension of coverage to ensure your child continues to be covered under a provincial health insurance plan. (Please note that the limitations of the Travel plan still apply).

**Eligible expense** means the services and supplies described in the Schedule of Benefits and Description of Benefits sections.

**Emergency** means a sudden, unexpected occurrence (disease or injury) that requires immediate medical attention. This includes treatment (non-elective) for immediate relief of severe pain, suffering or disease that cannot be delayed until you or your dependent is medically able to return to your province of residence.

**Fee guide** means the list of dental procedure codes developed by and maintained by the Canadian Dental Association, adopted by the provincial or territorial dental association of the province or territory in which the service is provided (or your province of residence if any dental service is provided outside Canada) and in effect at the time the service is provided.

**First paid claim** means the actual date of service of the initial or a prior claim paid by GSC.

**Injury** means an unexpected or unforeseen event that occurs as a direct result of a violent, sudden and unexpected action from an outside source.

**Medically necessary** means generally recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate and required in the treatment of an illness or injury in accordance with Canadian medical standards.

**Plan member** means you, when you are enrolled for coverage.

**Reasonable and customary** means in the opinion of GSC, the usual charge of the provider for the service or supply, in the absence of insurance, but not more than the prevailing charge in the area for a like service or supply.

**Stock item footwear** means any mass-produced foot care item that is sold over-the-counter and is readily available without any modifications.

## ELIGIBILITY

### For You

To be eligible for coverage, you must be:

- a) a plan member who is a resident of Canada;
- b) covered under your provincial health insurance plan; and
- c) actively at work and working a minimum of 40 hours per week on a regular basis.

### For your Dependents

To be eligible for coverage you must be:

- a) covered under this plan; and
- b) each dependent must be covered under a provincial health insurance plan.

### Enrolment

CEVA HR will provide you with a benefits enrolment guide which details how you can enrol. You must elect from one of two options: Basic or Enhanced. If you do not enrol, your coverage will default to Basic Health and Basic Dental.

### Coverage Effective Date

Your coverage begins on the date you become eligible for coverage, have satisfied the eligibility requirements and you are enrolled under the plan.

You will be eligible for coverage on the first day following 3 months of continuous active employment.

Your dependent coverage will begin on the same date as your coverage.

If you have waived eligibility due to having coverage through your spouse's benefit plan, you must request coverage from your plan sponsor within 31 days after termination of the coverage under your spouse's plan.

Your plan sponsor is solely responsible for submitting all required forms to GSC as of the Effective Date of this plan or as of the first date that you become eligible.

### Re-enrolment

Re-enrolment occurs every year. You may elect to change your coverage selection or continue your current coverage selection for the next benefit period. If you do not re-enroll you will automatically maintain your current coverage.

### Locked-in Coverage

Your coverage selection will be locked-in until the next re-enrolment year, unless you have a qualifying life event.

### Life Events

If you have a qualifying life event, you may elect to change your coverage selection, within 31 days of your life event change. A life event is a change in your personal situation that:

- a) requires a change in your coverage status; or
- b) results from a change in your spouse's benefits.

Qualifying life events include:

- a) birth or adoption of a child;
- b) change in dependent child eligibility;
- c) death of your spouse or a dependent child;
- d) change in marital status; or
- e) loss or gain of spouse's coverage under another plan.

### **Termination**

Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- a) the date your employment ends;
- b) the date you are no longer actively working;
- c) the end of the period for which contributions have been paid to GSC for your coverage;
- d) the date the administrative services only agreement/contract terminates.

Dependent coverage will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- a) the date your coverage terminates;
- b) the date your dependent is no longer an eligible dependent;
- c) the date your dependent child attains the specified age limit;
- d) the end of the period for which contributions have been paid for dependent coverage;
- e) the date the administrative services only agreement/contract terminates.

### **Dependent Children Continuation of Coverage**

Any child whose coverage would end because they have reached the specified age limit may qualify for continued coverage, subject to the following conditions:

- a) your child became dependent upon you by reason of a mental or physical disability prior to reaching this age; and
- b) your child has been continuously so disabled since that time.

### **Survivor Continuation of Coverage**

In the event of your death while covered by this plan, coverage will continue for your eligible covered dependents until the earliest of the following dates, without payment of rates:

- a) 24 months after the date of your death;
- b) the date the covered person would no longer be considered a dependent under the plan if you were still alive; or
- c) the date the benefit under which your dependent is covered, terminates.

### **Group Conversion - PRISM CONTINUUM® Program**

The PRISM CONTINUUM® Program offers three plans that are focused on providing coverage for you if you are leaving a company group plan.

This program may be your solution if you, your spouse or dependent children are losing, or have lost company group health benefits within the last 60 days and are looking for guaranteed coverage.

Call 416.601.0429 in the Toronto area or toll-free at 1.800.667.0429 for an information package or visit our website at [greenshield.ca](http://greenshield.ca). Coverage is guaranteed if you apply within 60 days of losing your GSC group benefits.

## DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

### HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

The benefits shown below will be eligible, up to the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits, if they are reasonable and customary, and are medically necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury.

#### **Prescription Drugs**

Prescription drug benefits, up to the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits, that:

- a) are prescribed by a legally qualified medical practitioner or dental practitioner as permitted by law; and
- b) legally require a prescription and has a Drug Identification Number (DIN); and
- c) are paid on a Pay Direct basis.

If approved by GSC, this plan includes drugs with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) that do not legally require a prescription, including insulin and all other approved injectables, as well as related supplies such as diabetic syringes, needles and testing agents. In addition, this plan includes all vaccines.

Certain drugs may require prior approval (i.e., prior authorization). Your Pharmacist is aware of the drugs that fall into this category.

In no event will the amount dispensed exceed a 3-month supply (6 months if a vacation supply is required) of a prescription at any one time and not more than a 13-month supply in any 12 consecutive months.

#### **Conditional Drug Formulary™ - Effective January 1, 2013**

New drugs introduced to the Canadian marketplace and approved by Health Canada after January 1, 2013 (conditional/controlled date) will be subject to an evaluation process by GSC to determine the Need, Safety, Effectiveness and Cost.

Upon filling a prescription, your Pharmacist will know whether the drug is covered, covered with conditions or not covered. If the drug is covered with conditions, you must contact our Customer Service Centre to obtain a Special Authorization Form and a Criteria Sheet for your physician to complete. Once these forms are completed, they must be returned to GSC for review. We will advise you if the drug is covered or not covered. Once the drug has been approved for your use, all future claims can be submitted electronically.

#### **Mandatory generic drug substitution**

Based on specific provincial health insurance plan regulations, where a generic equivalent drug exists, reimbursement will only be made up to the cost of the lowest priced equivalent drug.

#### **Maintenance drugs**

Drugs used to treat chronic or lifelong conditions. Your plan allows pharmacists to dispense a 3-month supply of maintenance drugs for a single dispensing fee. If you choose to receive less than a 3-month supply of these drugs, your drug plan will not reimburse the additional dispensing fee, you will be responsible for this cost.



**NOTE:**

Drug Benefit over age 65: The Drug Benefit co-pay and the deductible (where applicable) in your province of residence **is** an eligible benefit under this plan.

Quebec residents only: Legislation requires GSC to follow the Régie de l'assurance maladie du Quebec (RAMQ) reimbursement guidelines for all residents of Quebec. If you are younger than age 65, you must enroll for this prescription drug benefit and it will be the only payer. If you are age 65 or older, enrollment in RAMQ is automatic. Your prescription drug benefit will then provide coverage that supplements RAMQ's basic coverage. This supplementary coverage does not replace RAMQ's coverage; it adds to it by covering, for example, drugs that are not reimbursed by the public plan or the portion of drug costs not reimbursed by the public plan.

If any provisions of this plan do not meet the minimum requirements of the RAMQ plan, adjustments are automatically made to meet RAMQ requirements.

Expenses, incurred for drugs listed in the RAMQ drug formulary and not reimbursed under this plan as a result of the application of the deductible or the coinsurance, are limited in each calendar year to the yearly maximum contribution set by the RAMQ plan. There is an out-of-pocket maximum for you, and another one for your spouse. Any drug expenses incurred for your children are part of the out-of-pocket maximum of the Plan Member.

Eligible benefits do not include and no amount will be paid for:

- a) Smoking cessation products and drugs for the treatment of obesity and erectile dysfunction;
- b) Products which may lawfully be sold or offered for sale other than through retail pharmacies, and which are not normally considered by practitioners as medicines for which a prescription is necessary or required;
- c) Ingredients or products which have not been approved by Health Canada for the treatment of a medical condition or disease and are deemed to be experimental in nature and/or may be in the testing stage;
- d) Mixtures, compounded by a pharmacist, that do not conform to GSC's current Compound Policy.

**Extended Health Services**

- 1. **Audio:** Reimbursement for hearing aids, repairs or replacement parts, if recommended or approved by the attending legally qualified medical practitioner, up to the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. No amount will be paid for batteries.
- 2. **Medical Items and Services:** Reimbursement for reasonable and customary charges, up to the amount, where applicable, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits for:
  - a) Aids for daily living: such as hospital style beds, including rails and mattresses; bedpans; standard commodes; decubitus (bedridden) supplies; I.V. stands; portable patient lifts (including batteries); trapezes; urinals;
  - b) Footwear: (when prescribed by your attending orthopaedic surgeon, podiatrist or chiroprapist)
    - i) custom made foot orthotics;
    - ii) custom made boots or shoes, stock item footwear, adjustments to stock item footwear, or footwear as an integral part of a brace, (subject to a medical pre-authorization);
  - c) Braces, casts;
  - d) Diabetic equipment, such as blood glucose monitors and lancets;
  - e) Medical services, such as diagnostic tests, X-rays and laboratory tests;
  - f) Incontinence/Ostomy equipment such as catheter supplies and ostomy supplies;
  - g) Mobility aids, such as canes, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs (including wheelchair batteries);

- h) Standard prosthetics, such as an arm, hand, leg, foot, breast, eye and larynx;
- i) Optometric eye examinations for visual acuity performed by a licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist or physician (available only in those provinces where eye examinations are not covered by the provincial health insurance plan);
- j) Respiratory/Cardiology equipment, such as compressors, inhalant devices, tracheotomy supplies and oxygen;
- k) Compression stockings (20mmHG or higher);
- l) Wigs, for temporary or permanent hair loss as a result of a medical condition.

