# **ABILIS SOLUTIONS INC.**

Class 1



#### **GROUP INSURANCE PLAN**

Policyholder: ABILIS SOLUTIONS INC.

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### **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS**

The SUMMARY OF BENEFITS briefly describes the coverage of the group insurance plan, based on the class the Participant belongs to.

The following pages give a full description of the GENERAL PROVISIONS and of each BENEFIT.

#### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

For the purposes of this booklet, the masculine form includes the feminine unless a different meaning is required from the context. In addition, the singular shall include the plural where required.

Participants are insured under the following class:

#### Class

1 - Regular Employees

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# **ELIGIBILITY DATE**

Subject to all of the terms and conditions of the group policy, an Employee shall become eligible on the latest of the following dates:

a) The Effective Date of the policy, if he is then an Employee;

or

b) On the Employee's first Working Day with the Employer.

#### **ELIGIBILITY PERIOD**

No qualifying period.

#### PARTICIPANT'S LIFE INSURANCE

#### **Sum Insured**

One times the Annual Earnings, the result being rounded to the next higher \$1,000, if not already a multiple thereof.

Maximum: \$475,000 without evidence of insurability

or

\$800,000 with evidence of insurability.

#### Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations:

The sum insured is reduced by 50% on the Participant's 65th birthday.

This benefit and any sum insured payable thereunder are subject to any other reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### Termination:

The insurance under this benefit terminates on the earliest of: the Participant's 70th birthday; or his date of retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### **DEPENDENTS' LIFE INSURANCE**

#### Sum Insured

Spouse: \$5,000

Each Child upon a live birth: \$2,500

#### Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations:

This benefit and any sum insured payable thereunder are subject to any reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### Termination:

For each insured Dependent, the insurance under this benefit terminates on the earliest of: the Participant's 70th birthday; or the Participant's date of retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

#### **Monthly Indemnity**

76% of the first \$1,250 of the Monthly Earnings, plus 54% of the next \$3,750, and 45% of the excess, the result being rounded to the next higher dollar, if not already a multiple thereof.

#### Monthly maximum:

\$7,200 without evidence of insurability or \$13,000 with evidence of insurability.

However, the overall maximum must not exceed 85% of the Pre-Total Disability Net Monthly Earnings.

17 weeks

Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations This benefit and any amounts payable thereunder are subject to any reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

Elimination Period:

If Long-Term Disability benefits are approved, payment of benefits will begin after satisfaction of the maximum benefit payment period provided under the Short-Term Disability Insurance benefit, if such benefit

is included under the group policy.

Maximum Benefit Payment Period:

To the Participant's 65th birthday

Benefits Payments are non-taxable.

#### Termination:

The insurance under this benefit terminates on the earliest of: the Participant's 65th birthday; or his date of retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### QUEBEC PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE

# (Addendum to Supplemental Health Insurance Applicable to Quebec Residents Only)

# (eligible drugs as per the list of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec)

# Maximum Contribution for the Participant and Spouse during the Calendar Year:

As stated under the *Act respecting prescription drug insurance* (R.S.Q., chapter A-29.01).

Notwithstanding what is indicated in the group policy, the Participant's Maximum Contribution will include any amounts paid as a Deductible and/or Coinsurance for a Spouse and Dependent Children, if applicable

#### Deductible:

As stated under the Supplemental Health Insurance benefit, subject to any maximum stated under the *Act respecting prescription drug insurance*.

## Reimbursement by the insurer:

As stated under the Supplemental Health Insurance benefit. However, if the level of Reimbursement is less than that provided by the *Act respecting prescription drug insurance*, the Reimbursement level will be as per the minimum Reimbursement level allowed.

Once the Maximum Contribution has been satisfied by the Participant (including Spouse and Dependent Children) during the Calendar Year, the level of Reimbursement will be 100% for the rest of the Calendar Year.

#### QUEBEC PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE (cont'd)

# (Addendum to Supplemental Health Insurance Applicable to Quebec Residents Only)

(eligible drugs as per the list of the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec)

#### Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations:

This benefit and any amounts payable thereunder are subject to any reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

### **Termination:**

The insurance under this benefit terminates on the earliest of: the Participant's 65th birthday; or his date of retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy, subject to the Special Provision For Insured Persons Age 65 and Over provision under this benefit.

# SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE

HOSPITALIZATION IN THE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE				
Deductible: none	Reimbursement: 100%	Daily maximum: Semi-private room rate		
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE and EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE ASSISTANCE			
Deductible: none	Reimbursement: 100%	Maximum per Insured Person: \$5,000,000 per lifetime		
TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE				
Deductible: none	Reimbursement: 100%	Maximum per Insured Person: \$5,000 per trip		
OUT OF CANADA REFERRAL COVERAGE				
Deductible: none	Reimbursement: 100%	Maximum per Insured Person: \$50,000 per lifetime		
ALL OTHER MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN CANADA				
Deductible  – Drugs:  – Other expens	ses:	\$2 per prescribed drug None		
Reimburseme	nt:	90%		
Maximum:		Unlimited		

#### SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)

#### **Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations:**

The Supplemental Health Insurance benefit and any amounts payable thereunder are subject to any reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### Termination:

The insurance under the Supplemental Health Insurance benefit terminates on the earliest of:

Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside the Province of Residence and Emergency Out of Province Assistance

on the Participant's 75th birthday; or his date of retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

Hospitalization In The Province of Residence, Trip Cancellation Insurance, Out of Canada Referral Coverage and All Other Medical Expenses Incurred in Canada on the Participant's retirement; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

# SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)

## **Medical Expenses**

**Covered Expenses** 

Maximums Per Insured Person

All covered expenses included under the Medical Expenses Incurred in Canada section of the Supplemental Health Insurance benefit, other than those listed below Unlimited

Drugs related to infertility problems

for Quebec residents:
 According to RAMQ parameters.

- for outside of Quebec residents: \$3,000 per lifetime.

Fees for nursing care \$10,000 per Calendar Year.

Breast prostheses One prosthesis per breast per

period of 2 consecutive Calendar

Years.

Diabetic monitoring equipment \$200 per Calendar Year.

Percutaneous or transcutaneous

nerve stimulator

\$300 per period of 5 consecutive

Calendar Year.

Surgical bras 2 per Calendar Year.

Medical elastic stockings \$100 per Calendar Year.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)

# **Medical Expenses**

Maximums Per **Covered Expenses Insured Person** 

Room and board in a facility licensed

to provide rehabilitative or

convalescent care

\$50 per Day; combined maximum of 120 Days per Calendar Year for all periods of confinement due to

the same cause.

These expenses are reimbursed

at 100%.

Medical appliances and supplies

- Purchase: Combined maximum of one device

per period of 5 consecutive

Calendar Years.

- Renting: One device per month.

Repair and adjustment of artificial

prostheses

\$300 per Calendar Year.

One prosthesis per eye per lifetime. Artificial eye

Artificial nose One per lifetime.

Orthopedic shoes \$200 per Calendar Year.

Foot orthoses \$300 per Calendar Year.

Intrauterine devices \$75 per period of 2 consecutive

Calendar Years.

Hoists \$2,000 per period of 5 consecutive

Calendar Years.

# SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)

# Medical Expenses

Covered Expenses	Maximums Per	
<del></del>	Insured Person	

Wigs \$300 per Calendar Year.

Sclerosing injections \$20 per visit.

Allergy testing \$50 per Calendar Year.

Compression garment for severe \$500 per Calendar Year.

burns

Sleeves for lymphedema 2 per Calendar Year.

Traction equipment \$1,000 per lifetime.

Compression pump \$1,000 per lifetime.

Artificial larynx \$1,000 per lifetime.

Fees for the following paramedical practitioners: acupuncturists, audiologists, chiropractors, dieticians, occupational therapists, speech therapists and osteopaths

Fees for the following paramedical practitioners: psychologists, psychotherapists and social workers

Maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year for each practitioner.

These expenses are reimbursed at 75%.

Maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year for all practitioners combined.

These expenses are reimbursed at 75%.

# **SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)**

# **Medical Expenses**

Covered Expenses	Maximums Per Insured Person
Fees for the following paramedical practitioners: massage therapists and naturopaths	Combined maximum of \$300 per Calendar Year.
and nataropatite	These expenses are reimbursed at 75%.
Fees for the following paramedical practitioners: chiropodists <sup>(1)</sup> and podiatrists	Combined maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year.
(1) in Ontario and Saskatchewan only	These expenses are reimbursed at 75%.
Fees for the following paramedical practitioners: physiotherapists and physical rehabilitation therapists	Combined maximum of \$500 per Calendar Year.
physical renabilitation therapists	These expenses are reimbursed at 75%.
X-rays by a chiropractor, an osteopath, a chiropodist <sup>(1)</sup> and a podiatrist	\$50 per Calendar Year for each practitioner.
(1) in Ontario and Saskatchewan only	
Myoelectric and electric artificial Prostheses	One prosthesis up to a maximum of \$10,000 per lifetime.
Hearing aids	\$700 per period of 3 consecutive Calendar Year.

# SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE (cont'd)

# **Medical Expenses**

Maximums Per **Covered Expenses Insured Person** 

Visual training \$150 per lifetime.

\$50 per period of 24 consecutive Eye examinations

> months (12 consecutive months for Dependent Children under age 21).

Eyeglasses (including sunglasses and safety glasses), contact lenses

or corrective laser surgery

Eyeglasses (including sunglasses and safety glasses), contact lenses or corrective laser surgery up to a maximum of \$200 per period of

24 consecutive months (12 consecutive months for

Dependent Children under age 21).