Some items may require pre-authorization. To confirm eligibility prior to purchasing or renting equipment, submit a Pre-Authorization Form to GSC.

### Limitations

- a) The rental price of durable medical equipment will not exceed the purchase price. GSC's decision to purchase or rent will be based on the physician's estimate of the duration of need as established by the original prescription. Rental authorization may be granted for the prescribed duration. Equipment that has been refurbished by the supplier for resale is not an eligible benefit;
  - b) Durable medical equipment must be appropriate for use in the home, able to withstand repeated use and generally not useful in the absence of illness or injury;
  - c) When deluxe medical equipment is a covered benefit, reimbursement will be made only when deluxe features are required in order for the covered person to effectively operate the equipment. Items that are not primarily medical in nature or that are for comfort and convenience are not eligible.
- 3. Emergency Transportation:** Reimbursement for professional land or air ambulance to the nearest hospital equipped to provide the required treatment, when medically required as the result of an injury, illness or acute physical disability.
- 4. Private Duty Nursing in the Home:** Reimbursement for the services of a Registered Nurse (R.N.) or Registered Practical Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse (R.P.N./L.P.N.) in the home on a visit or shift basis, up to the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. No amount will be paid for services which are custodial and/or services which do not require the skill level of a Registered Nurse (R.N.) or Registered Practical Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse (R.P.N./L.P.N.).

A Pre-Authorization Form for Private Duty Nursing must be completed by the attending physician and submitted to GSC.

- 5. Professional Services:** Reimbursement for the services of the practitioners included, up to the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits, when the practitioner rendering the service is licensed by their provincial regulatory agency or a registered member of a professional association and that association is recognized by GSC. Please contact the GSC Customer Service Centre to confirm practitioner eligibility.

### NOTE:

- Podiatry services are not eligible until your Alberta / Ontario health insurance plan annual maximum has been exhausted
- Chiropractic services are not eligible until your Saskatchewan health insurance plan annual maximum has been exhausted.

- 6. Accidental Dental:** Reimbursement for the services of a licensed dental practitioner for dental care to natural teeth when necessitated by a direct blow to the mouth and not by an object wittingly or unwittingly placed in the mouth. The accident must occur while the coverage is in force. When natural teeth have been damaged eligible services are limited to one set of artificial teeth. You must notify GSC immediately following the accident and the treatment must commence within 180 days of the accident.

GSC will not be liable for any services performed after the earlier of a) 365 days following the accident, or b) the date you or your dependent cease to be covered under this plan.

No amount will be paid for periodontia or orthodontia treatments or the repair or replacement of artificial teeth.

Charges will be based on the current Provincial Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners in the province where services are rendered. Approval will be based on the current status and/or benefit level of the covered person at the time that we are notified of the accident. Any change in coverage will alter GSC's liability.

In the event of a dental accident, claims should be submitted under the health benefit plan before submitting them under the dental plan.

- 7. Vision:** Reimbursement for the services performed by a licensed Optometrist, Optician or Ophthalmologist, up to the amounts shown in the Schedule of Benefits, for:
- a) Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses.
  - b) Medically necessary contact lenses when visual acuity cannot otherwise be corrected to at least 20/40 in the better eye or when medically necessary due to keratoconus, irregular astigmatism, irregular corneal curvature or physical deformity resulting in an inability to wear normal frames.
  - c) Replacement parts for prescription eyeglasses.
  - d) Laser eye surgery.
  - e) Plano sunglasses prescribed by a legally qualified medical practitioner for the treatment of specific ophthalmic diseases or conditions.

Eligible benefits do not include and no amount will be paid for:

- a) Prescription industrial safety eyeglasses;
- b) Medical or surgical treatment, except for laser eye surgery;
- c) Special or unusual procedures such as, but not limited to, orthoptics, vision training, subnormal vision aids and aniseikonic lenses;
- d) Follow-up visits associated with the dispensing and fitting of contact lenses;
- e) Charges for eyeglass cases.

## Health Exclusions

Eligible benefits do not include and reimbursement will not be made for:

1. Services or supplies received as a result of disease, illness or injury due to:
  - a) intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane;
  - b) an act of war, declared or undeclared;
  - c) participation in a riot or civil commotion; or
  - d) committing a criminal offence;
2. Services or supplies provided while serving in the armed forces of any country;
3. Failure to keep a scheduled appointment with a legally qualified medical or dental practitioner;
4. The completion of any claim forms and/or insurance reports;
5. Any specific treatment or drug which:
  - a) does not meet accepted standards of medical, dental or ophthalmic practice, including charges for services or supplies which are experimental in nature, or is not considered to be effective (either medically or from a cost perspective, based on Health Canada's approved indication for use);
  - b) is an adjunctive drug prescribed in connection with any treatment or drug that is not an eligible service;
  - c) will be administered in a hospital;
  - d) is not dispensed by the pharmacist in accordance with the payment method shown under the Prescription Drugs benefit;
  - e) is not being used and/or administered in accordance with Health Canada's approved indication for use, even though such drug or procedure may customarily be used in the treatment of other illnesses or injuries;
6. Services or supplies that:
  - a) are not recommended, provided by or approved by the attending legally qualified (in the opinion of GSC) medical practitioner or dental practitioner as permitted by law;
  - b) are legally prohibited by the government from coverage;
  - c) you are not obligated to pay for or for which no charge would be made in the absence of benefit coverage or for which payment is made on your behalf by a not-for-profit prepayment association, insurance carrier, third party administrator, like agency or a party other than GSC, your plan sponsor or you;
  - d) are provided by a health practitioner whose license by the relevant provincial regulatory and/or professional association has been suspended or revoked;
  - e) are not provided by a designated provider of service in response to a prescription issued by a legally qualified health practitioner;
  - f) are used solely for recreational or sporting activities and which are not medically necessary for regular activities;
  - g) are primarily for cosmetic or aesthetic purposes, or are to correct congenital malformations;
  - h) are provided by an immediate family member related to you by birth, adoption, or by marriage and/or a practitioner who normally resides in your home. An immediate family member includes a parent, spouse, child or sibling;
  - i) are provided by your plan sponsor and/or a practitioner employed by your plan sponsor, other than as part of an employee assistance plan;

- j) are a replacement of lost, missing or stolen items, or items that are damaged due to negligence. Replacements are eligible when required due to natural wear, growth or relevant change in your medical condition but only when the equipment/prostheses cannot be adjusted or repaired at a lesser cost and the item is still medically required;
- k) are video instructional kits, informational manuals or pamphlets;
- l) are for medical or surgical audio and visual treatment;
- m) are special or unusual procedures such as, but not limited to, orthoptics, vision training, subnormal vision aids and aniseikonic lenses;
- n) are delivery and transportation charges;
- o) are for Insulin pumps and supplies;
- p) are for medical examinations, audiometric examinations or hearing aid evaluation tests;
- q) are batteries, unless specifically included as an eligible benefit;
- r) are a duplicate prosthetic device or appliance;
- s) are from any governmental agency which are obtained without cost by compliance with laws or regulations enacted by a federal, provincial, municipal or other governmental body;
- t) would normally be paid through any provincial health insurance plan, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or tribunal, the Assistive Devices Program or any other government agency, or which would have been payable under such a plan had proper application for coverage been made, or had proper and timely claims submission been made;
- u) were previously provided or paid for by any governmental body or agency, but which have been modified, suspended or discontinued as a result of changes in provincial health plan legislation or de-listing of any provincial health plan services or supplies;
- v) may include but are not limited to, drugs, laboratory services, diagnostic testing or any other service which is provided by and/or administered in any public or private health care clinic or like facility, medical practitioner's office or residence, where the treatment or drug does not meet the accepted standards or is not considered to be effective (either medically or from a cost perspective, based on Health Canada's approved indication for use);
- w) are provided by a medical practitioner who has opted out of any provincial health insurance plan and the provincial health insurance plan would have otherwise paid for such eligible service;
- x) relates to treatment of injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident;  
Note: Payment of benefits for claims relating to automobile accidents for which coverage is available under a motor vehicle liability policy providing no-fault benefits will be considered only if—
  - i) the service or supplies being claimed is not eligible; or
  - ii) the financial commitment is complete;A letter from your automobile insurance carrier will be required;
- y) are cognitive or administrative services or other fees charged by a provider of service for services other than those directly relating to the delivery of the service or supply.

## TRAVEL

Eligible travel benefits will be reasonable and customary charges in the area where they were received, less the amount payable by your provincial health insurance plan.

All dollar maximums and limitations stated are expressed in Canadian dollars. Reimbursement will be made in Canadian funds or U.S. funds for both providers and plan members, based on the country of the payee. For payments that require currency conversion, the rate of exchange used will be the rate in effect on the date of service of the claim.

Reimbursement of eligible benefits for emergency services will be made only if the services were required as a result of emergency illness or injury that occurred while you were vacationing or travelling for other than health reasons.

Upon notification of the necessity for treatment of an accidental injury or medical emergency, **the patient must contact GSC Canada Travel Assistance within 48 hours of commencement of treatment.**

**Emergency means** a sudden, unexpected occurrence (disease or injury) that requires immediate medical attention. This includes treatment (non-elective) for immediate relief of severe pain, suffering or disease that cannot be delayed until you or your dependent is medically able to return to your province of residence.

Any invasive or investigative procedures must be pre-approved by GSC Canada Assistance Medical Team.

Eligible benefits are limited to the maximum days per trip shown on the Schedule of Benefits commencing with the date of departure from your province of residence. If you are hospitalized on the last day shown on the Schedule of Benefits, your benefits will be extended until the date of discharge.

1. **Hospital services and accommodation** up to a standard ward rate in a public general hospital;
2. **Medical/surgical services** rendered by a legally qualified physician or surgeon to relieve the symptoms of, or to cure an unforeseen illness or injury;
3. **Emergency Transportation**
  - **Land ambulance** to the nearest qualified medical facility
  - **Air ambulance** - the cost of air evacuation (including a medical attendant when necessary) between hospitals and for hospital admission into Canada when approved in advance by your provincial health insurance plan or to the nearest qualified medical facility
4. **Referral services** – (a) hospital services and accommodation, up to a standard ward rate in a public general hospital, and/or (b) medical surgical services rendered by a legally qualified physician or surgeon;
  - **Prior to the commencement of any referral treatment, written pre-authorization** from your provincial health insurance plan and GSC Canada **must be obtained**. Your provincial health insurance plan may cover this referral benefit entirely. You must provide GSC Canada with a letter from your attending physician stating the reason for the referral, and a letter from your provincial health insurance plan outlining their liability. **Failure to comply in obtaining pre-authorization will result in non-payment**

5. **Services of a registered private nurse** up to a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year, at the reasonable and customary rate charged by a qualified nurse (R.N.) registered in the jurisdiction in which treatment is provided. You must contact GSC Canada Travel Assistance for pre-approval;
6. **Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays** when prescribed by the attending physician. Except in emergency situations, GSC Canada Travel Assistance must pre-approve these services (i.e. cardiac catheterization or angiogram, angioplasty and bypass surgery);
7. **Reimbursement of prescriptions** for drugs, serums and injectables which require a prescription by law and are prescribed by a legally qualified medical practitioner (vitamins, patent and proprietary drugs are excluded). Submit to GSC Canada Travel Assistance the original paid receipt from the pharmacist, physician or hospital outside your province of residence showing the name of the prescribing physician, prescription number, name of preparation, date, quantity and total cost;
8. **Medical appliances** including casts, crutches, canes, slings, splints and/or the temporary rental of a wheelchair when deemed medically necessary and required due to an accident which occurs, and when the devices are obtained outside your province of residence;
9. **Treatment by a dentist** only when required due to a direct accidental blow to the mouth up to a maximum of \$2,000. Treatments (prior to and after return) must be provided within 90 days of the accident. Details of the accident must be provided to GSC Canada Travel Assistance along with dental X-rays;
10. **Coming Home** - when your emergency illness or injury is such that:

- GSC Assistance Medical Team specifies in writing that you should immediately return to your province of residence for immediate medical attention, reimbursement will be made for the extra cost incurred for the purchase of a one way economy airfare, plus the additional economy airfare if required to accommodate a stretcher, to return you by the most direct route to the major air terminal nearest the departure point in your province of residence

This benefit assumes that you are not holding a valid open-return air ticket. Charges for upgrading, departure taxes, cancellation penalties or airfares for accompanying family members or friends are not included.

- GSC Assistance Medical Team or commercial airline stipulates in writing that you must be accompanied by a qualified medical attendant, reimbursement will be made for the cost incurred for one round trip economy airfare and the reasonable and customary fee charged by a medical attendant who is not your relative by birth, adoption or marriage and is registered in the jurisdiction in which treatment is provided, plus overnight hotel and meal expenses if required by the attendant
11. **Cost of returning your personal use motor vehicle** to your residence or nearest appropriate vehicle rental agency when you are unable to do so due to sickness, physical injury or death, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per trip. We require original receipts for costs incurred, i.e. gasoline, accommodation and airfares;
  12. **Meals and accommodation** up to \$1,500 (maximum of \$150 per day for up to 10 days) will be reimbursed for the extra costs of commercial hotel accommodation and meals incurred by you when you remain with a travelling companion or a person included in the "family" coverage, when the trip is delayed or interrupted due to an illness, accidental injury to or death of a travelling companion. This must be verified in writing by the attending legally qualified physician or surgeon and supported with original receipts from commercial organization;
  13. **Transportation to the bedside** including round trip economy airfare by the most direct route from your province of residence, for any one spouse, parent, child, brother or sister, and up to \$150 per

day for a maximum of 5 days for meals and accommodation at a commercial establishment will be paid for that family member to:

- be with you or your covered dependent when confined in hospital. This benefit requires that the covered person must eventually be an inpatient for at least 7 days outside your province of residence, plus the written verification of the attending physician that the situation was serious enough to have required the visit
- identify a deceased prior to release of the body

**14. Return airfare** if the personal use motor vehicle of you or your covered dependent is stolen or rendered inoperable due to an accident, reimbursement will be made for the cost of a one-way economy airfare to return you by the most direct route to the major airport nearest your departure point in your province of residence. An official report of the loss or accident is required;

**15. Return of deceased** up to a maximum of \$5,000 toward the cost of embalming or cremation in preparation for homeward transportation in an appropriate container of yourself or your covered dependent when death is caused by illness or accident. The body will be returned to the major airport nearest the point of departure in your province of residence. The benefit excludes the cost of a burial coffin or any funeral-related expenses, makeup, clothing, flowers, eulogy cards, church rental, etc;



## GSC CANADA TRAVEL ASSISTANCE SERVICE

The following services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week through GSC Canada's international medical service organization.

### These services include:

- Access to Pre-trip Assistance (prior to departure): Canada Direct Calling Codes; information about vaccinations; government issued travel advisories; and VISA/document requirements for entry into country of destination
- Multilingual assistance
- Assistance in locating the nearest, most appropriate medical care
- International preferred provider networks
- GSC Assistance Medical Team consultative and advisory services, including second opinion and review of appropriateness and analysis of the quality of medical care
- Assistance in establishing contact with family, personal physician and employer as appropriate
- Monitoring of progress during treatment and recovery
- Emergency message transmittal services
- Translation services and referrals to local interpreters as necessary
- Verification of coverage facilitating entry and admissions into hospitals and other medical care providers
- Special assistance regarding the co-ordination of direct claims payment
- Co-ordination of embassy and consular services
- Management, arrangement and co-ordination of emergency medical transportation and evacuation as necessary
- Management, arrangement and co-ordination of repatriation of remains
- Special assistance in making arrangements for interrupted and disrupted travel plans resulting from emergency situations to include:
  - the return of unaccompanied travel companions
  - travel to the bedside of a stranded person
  - rearrangement of ticketing due to accident or illness and other travel related emergencies
  - the return of a stranded personal use motor vehicle and related personal items
- Knowledgeable legal referral assistance
- Co-ordination of securing bail bonds and other legal instruments
- Special assistance in replacing lost or stolen travel documents including passports
- Courtesy assistance in securing incidental aid and other travel related services
- Emergency and payment assistance for major health expenses, which would result in payments in excess of \$200

### How Travel Assistance Service Works

For assistance dial **1.800.936.6226** within Canada and the United States or call collect **0.519.742.3556** when traveling outside Canada and the United States. These numbers appear on your GSC Canada Identification card.

Quote the GSC Canada travel assist group number and your GSC Canada Identification Number, found on your GSC Canada Identification card, and explain your medical emergency. **You must always be able to provide your GSC Canada Identification Number and your provincial health insurance plan number.**

A multilingual Assistance Specialist will provide direction to the best available medical facility or legally qualified physician able to provide the appropriate care.

Upon admission to a hospital or when consulting a legally qualified physician or surgeon for major emergency treatment, we will guarantee the provider (hospital, clinic or physician), that you have both provincial health insurance plan coverage and GSC Canada travel benefits as detailed above.

The provider may then bill GSC Canada Travel Assistance directly for these approved services for amounts in excess of \$200.

GSC Assistance Medical Team will follow your progress to ensure that you are receiving the best available medical treatment. These physicians also keep in constant communication with your family physician and your family, depending on the severity of your condition.

When calling collect while travelling outside Canada and the United States, you may require a Canada Direct Calling Code. In the event that a collect call is not possible, keep your receipts for phone calls made to GSC Canada Travel Assistance and submit them for reimbursement upon your return to Canada.

### **Travel Limitations**

1. Benefits will be eligible only if existing or pre-diagnosed conditions are completely stable (in the opinion of GSC Canada Assistance Medical Team) at the time of departure from your province of residence. GSC Canada reserves the right to review your medical information at the time of claim;
2. The eligible benefits must be required for the immediate relief of acute pain or suffering as recommended by a legally qualified physician or surgeon. Eligible benefits will not be reimbursed for treatment or surgery that could reasonably be delayed until you return to your province of residence;
3. Reimbursement for eligible benefits will be made only if your provincial health insurance plan covers and provides payment toward the cost of the services received;
4. Coverage becomes effective at the time you or your dependent crosses the provincial border departing from their province of residence and terminates upon crossing the border returning to their province of residence on the return home. If traveling by air, coverage becomes effective at the time the aircraft takes off in the province of residence and terminates when the aircraft lands in the province of residence on the return home;
5. Upon notification of the necessity for treatment of an accidental injury or medical emergency, GSC Canada's Assistance Medical Team reserves the right to determine whether repatriation is appropriate if the patient's medical condition will require immediate or scheduled care. Such repatriation is mandatory, where the Assistance Medical Team determines that the patient is medically fit to travel and appropriate arrangements have been made to admit the patient into the provincial government health care system of their province of residence. Repatriation will ensure continued coverage under the plan. Should the patient opt not to be repatriated or elects to have such treatment or surgery outside their province of residence, the expense of such continuing treatment will not be an eligible benefit.

**The patient must contact GSC Canada Travel Assistance within 48 hours of commencement of treatment.** Failure to notify us within 48 hours may result in benefits being limited to only those expenses incurred within the first 48 hours of any and each treatment/incident or the plan maximum, whichever is the lesser of the two;

6. Air ambulance services will only be eligible if:
  - they are pre-approved by GSC Canada Travel Assistance
  - there is a medical need for you or your dependent to be confined to a stretcher or for a medical attendant to accompany you during the journey
  - you or your dependent are admitted directly to a hospital in your province of residence, and
  - medical reports or certificates from the dispatching and receiving legally qualified physicians are submitted to GSC Canada Travel Assistance
  - proof of payment (including air ticket vouchers or air carrier invoices) is submitted to GSC Canada Travel Assistance
7. If planning to travel in areas of political or civil unrest, or in areas where Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has issued a formal travel warning regarding non-essential travel, contact GSC Canada Travel Assistance for pre-travel advice, as we may be unable to guarantee assistance services;
8. GSC Canada reserves the right, without notice, to suspend, curtail or limit its services in any area in the event of political or civil unrest, including rebellion, riot, military uprising, labour disturbance or strike, act of God, or refusal of authorities in a foreign country to permit GSC Canada to provide service. This includes travel in any area if at the time of booking the trip (including delay of travel), or before your departure date, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) issued a formal travel warning advising Canadians to avoid all or non-essential travel to that specific country, region or city due to a likely or actual epidemic or pandemic, (non-essential travel will be deemed as anything other than a significant medical or family emergency, such as the death of a family member);
9. No services will be provided during any trip undertaken for the purpose of seeking medical treatment or advice unless pre-authorized as outlined in referral services.

### **Travel Exclusions**

In addition to the Health Exclusions, eligible benefits do not include and reimbursement will not be made for:

1. Any claims arising directly or indirectly from any medical condition you suffer or contract in a specific country, region or city due to an epidemic or pandemic, if at the time of booking the trip (including delay of travel), or before your departure date, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) issued a formal travel warning advising Canadians to avoid all or non-essential travel to that specific country, region or city. In this exclusion a medical condition is limited to the reason for which the formal travel warning was issued and includes complications arising from such medical condition;
2. Treatment or services required for ongoing care, rest cures, health spas, elective surgery, check-ups or travel for health purposes, even if the trip is on the referral of a physician;
3. Treatment or service that you elect to have performed outside Canada when the medical condition would not prevent your return to Canada for such treatment;
4. Treatment or service required as a result of suicide, attempted suicide, intentionally self-inflicted injury of you, a traveling companion, or immediate family member while sane or insane;
5. Abusive or excessive consumption of medication, drugs or alcohol and the ensuing consequences, including, and as a result of, in connection with or in any way associated with driving a motorized vehicle while impaired by drugs, alcohol or toxic substances or an alcohol level of more than 80 milligrams in 100 millilitres of blood. (A motorized vehicle means any form of transportation which is propelled or driven by a motor and includes, but is not restricted to an automobile, truck, motorcycle, moped, snowmobile, or boat);

6. Amounts paid or payable under any Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or similar plan;
7. Hospital and medical care for childbirth occurring within 8 weeks of the expected delivery date from the date of departure, or deliberate termination of pregnancy;
8. Treatment or service provided in a chronic care or psychiatric hospital, chronic unit of a general hospital, Long Term Care (LTC) facility, health spa, or nursing home;
9. Services received from a chiropractor, chiropodist, podiatrist, or for osteopathic manipulation;
10. Cataract surgery or the purchase of eyeglasses or hearing aids;
11. GSC Canada does not assume responsibility for nor will it be liable for any medical advice given, but not limited to a physician, pharmacist or other healthcare provider or facility recommended by GSC Canada Travel Assistance.

## DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN

The benefits shown below will be eligible, if based on the licensed dental practitioner's reasonable and customary charge in accordance with the Fee Guide and the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

### Basic Services

1. Basic Diagnostic and Preventive Services:
  - complete oral examinations once every 2 years
  - emergency oral examinations
  - specific oral examinations (periodontal exams are limited to once every 9 months for Basic and every 6 months for Enhanced)
  - full series X-rays or panoramic X-rays once every 2 years
  - intraoral X-rays 15 films every 2 years
  - bitewing X-rays once every 9 months for Basic and every 6 months for Enhanced
  - recall examinations once every 9 months for Basic and every 6 months for Enhanced (once within any 12-month period of a complete oral examination)
  - cleaning of teeth (up to 1 unit of polishing plus up to 1 unit of scaling) once per recall period
  - topical application of fluoride once per recall period
  - oral hygiene instruction once per lifetime
  - denture cleaning once per recall period
  - pit and fissure sealants on molars or bicuspids only, once every 5 years on same tooth
  - space maintainers, for covered persons 17 years of age and under
  - maintenance of space maintainers twice per calendar year
2. Basic Restorative Services:
  - amalgam, tooth coloured filling restorations, and temporary sedative fillings
  - inlay restorations – these are considered basic restorations and will be paid to the equivalent non-bonded amalgam
3. Basic oral surgery:
  - extractions of teeth and/or residual roots
4. General anaesthesia, deep sedation and intravenous sedation in conjunction with eligible oral surgery only
5. Standard denture services:
  - denture repairs and/or tooth/teeth additions
  - standard relining of dentures, once every 3 years, only after 6 months have elapsed from the installation of an initial or replacement denture
  - standard rebasing of dentures, once every 3 years, only after 2 years have elapsed from the installation of an initial or replacement denture
  - denture adjustments and remount and equilibration procedures, only after 3 months have elapsed from the installation of an initial or replacement denture, once every 12 months
  - soft tissue conditioning linings for the gums to promote healing
  - remake of a partial denture using existing framework, once every 3 years
6. Comprehensive oral surgery:
  - surgical exposure, repositioning, transplantation or enucleation of teeth
  - remodeling and recontouring - shaping or restructuring of bone or gum
  - excision - removal of cysts and tumors
  - incision - drainage and/or exploration of soft or hard tissue
  - fractures including the treatment of the dislocation and/or fracture of the lower or upper jaw and repair of soft tissue lacerations
  - maxillofacial deformities - frenectomy - surgery on the fold of the tissue connecting the lip to the gum or the tongue to the floor of the mouth

## Comprehensive Basic Services

1. Endodontic treatment including:
  - root canal therapy (retreatments not eligible within 18 months of a root canal)
  - pulpotomy (removal of the pulp from the crown portion of the tooth)
  - pulpectomy (removal of the pulp from the crown and root portion of the tooth)
  - apexification (assistance of root tip closure)
  - apical curettage, root resections and retrograde fillings (cleaning and removing diseased tissue of the root tip)
  - root amputation and hemisection
  - bleaching of non-vital tooth/teeth
  - emergency procedures including opening or draining of the gum/tooth
  
2. Periodontal treatment of diseased bone and gums including:
  - periodontal scaling and/or root planing 8 time units every 9 months
  - occlusal equilibration - selective grinding of tooth surfaces to adjust a bite 4 time units every 12 months

The fees for periodontal treatment are based on units of time (15 minutes per unit) and/or number of teeth in a surgical site in accordance with the General Practitioners Fee Guide.

- bruxism appliance

## Major Services

1. Standard onlays or crown restorations (paid to full metal on molar) to restore diseased or accidentally injured natural teeth, once every 5 years
  
2. Standard bridges, including pontics, abutment retainers/crowns on natural teeth, once every 5 years
  
3. Standard dentures including complete, immediate, transitional, and partial dentures, once every 5 years
  
4. Standard repair or recementing of crowns, onlays and bridge work on natural teeth

## Orthodontic Services

Reimbursement for orthodontic treatment to straighten teeth and/or correct the bite.

When a lump sum fee has been paid toward orthodontic treatment, the total amount of the claim will be split into separate portions to allow for payment of an initial fee (approximately one-third of the total lump sum), and the balance of the claim will be divided into monthly fees of equal amounts to be reimbursed over the duration of the treatment.

If orthodontic treatment is terminated for any reason before completion, the obligation to pay benefits will cease with payment to the date of termination. If such services are resumed, benefit for the remaining services, will be resumed. The benefit payment for orthodontic services will be only for the months that coverage is in force.

## Alternate Treatment

The group benefit plan will reimburse the amount shown in the Fee Guide for the least expensive service or supply, provided that both courses of treatment are a benefit under the plan.

## Predetermination

Before your treatment begins:

- for all proposed treatment for crowns, onlays and bridges, an estimate completed by your dental practitioner, **must** be submitted for assessment. Our assessment of the proposed treatment, may result in a lesser benefit being payable or may result in benefits being denied. Failure to submit an estimate prior to beginning your treatment will result in the delay of the assessment.
- if the total cost of any other proposed treatment is expected to exceed \$300, it is recommended that you submit an estimate completed by your dental practitioner.

## Limitations

1. Laboratory services must be completed in conjunction with other services and will be limited to the coinsurance of such services. Laboratory services that are in excess of 40% of the dentist's fee in the applicable Fee Guide shown in the Schedule of Benefits will be reduced accordingly; coinsurance is then applied;
2. Reimbursement will be made according to standard and/or basic services, supplies or treatment. Related expenses beyond the standard and/or basic services, supplies or treatment will remain your responsibility;
3. Reimbursement will be pro-rated and reduced accordingly, when time spent by the dentist is less than the average time assigned to a dental service procedure code in the applicable Fee Guide shown in the Schedule of Benefits;
4. Reimbursement for root canal therapy will be limited to payment once only per tooth. Extra charges for difficult access, exception anatomy, calcified and retreatments are not included. The total fee for root canal includes all pulpotomies and pulpectomies performed on the same tooth;
5. Common surfaces on the same tooth/same day will be assessed as one surface. If individual surfaces are restored on the same tooth/same day, payment will be assessed according to the procedure code representing the combined surface, however restorations not eligible based on tooth history for same tooth, same surfaces(s) within 24 months (excluding retentive pins). Payment will be limited to a maximum of 5 surfaces in any 36 month period;
6. When more than one surgical procedure, including multiple periodontal surgical procedures, is performed during the same appointment in the same area of the mouth, only the most comprehensive procedure will be eligible for reimbursement, as the fee for each procedure is based on complete, comprehensive treatment, and is deemed part of the multiple services factor;
7. The multiple services factor occurs when a minimum of 6 or more restorations (fillings) or multiple periodontal services are performed at the same appointment and the full fee guide price is charged for each restoration or periodontal service, the first service will be paid in full and all remaining services will be reduced by 20%;
8. Core build-ups are eligible only for the purpose of retention and preservation of a tooth when performed with crown treatment. Necessity must be evident on mounted pre-treatment X-rays. Core build-ups to facilitate impression taking and/or block out undercuts are considered included in the cost of a crown;
9. Root planing is not eligible if done at the same time as gingival curettage.
10. In the event of a dental accident, claims should be submitted under the health benefits plan before submitting them under the dental plan.

## Dental Exclusions

Eligible benefits do not include and reimbursement will not be made for:

1. Services or supplies received as a result of disease, illness or injury due to:
  - a) intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane;
  - b) an act of war, declared or undeclared;
  - c) participation in a riot or civil commotion; or
  - d) committing a criminal offence;
2. Services or supplies provided while serving in the armed forces of any country;
3. Failure to keep a scheduled appointment with a legally qualified dental practitioner;
4. The completion of any claim forms and/or insurance reports;
5. Any dental service that is not contained in the procedure codes developed and maintained by the Canadian Dental Association, adopted by the provincial or territorial dental association of the province or territory in which the service is provided (or your province of residence if any dental service is provided outside Canada) and in effect at the time the service is provided;
6. Implants;
7. Restorations necessary for wear, acid erosion, vertical dimension and/or restoring occlusion;
8. Appliances related to treatment of myofascial pain syndrome including all diagnostic models, gnathological determinants, maintenance, adjustments, repairs and relines;
9. Posterior cantilever pontics/teeth and extra pontics/teeth to fill in diastemas/spaces;
10. Service and charges for sleep dentistry;
11. Diagnostic and/or intraoral repositioning appliances including maintenance, adjustments, repairs and relines related to treatment of temporomandibular joint dysfunction;
12. Any specific treatment or drug which:
  - a) does not meet accepted standards of medical, dental or ophthalmic practice, including charges for services or supplies which are experimental in nature, or is not considered to be effective (either medically or from a cost perspective, based on Health Canada's approved indication for use);
  - b) is an adjunctive drug prescribed in connection with any treatment or drug that is not an eligible service;
  - c) will be administered in a hospital;
  - d) is not dispensed by the pharmacist in accordance with the payment method shown under the Health Benefit Plan Prescription Drugs benefit;
  - e) is not being used and/or administered in accordance with Health Canada's approved indication for use, even though such drug or procedure may customarily be used in the treatment of other illnesses or injuries;



13. Services or supplies that:

- a) are not recommended, provided by or approved by the attending legally qualified (in the opinion of GSC) medical practitioner or dental practitioner as permitted by law;
- b) are legally prohibited by the government from coverage;
- c) you are not obligated to pay for or for which no charge would be made in the absence of benefit coverage; or for which payment is made on your behalf by a not-for-profit prepayment association, insurance carrier, third party administrator, like agency or a party other than GSC, your plan sponsor or you;
- d) are provided by a health practitioner whose license by the relevant provincial regulatory and/or professional association has been suspended or revoked;
- e) are not provided by a designated provider of service in response to a prescription issued by a legally qualified health practitioner;
- f) are used solely for recreational or sporting activities and which are not medically necessary for regular activities;
- g) are primarily for cosmetic or aesthetic purposes, or are to correct congenital malformations;
- h) are provided by an immediate family member related to you by birth, adoption, or by marriage and/or a practitioner who normally resides in your home. An immediate family member includes a parent, spouse, child or sibling;
- i) are provided by your plan sponsor and/or a practitioner employed by your plan sponsor, other than as part of an employee assistance plan;
- j) are a replacement of lost, missing or stolen items, or items that are damaged due to negligence. Replacements are eligible when required due to natural wear, growth or relevant change in your medical condition but only when the equipment/prostheses cannot be adjusted or repaired at a lesser cost and the item is still medically required;
- k) are video instructional kits, informational manuals or pamphlets;
- l) are delivery and transportation charges;
- m) are a duplicate prosthetic device or appliance;
- n) are from any governmental agency which are obtained without cost by compliance with laws or regulations enacted by a federal, provincial, municipal or other governmental body;
- o) would normally be paid through any provincial health insurance plan, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board or tribunal, or any other government agency, or which would have been payable under such a plan had proper application for coverage been made, or had proper and timely claims submission been made;
- p) relates to treatment of injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident;  
 Note: Payment of benefits for claims relating to automobile accidents for which coverage is available under a motor vehicle liability policy providing no-fault benefits will be considered only if–
  - i) the service or supplies being claimed is not eligible; or
  - ii) the financial commitment is complete;
 A letter from your automobile insurance carrier will be required;
- q) are cognitive or administrative services or other fees charged by a provider of service for services other than those directly relating to the delivery of the service or supply.

## CLAIM INFORMATION

### Inquiries

For detailed inquiries, contact your Benefits Administrator or contact us:

- ♦ Call our Customer Service Centre at 1.888.711.1119 to determine eligibility for a specific item or service and GSC's prior-authorization requirements, or
- ♦ Visit our website at [greenshield.ca](http://greenshield.ca) to e-mail your question

### Pre-authorization

For **pre-authorization** forward a prior-authorization form OR a physician's prescription indicating the diagnosis and what is prescribed.

### Direct Payment to the Provider of Service (where applicable)

Present your GSC Identification Card to your provider and, after you pay any applicable co-payment, they may bill GSC directly and in many cases, payment will be made directly to your provider of service. Most providers will also have a supply of claim forms.

### Submitting Claims

When submitting a claim to GSC, you must show the GSC Identification Number for the person who has received the benefit. You can find the applicable GSC Identification Number for yourself and each of your dependents listed on your GSC Identification Card. Original itemized paid receipts are required for claims reimbursement (cash receipts or credit card receipts alone are not acceptable as proof of payment).

For **claims reimbursement** forward an original itemized paid receipt (**cash receipts or credit card receipts alone are not acceptable**) including:

- Covered person's name, address and GSC Identification Number
- Provider's name and address
- Date of service
- Charges for each service or supply
- A detailed description of the service or supply
- Medical referral/ physician prescription when required
- For Audio, a copy of audiogram and details of provincial funding, if applicable

For dental claims, forward a dental claim form, completed by both the plan member and the dentist. If your claim is the result of an accident, a Dental Accident Report Form and your dental X-rays must be submitted to GSC for prior approval. Failure to comply may result in non-payment.

When GSC is identified as a secondary carrier, submit the original Explanation of Benefits statement from the primary carrier and a copy of the claim form in order to receive any balances owing.

All claims must be received by GSC no later than 15 months from the date the eligible benefit was incurred.
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**Submit all Claim Forms to:  
GSC Canada**

Attn: Drug Department	PO Box 1652	Windsor, ON	N9A 7G5
Attn: Medical Items	PO Box 1623	Windsor, ON	N9A 7B3
Attn: Professional Services	PO Box 1699	Windsor, ON	N9A 7G6
Attn: Vision Department	PO Box 1615	Windsor, ON	N9A 7J3
Attn: Out-of-Country Department	PO Box 1606	Windsor, ON	N9A 6W1
Attn: Dental Department	PO Box 1608	Windsor, ON	N9A 7G1

**Reimbursement**

Reimbursement will be made by one of the following methods:

- a) Direct deposit to your personal bank account, when requested;
- b) A reimbursement cheque; or
- c) Direct payment to the provider of services, where applicable.

All maximums and limitations stated are in Canadian currency. Reimbursement will be made in Canadian or U.S. funds for both providers and plan members, based on the country of the payee.

**Emergency Travel**

GSC Travel Assistance must be contacted by phone within 48 hours of commencement of treatment.

Call our Customer Service Centre at 1.888.711.1119 for detailed claims submission instructions.

If you have incurred out of pocket expenses, claims must be submitted together with supporting original receipts to GSC Travel Assistance who will then co-ordinate with the provincial health insurance plan reimbursement of those approved, eligible expenses.

To make a claim, submit the patient name, provincial health insurance plan number, address and GSC Identification Number with a detailed statement showing the services rendered and the fees charged for each service.

**Subrogation**

Where you or your dependent have rights against a third party for payment of all or part of the cost of any expenses covered under this plan, these eligible expenses are covered under this plan only to the extent you are not compensated for these expenses by the third party. The plan sponsor (and GSC as agent for the plan sponsor) has the right to recover amounts paid under this plan where you or your dependent receives reimbursement, in whole or in part, from a third party in respect to eligible expenses under this plan. The plan sponsor (and GSC as agent for the plan sponsor) may exercise any and all common law right of subrogation in relation to such amounts paid by a third party or any claims you or your dependent may have against a third party in relation to eligible expenses under this plan. In cases of third party liability, you must advise your legal advisor of the subrogation provisions under this plan.

In the case of rights under an insurance program described under the Co-ordination of Benefits (COB) provision of this plan, the rights of contribution and subrogation will be subject to the rules set out under that section and the Canadian Life and Health Association (CLHIA) Co-ordination of Benefit Guidelines, as published from time to time.

### **Co-ordination of Benefits (COB)**

If you are covered for extended health and dental benefits under more than one plan, your benefits under this plan will be coordinated with the other plan so that you may be reimbursed up to 100% of the eligible expense incurred.

Claims must be submitted to the primary payer first. Any unpaid balances should then be submitted to the secondary plan(s). Use the following guidelines to identify the primary and secondary plans:

#### **GSC Plan Member**

GSC coverage for you is always primary. If you are the plan member under two group plans, priority goes in the following order:

- The plan where you are a full-time plan member
- The plan where you are a part-time plan member
- The plan where you are a retiree

#### **Spouse**

If your spouse is a plan member under another benefit plan, this GSC coverage is always secondary. Your spouse must first submit claims to his/her benefit plan.

#### **Children**

When dependent children are covered under both your GSC plan and your spouse's benefit plan, use the following order to determine where to submit the claims:

- The plan of the parent whose birth date (month and day) occurs earliest in the calendar year
- The plan of the parent whose first name begins with the earlier letter of the alphabet, if the parents have the same birth date
- In cases of separation or divorce with multiple benefit plans for the children, the following order applies:
  - The benefit plan of the parent who has custody of the dependent child
  - The plan of the spouse of the parent who has custody of the dependent child
  - The plan of the parent who does not have custody of the dependent child
  - The plan of the spouse of the parent who does not have custody of the dependent child

If the parents have joint custody and both have the children listed as dependents under their plans, claims should first be submitted to the plan of the parent whose birth date (month and day) occurs earliest in the calendar year. Balances can then be submitted to the other parent's plan.

#### **Travel Benefits**

In the event of a travel claim, all plans equally share the cost of the claim.

When GSC is identified as a secondary carrier, submit the original Explanation of Benefits statement from the primary carrier and a copy of the claim form in order to receive any balances owing.

## PREFERRED PROVIDER VISION NETWORK ARRANGEMENT

As a GSC plan member, you have access to our national preferred provider vision network arrangement where all GSC plan members are eligible to receive a discount on eyewear and laser eye surgery.

**Features of this great value-added service for either eyewear or laser eye surgery include:**

1. Offer applies to any GSC plan member, regardless of whether you have GSC vision benefits or not;
2. The vision provider may bill GSC directly; the plan member just pays any portion of the expense not covered under their vision benefit;
3. Trustworthy retail chains with convenient locations;
4. The discount offer applies to everything such as all extra coatings, upgrades and accessories;
5. Hundreds of the latest frame styles to choose from plus the latest lens and coating technology;
6. Professional opticians to assist in selecting products;
7. For some vendors, this offer applies to non-disposable contact lenses only (excludes disposable contact lenses).

Visit our website at [greenshield.ca](http://greenshield.ca) or call our Customer Service Centre at 1.888.711.1119 for information on the vision providers.

**How to Submit Your Vision Claim**

1. Present your GSC Identification Card as proof of being a GSC plan member.
2. The vision provider will apply the appropriate discount(s) to your claim and may submit the claim directly to GSC for payment. You pay your vision provider any balance not covered under your vision benefit.
3. If no vision benefit exists, you pay your provider the full balance owing after the applicable discounts have been applied.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO PRIVACY

The GSC Canada Privacy Code balances the privacy rights of our group and benefit plan members and their dependents, and our employees, with the legitimate information requirements to provide customer service. It consists of the following key principles:

### 1. We ask for your personal information for the following purposes:

- To establish your identification
- To provide you and/or your dependents with the applicable benefit coverage
- To protect you and us from error and fraud
- To provide ongoing access to other services at GSC

### 2. Consent

When you enrolled in your group benefit plan as a plan member, your personal information was obtained and used only with your consent. We obtained your consent before we:

- Provided benefit coverage
- Offered you other GSC services
- Obtained, used or disclosed to other persons, information about you unless we were obliged to do so by law or to protect our interests
- Used your personal information in any way we did not tell you about previously

Your consent can be either express or implied. Express consent can be verbal or written.

Consent can be implied or inferred from certain actions. For our existing group and benefit plan members and their dependents, we will continue to use and disclose your personal information previously collected in accordance with our current privacy code, unless you inform us otherwise and will infer that consent has been obtained by your continued use.

### 3. Withdrawal of Consent

You can withdraw your consent any time after you've given it to us, provided there are no legal or regulatory requirements to prevent this.

If you don't consent to certain uses of personal information, or if you withdraw your consent, we will no longer be able to administer your benefit coverage. If so, we will explain the situation to you to help you with your decision.

For further information on our privacy policies and procedures, please refer to the GSC website at [greenshield.ca](http://greenshield.ca).

# Group Benefit Plan



**Great-West Life**  
*your Benefits Solutions People*

## **CEVA LOGISTICS**

**Non-Union Employees**







## BENEFIT DETAILS

Great-West Life is a leading Canadian life and health insurer. Great-West Life's financial security advisors work with our clients from coast to coast to help them secure their financial future. We provide a wide range of retirement savings and income plans; as well as life, disability and critical illness insurance for individuals and families. As a leading provider of employee benefits in Canada, we offer effective benefit solutions for large and small employee groups.

### Great-West Life Online

Information and details on Great-West Life's corporate profile, our products and services, investor information, news releases and contact information can all be found at our website [www.greatwestlife.com](http://www.greatwestlife.com).

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This booklet describes the principal features of the group benefit plan sponsored by your employer, but **Group Policy Nos. 165467 and 165468** issued by Great-West Life are the governing documents. If there are variations between the information in the booklet and the provisions of the policies, the policies will prevail.

This booklet contains important information and should be kept in a safe place known to you and your family.

The Plan is administered by



## **Access to Documents**

You have the right, upon request, to obtain a copy of the policy, your application and any written statements or other records you have provided to Great-West Life as evidence of insurability, subject to certain limitations.

## **Legal Actions**

Every action or proceeding against an insurer for the recovery of insurance money payable under the contract is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act or other applicable legislation (e.g. *Limitations Act, 2002* in Ontario, Quebec Civil Code).

## **Appeals**

You have the right to appeal a denial of all or part of the insurance or benefits described in the contract as long as you do so within one year of the initial denial of the insurance or a benefit. An appeal must be in writing and must include your reasons for believing the denial to be incorrect.

## **Benefit Limitation for Overpayment**

If benefits are paid that were not payable under the policy, you are responsible for repayment within 30 days after Great-West Life sends you a notice of the overpayment, or within a longer period if agreed to in writing by Great-West Life. If you fail to fulfil this responsibility, no further benefits are payable under the policy until the overpayment is recovered. This does not limit Great-West Life's right to use other legal means to recover the overpayment.

## Protecting Your Personal Information

At Great-West Life, we recognize and respect the importance of privacy. Personal information about you is kept in a confidential file at the offices of Great-West Life or the offices of an organization authorized by Great-West Life. Great-West Life may use service providers located within or outside Canada. We limit access to personal information in your file to Great-West Life staff or persons authorized by Great-West Life who require it to perform their duties, to persons to whom you have granted access, and to persons authorized by law. Your personal information may be subject to disclosure to those authorized under applicable law within or outside Canada.

We use the personal information to administer the group benefits plan under which you are covered. This includes many tasks, such as:

- determining your eligibility for coverage under the plan
- enrolling you for coverage
- investigating and assessing your claims and providing you with payment
- managing your claims
- verifying and auditing eligibility and claims
- creating and maintaining records concerning our relationship
- underwriting activities, such as determining the cost of the plan, and analyzing the design options of the plan
- preparing regulatory reports, such as tax slips

We may exchange personal information with your health care providers, your plan administrator, any insurance or reinsurance companies, administrators of government benefits or other benefit programs, other organizations, or service providers working with us or the above when relevant and necessary to administer the plan.

As plan member, you are responsible for the claims submitted. We may exchange personal information with you or a person acting on your behalf when relevant and necessary to confirm coverage and to manage the claims submitted.

You may request access or correction of the personal information in your file. A request for access or correction should be made in writing and may be sent to any of Great-West Life's offices or to our head office.

For a copy of our Privacy Guidelines, or if you have questions about our personal information policies and practices (including with respect to service providers), write to Great-West Life's Chief Compliance Officer or refer to [www.greatwestlife.com](http://www.greatwestlife.com).

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# Benefit Summary

This summary must be read together with the benefits described in this booklet.

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**Employee Basic Life Insurance**                      100% of annual earnings to a maximum of \$300,000, reducing by 50% at age 65

## Optional Life Insurance

Employee and Spouse                                      Available in \$10,000 units to a maximum of \$250,000, subject to approval of evidence of insurability

If you are covered under this plan as both an employee and a spouse, you are limited to the \$250,000 maximum

Child                                                              Available in \$5,000 units to a maximum of \$15,000

## Employee Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss (Principal Sum)

An amount equal to your Basic Life Insurance



## Short Term Disability Income Benefits

### Waiting Period

Injury	No waiting period
Disease	10 days

If you are hospitalized or have day surgery before the last day of the waiting period for disease, benefits will begin on the day you are hospitalized or the surgery is performed

Maximum Benefit Period	17 weeks
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Amount	60% of your weekly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$1,500
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## Long Term Disability Income Benefits

Waiting Period	119 days
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Amount	60% of the first \$5,300 of your monthly earnings plus 40% of the remainder to a maximum benefit of \$6,000
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Benefit terminates at age 65

## **COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

You are eligible to participate in the plan after 3 months of continuous employment. You are considered continuously employed only if you satisfy the actively at work requirement throughout the eligibility waiting period.

- You and your dependents will be covered as soon as you become eligible.
- You must be actively at work when coverage takes effect, otherwise the coverage will not be effective until you return to work.
- Increases in your benefits while you are covered by this plan will not become effective unless you are actively at work.
- Temporary, part-time and seasonal employees may not join the plan.

Your coverage terminates when your employment ends, you are no longer eligible, or the policy terminates, whichever is earliest.

- Your dependents' coverage terminates when your insurance terminates or your dependent no longer qualifies, whichever is earlier.
- When your coverage terminates, you may be entitled to an extension of benefits under the plan. Your employer will provide you with details.

## **DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

Dependent means:

- Your spouse, legal or common-law.

A common-law spouse is a person who has been living with you in a conjugal relationship for at least 12 months or, if you are a Quebec resident, until the earlier birth or adoption of a child of the relationship.

- Your unmarried children under age 21, or under age 26 if they are full-time students.

Children under age 21 are not covered if they are working more than 30 hours a week, unless they are full-time students.

Children who are incapable of supporting themselves because of physical or mental disorder are covered without age limit if the disorder begins before they turn 21, or while they are students under 26, and the disorder has been continuous since that time.

## **BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

You may make, alter, or revoke a designation of beneficiary as permitted by law. You should review any beneficiary designation made under this policy from time to time to ensure that it reflects your current intentions. You may change the designation by completing a form available from your employer.

## **EMPLOYEE BASIC LIFE INSURANCE**

On your death, Great-West Life will pay your life insurance benefits to your named beneficiary. If you have not named a beneficiary or there is no surviving beneficiary at the time of your death, payment will be made to your estate. Your employer will explain the claim requirements to your beneficiary.

- Your life insurance terminates when you reach age 75.
- You are entitled to waiver of premium benefits after you have been continuously disabled for 119 days. You will be considered disabled during the period you are entitled to receive Long Term Disability benefits.
- If any or all of your insurance terminates on or before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you may be eligible to apply for an individual conversion policy without providing proof of your insurability. You must apply and pay the first premium no later than 31 days after your group insurance terminates. See your employer for details.

## OPTIONAL LIFE INSURANCE

Optional Life Insurance allows you to choose additional coverage for yourself, your spouse and your children. Check the **Benefit Summary** for the amount of Optional Life Insurance available. When you apply for Optional Life Insurance, you must provide proof of your insurability, and your application must be approved by Great-West Life. If you or your spouse die within two years after applying for Optional Life Insurance, Great-West Life has the right to verify any medical information you or your spouse provided. If any inconsistencies are discovered, the claim will be denied and any premiums paid will be refunded.

On your death, Great-West Life will pay your life insurance to your named beneficiary. If you have not named a beneficiary or there is no surviving beneficiary at the time of your death, payment will be made to your estate. Your employer will explain the claim requirements. If your spouse or child dies you will be paid the amount for which he or she was insured.

- If you are approved for waiver of premium on your basic life insurance, any optional life insurance for you, your spouse and your dependent children will also continue without premium payment as long as your basic life insurance continues but not beyond the date your optional insurance would otherwise terminate.
- If your or your spouse's optional life insurance terminates, you or your spouse may be eligible to apply for an individual conversion policy without providing proof of insurability. You must apply and pay the first premium no later than 31 days after your group insurance terminates. See your employer for details.
- Your optional life insurance terminates when you reach age 70. Your spouse's coverage terminates at the same time, or when he or she reaches age 70 or is no longer your spouse, whichever comes first. Your dependent child's coverage terminates when your coverage terminates or when he or she is no longer an eligible dependent, whichever comes first.

**Limitation**

No benefit is paid for suicide within the first two years of initial or increased optional life coverage. In such a situation, Great-West Life refunds the premiums that have been received.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH, DISMEMBERMENT AND  
SPECIFIC LOSS (AD&D) INSURANCE**

If you suffer one of the losses listed below as the result of an accident which occurs while you are insured, you will be paid the factor or portion of the Principal Sum shown opposite the loss in the table below. The loss must occur no later than 365 days after the accident. For loss of use, the loss must be continuous for 365 days. If you suffer multiple losses to the same limb as the result of the same accident, only the loss providing the highest amount payable will be paid.

If you die as a result of an accident, Great-West Life will pay the Principal Sum to your named beneficiary. If you have not named a beneficiary or there is no surviving beneficiary at the time of your death, payment will be made to your estate. Your employer will explain the claim requirements to your beneficiary.

The Principal Sum is the maximum amount that will be paid for all injuries resulting from the same accident. For paraplegia, hemiplegia, and quadriplegia, the maximum amount that will be paid for all injuries resulting from the same accident is two times the Principal Sum.

<b>Loss</b>	<b>Amount Payable</b>
Life	Principal Sum
Both hands or both feet	Principal Sum
Sight of both eyes	Principal Sum
One hand and one foot	Principal Sum
One hand and sight of one eye	Principal Sum
One foot and sight of one eye	Principal Sum
Speech and Hearing in both ears	Principal Sum
One arm or one leg	3/4 Principal Sum
One hand or one foot or sight of one eye	1/2 Principal Sum
Speech	1/2 Principal Sum
Hearing in both ears	1/2 Principal Sum
Thumb and index finger or at least 4 fingers of one hand	1/4 Principal Sum
All toes of one foot	1/8 Principal Sum

## Loss of Use

Both arms and both legs (quadriplegia)	2 X Principal Sum
Both legs (paraplegia)	2 X Principal Sum
One arm and one leg on the same side of the body (hemiplegia)	2 X Principal Sum
One arm and one leg on different sides of the body	Principal Sum
Both arms or both hands	Principal Sum
One hand and one leg	Principal Sum
One leg or one arm	3/4 Principal Sum
One hand	1/2 Principal Sum

Your AD&D insurance terminates when you reach age 75.

## Surgical Reattachment

If you suffer the loss of a limb that is surgically reattached, Great-West Life will pay 50% of the amount that would have been payable if the loss had been permanent, regardless of the amount of use regained. The balance of the benefit will be payable if the reattachment fails and the reattached part is removed within one year after the reattachment was performed.

## Repatriation

If you die as the result of an accident that is at least 150 kilometres away from your home, Great-West Life will pay up to \$2,500 for the preparation and transportation of your body to the place of burial or cremation less any amounts paid under this plan's global medical assistance benefit.



## **Educational Benefit for Dependent Children**

If benefits are payable under this benefit provision for your death, Great-West Life will pay the tuition fees for enrolling your dependent children as full-time students at a post-secondary institution. To qualify for an educational benefit, a dependent child must have been enrolled as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution at the time of the accident causing your death, or he must have been enrolled as a full-time student at the secondary school level at the time of the accident causing your death and enrolls as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution within 365 days after the accident.

Great-West Life will pay up to 5% of the Principal Sum, or \$5,000, whichever is less, for each year of full-time post-secondary school enrolment. Great-West Life will pay the educational benefit each year for a maximum of 4 consecutive years upon receipt of proof of full-time enrolment.

No benefits will be paid for tuition expenses incurred before the accident, or room or board or other ordinary living, travelling, or clothing expenses.

## **Family Transportation Benefit**

If you are hospitalized more than 150 kilometres from your home as a result of an injury for which benefits are payable under this benefit provision, Great-West Life will pay the actual expense incurred less any amount paid for the same expenses under this plan's global medical assistance benefit, up to \$2,000, for transportation and lodging expenses for one family member to join you.

Benefits for lodging are limited to moderate quality accommodation for the area of hospitalization. Telephone expenses and taxicab and car rental charges are included. Meal expenses are not covered.

Transportation expenses are limited to round trip economy class transportation. If a private vehicle is used, expenses are limited to \$.44 per kilometre travelled.

## **Occupational Training Benefit for Spouses**

If benefits are payable under this benefit provision for your death, Great-West Life will pay for expenses associated with your spouse's enrolment in an accredited occupational training program. The purpose of the training program must be to provide the spouse with at least the minimum qualifications required for employment in an occupation for which the spouse would not otherwise qualify.

Great-West Life will pay up to 10% of the Principal Sum, or \$10,000, whichever is less.

No benefits will be paid for expenses incurred more than 3 years after the accident causing your death, or room or board or other ordinary living, travelling, or clothing expenses.

## **Educational Benefit**

If benefits are payable under this benefit provision for an injury that requires you to change occupations, Great-West Life will pay the tuition fees for enrolling you as a student at a post-secondary institution for training in a new occupation. To qualify for an educational benefit, you must enrol at a post-secondary institution within 365 days after the accident. Great-West Life will pay up to \$10,000.

No benefits will be paid for tuition expenses incurred before the accident, expenses incurred more than 2 years after the accident causing the injury, or room or board or other ordinary living, travelling, or clothing expenses.

## **Wheelchair Benefit**

If benefits are payable under this benefit provision for an injury that requires the use of a wheelchair for you to be ambulatory, Great-West Life will pay for alterations to your principal residence to make it wheelchair accessible and habitable, and modifications to a motor vehicle you use to make it accessible to and driveable by you.

Benefits for home alterations are payable only if the person or persons making the changes are experienced in home alterations for wheelchairs, and recommended by an organization recognized for providing support and assistance to wheelchair users.

Benefits for vehicle modifications are payable only if the person or persons making the changes are experienced in vehicle modification for wheelchairs, and the modifications are approved by the provincial vehicle licensing authority.

Great-West Life will pay up to \$10,000 for all home and vehicle modifications combined.

No benefits will be paid for expenses incurred more than 365 days after the accident, or for subsequent alterations to your home or vehicle after an initial claim for benefits has been made under this wheelchair benefit provision.

### **Limitations**

No benefits are paid for injury or death resulting from:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injury or suicide
- Viral or bacterial infections, except pyogenic infections occurring through the injury for which loss is being claimed
- Any form of illness or physical or mental infirmity
- Medical or surgical treatment, except surgical reattachment
- War, insurrection or voluntary participation in a riot
- Service in the armed forces of any country
- Air travel serving as a crew member, or in aircraft owned, leased or rented by your employer, or air travel where the aircraft is not licensed or the pilot is not certified to operate the aircraft

## **How to Make a Claim**

- To claim benefits for yourself, ask your employer for a claim form. Complete it and return it to your employer.
- If you die accidentally, your employer will explain the claim requirements to your beneficiary.
- Claims should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than 15 months after the loss.

## SHORT TERM DISABILITY (STD) INCOME BENEFITS

The plan provides you with regular income to replace income lost because of a disability due to disease or injury. Benefits begin after the waiting period is over and continue until you are no longer disabled or until the end of the benefit period, whichever comes first. Check the **Benefit Summary** for the benefit amount, waiting period and benefit period.

- STD benefits are payable after the waiting period if disease or injury prevents you from doing your own job. You are **not** considered disabled if you can perform a combination of duties that regularly took at least 60% of your time to complete.
- If you have not seen a physician before the end of the waiting period, benefits will not be payable until after your first visit to the physician.
- Separate periods of disability arising from the same disease or injury are considered to be one period of disability unless they are separated by at least 2 weeks of continuous full-time work.
- Because your employer contributes to the cost of STD coverage, benefits are taxable.
- Your STD coverage terminates when you reach age 65.

### Other Income

Your STD benefit is reduced by other income you are entitled to receive while you are disabled. Other income includes:

- disability benefits you are entitled to on your own behalf under the Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, except for increases that take effect after the benefit period starts

- benefits under any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law
- benefits under a legislated automobile insurance plan where permitted by law

Earnings received from an approved rehabilitation plan or program are not used to reduce your STD benefit unless those earnings, together with your income from this plan and the other income listed above, would exceed your weekly earnings before you became disabled. If it does, your benefit is reduced by the excess amount.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits**

Vocational rehabilitation involves a work related activity or training strategy that is designed to help you return to gainful employment and a more productive lifestyle. A plan or program will be approved if it is appropriate for the expected duration of your disability and it facilitates your earliest possible return to work.

### **Medical Coordination Benefits**

Medical coordination is a process of early involvement to ensure that you are diagnosed quickly and receive appropriate treatment on a timely basis. The goal is to enable you to return to work as early as possible and to prevent the disability from becoming long term or permanent.

### **Limitations**

No benefits are paid for:

- Any period in which you do not participate or cooperate in a prescribed plan of medical treatment appropriate for your condition.

Depending on the severity of the condition, you may be required to be under the care of a specialist.

If substance abuse contributes to your disability, the treatment program must include participation in a recognized substance withdrawal program.

- The scheduled duration of a lay-off or leave of absence.

This does not apply to any portion of a period of maternity leave during which you are disabled due to pregnancy.

- Any period of employment, except in an approved rehabilitation plan or program.
- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in an approved rehabilitation plan or program.
- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in a recommended medical coordination program.
- Disability due to or associated with cosmetic treatment.
- Any period of confinement in a prison or similar institution.
- Disability arising from war, insurrection or voluntary participation in a riot.

### **How to Make a Claim**

Notify your employer of your disability as soon as possible. Obtain an Employee Claim Submission Guide (form M5454) from your employer and follow the guide's instructions. Please ensure that your claim is submitted to Great-West Life within 10 days after the onset of your disability.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY (LTD) INCOME BENEFITS

The plan provides you with regular income to replace income lost because of a lengthy disability due to disease or injury. Benefits begin after the waiting period is over and continue until you are no longer disabled **as defined by the policy** or you reach age 65, whichever comes first. Check the **Benefit Summary** for the benefit amount and waiting period.

- If disability is not continuous, the days you are disabled can be accumulated to satisfy the waiting period as long as no interruption is longer than 2 weeks and the disabilities arise from the same disease or injury.
- LTD benefits are payable for the first 24 months following the waiting period if disease or injury prevents you from performing the essential duties of your regular occupation, **and**, except for any employment under an approved rehabilitation plan, you are **not** employed in any occupation that is providing you with income equal to or greater than your amount of LTD insurance under this plan, as shown in the Benefit Summary.
- After 24 months, LTD benefits will continue only if your disability prevents you from being gainfully employed in any job. Gainful employment is work you are medically able to perform, for which you have at least the minimum qualifications, and which provides you with an income of at least 60% of your indexed monthly earnings before you became disabled.
- Loss of any license required for work will not be considered in assessing disability.
- After the waiting period, separate periods of disability arising from the same disease or injury are considered to be one period of disability unless they are separated by at least 6 months.



- Because you pay the entire cost of LTD coverage, benefits are not taxable.
- Your LTD insurance terminates at the earlier of retirement, termination of employment or when you reach age 65 less the elimination period.

### **Other Income**

Your LTD benefit is reduced by other income you are entitled to receive while you are disabled. Your benefit is first reduced by:

- disability or retirement benefits you are entitled to on your own behalf under the Canada Pension Plan or Quebec Pension Plan
- benefits under any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law
- employer sponsored short term disability or sick leave benefits
- loss of income benefits under an automobile insurance plan, to the extent permitted by law
- 50% of earnings received from an approved rehabilitation plan

There is a further reduction of your LTD benefit if the total of the income listed below exceeds 85% of your monthly take-home pay before you became disabled. If it does, your benefit is reduced by the excess amount.

- your income under this plan
- benefits another member of your family is entitled to on the basis of your disability under the Canada Pension Plan or Quebec Pension Plan that are paid directly to you
- loss of income benefits available through legislation, except for Employment Insurance benefits and automobile insurance benefits, which you or another member of your family is entitled to on the basis of your disability

- the wage loss portion of any criminal injury award
- disability benefits under a plan of insurance available through an association
- employment income, disability benefits, or retirement benefits related to any employment except for income from an approved rehabilitation plan, or employer sponsored short term disability or sick leave benefits (termination pay, severance benefits, and any similar termination of employment benefits, including any salary paid in lieu of notice, are included as employment income under this provision)

Earnings received from an approved rehabilitation plan are not used to further reduce your LTD benefit unless those earnings, together with your income from this plan and the other income listed above, would exceed your indexed monthly take-home pay before you became disabled. If it does, your benefit is reduced by the excess amount.

Cost-of-living increases in the other income listed above, that take effect after the benefit period starts, except for income from an approved rehabilitation plan, are not included.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

Vocational rehabilitation involves a work related activity or training strategy that is designed to help you return to your own job or other gainful employment, and is recommended or approved by Great-West Life. In considering whether to recommend or approve a rehabilitation plan, Great-West Life will assess such factors as the expected duration of disability, and the level of activity required to facilitate the earliest possible return to work.

### **Medical Coordination**

Medical coordination is a program, recommended or approved by Great-West Life, that is designed to facilitate medical stability and provide you with cost effective, quality care. In considering whether to recommend or approve a medical coordination program, Great-West Life will assess such factors as the expected duration of disability, and the level of activity required to facilitate medical stability.

## Survivor Benefit

If you die while LTD income benefits are being paid, Great-West Life will pay 3 times your monthly LTD benefit to your named beneficiary. If you have not named a beneficiary or there is no surviving beneficiary at the time of your death, payment will be made to your estate. Your employer will explain the claim requirements to your beneficiary.

## Limitations

No benefits are paid for:

- Disability arising from a disease or injury for which you received medical care before your insurance started. This limitation does not apply if your disability starts after you have been continuously insured for 1 year, or you have not had medical care for the disease or injury for a continuous period of 90 days ending on or after the date your insurance took effect.
- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in a prescribed plan of medical treatment appropriate for your condition.

Depending on the severity of the condition, you may be required to be under the care of a specialist.

If substance abuse contributes to your disability, the treatment program must include participation in a recognized substance withdrawal program.

- Any period after you fail to cooperate in applying for other disability benefits, reapplying for such benefits, or appealing decisions regarding such benefits, where considered appropriate by Great-West Life.
- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in an approved rehabilitation plan.
- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in a recommended medical coordination program.

- Any period after you fail to participate or cooperate in a required medical or vocational assessment.
- The scheduled duration of a leave of absence.

This does not apply to any portion of a period of maternity leave during which you are disabled due to pregnancy.

- Any period in which you are outside Canada. This exclusion does not apply during the first 30 days of an absence, or if Great-West Life pre-authorized the absence prior to your departure.
- Any period of incarceration, confinement, or imprisonment by authority of law.
- Disability arising from war, insurrection, or voluntary participation in a riot.

### **How to Make a Claim**

Before the end of the short term disability benefit period, Great-West Life will ask your employer to provide information to begin processing your LTD claim. All information must be submitted within 3 months of the request.

## PREFERRED VISION SERVICES (PVS)

**Preferred Vision Services (PVS) is a service provided by Great-West Life to its customers through PVS which is a preferred provider network company.**

PVS entitles you to a discount on a wide selection of quality eyewear and lens extras (scratch guarding, tints, etc.) when you purchase these items from a PVS network optician or optometrist. A discount on laser eye surgery can be obtained through an organization that is part of the PVS network.

PVS also entitles you to a discount on hearing aids (batteries, tubing, ear molds, etc.) when you purchase these items from a PVS network provider.

You can use the PVS network as often as you wish for yourself and your dependents.

Using PVS:

- Call the **PVS Information Hotline** at **1-800-668-6444** or visit the **PVS Web site** at **[www.pvs.ca](http://www.pvs.ca)** for information about PVS locations and the program
- Arrange for a fitting, an eye examination, a hearing assessment or a hearing test, if needed
- Present your group benefit plan identification card, to identify your preferred status as a PVS member through Great-West Life, at the time the eyewear or the hearing aid is purchased, or at the initial consultation for laser eye surgery
- Pay the reduced PVS price. If you have vision care coverage or hearing aids coverage for the product or service, obtain a receipt and submit it with a claim form to your insurance carrier in the usual manner.