Contact lenses which are medically

necessary

\$200 per period of 24 consecutive

months

#### **DENTAL CARE INSURANCE**

#### Deductible \*

<ul><li>Individual protection:</li></ul>	\$50
<ul> <li>Family protection:</li> </ul>	\$50

#### Reimbursement

– Preventive treatments:	90%
<ul><li>Basic treatments:</li></ul>	90%
<ul><li>Major treatments:</li></ul>	50%
<ul> <li>Orthodontic treatments:</li> </ul>	50%

#### Maximum per Insured Person

Preventive and Basic treatments:
Major treatments:
\$2,500 per Calendar Year
\$2,000 per Calendar Year

Orthodontic treatments: \$2,000 per lifetime

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENTS are limited to Dependent Children under 19 years of age.

Expenses are reimbursed according to the Dental Surgeons Association's Fee Guide for the current year or, if applicable, the Dental Hygienists Association's Fee Guide for the current year, subject to any limits which are stated under the Dental Care Insurance. If the dental expenses are incurred in Alberta, the current fee guide is considered to be the 1997 Alberta Dental Association Fee Guide for General Practitioners, plus an inflationary adjustment as determined by the insurer.

<sup>\*</sup> Deductible will apply only on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The deductible does not apply to orthodontic treatments.

#### **DENTAL CARE INSURANCE (cont'd)**

# Reductions, Exclusions and Limitations:

This benefit and any amounts payable thereunder are subject to any reductions, exclusions and limitations indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### Termination:

The insurance under this benefit terminates on the earliest of: on the date of the retirement of the Participant; or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Accident** means any event due to a sudden and unforeseeable external cause that inflicts bodily injuries directly and independently of any other cause, all of which is certified by a Physician.

### Actively at Work means:

If it is a Working Day, the Employee is deemed to be Actively at Work for his Employer if he reports to work and performs all the essential duties of his regular occupation for the scheduled number of full-time hours for such Working Day.

If it is a weekend, holiday or a vacation day, the Employee is deemed to be Actively at Work for his Employer if:

- a) On that day, he would have been able to report to work for his Employer and perform all the essential duties of his regular occupation for the scheduled number of full-time hours had it been a Working Day; and
- b) On his last Working Day, he reported to work for his Employer and performed all of the essential duties of his regular occupation for the scheduled number of full-time hours for that Working Day.

**Approval of Evidence of Insurability** means the insurer actually accepts, in writing, the risk applied for after receiving each and every document required to assess such risk.

**Calendar Year** means the period from any January 1st to the next December 31st, both inclusive.

**Day** means a calendar day, except if otherwise defined in the group policy.

**Day Surgery** means surgery which is performed in a Hospital or out-patient clinic affiliated with a Hospital and requiring local, regional or general anaesthesia, but will not include minor surgery that can be performed in the Physician's office.

#### **Dependent** means:

The Participant's Spouse, or a Child of the Participant or of the Spouse, who are insured under the group policy and who satisfy the following respective definitions:

#### a) Spouse

The person who is married to or is in a civil union with the Participant, or the person designated by the Participant, whom he declares publicly to be his Spouse and with whom he has been living on a permanent basis for at least one year, or less, if a Child is born from their union.

A de facto separation of more than 3 months will result in the person no longer qualifying as the Participant's Spouse for the purposes of the group policy.

If according to this definition, the Participant has had more than one Spouse, Spouse shall mean the person most recently qualified.

#### b) Child

An unmarried Child of the Participant or of his Spouse who wholly depends on the Participant for support and maintenance and who meets at least one of the following conditions:

- i) He is under 21 years of age; or
- ii) He is under 26 years of age and is attending a recognized educational institution on a full-time basis: or
- iii) He is mentally or physically handicapped and is incapable of earning his own living due to such handicap provided such handicap commenced while he was a Child as defined in i) or ii).

## Earnings means:

**Annual Earnings** means the Participant's annual gross base remuneration and includes overtime pay and commissions, but does not include bonuses, incentive pay, gratuities, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, dividends, expense allowances, shift differential and any other extra compensation.

For a Participant paid wholly or partly on a commission basis, his annual salary will be the total of his annual gross base salary and the average commissions earned in the 2 previous calendar years.

**Monthly Earnings** means the Participant's Annual Earnings divided by 12.

**Weekly Earnings** means the Participant's Annual Earnings divided by 52.

Indexed Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings means the Participant's Monthly Earnings immediately prior to the date his Total Disability commenced, increased by the Consumer Price Index (as published by the Government of Canada during the immediately preceding Calendar Year) each March 1st coincident with or next following the anniversary of the date on which the Participant became entitled to a Long-Term Disability benefit.

**Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings** means the Participant's Monthly Earnings immediately prior to the date his Total Disability commenced.

**Pre-Total Disability Gross Weekly Earnings** means the Participant's Weekly Earnings immediately prior to the date his Total Disability commenced.

**Pre-Total Disability Net Monthly Earnings** means the Participant's Monthly Earnings immediately prior to the date his Total Disability commenced, less the deductions for Income Tax, Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Employment Insurance and the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.

**Pre-Total Disability Net Weekly Earnings** means the Participant's Weekly Earnings immediately prior to the date his Total Disability commenced, less the deductions for Income Tax, Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Employment Insurance and the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.

#### **Amount of Earnings to Be Used**

Where any benefit paid under the group policy is based on the Participant's Earnings, including any of the variations of the definition of Earnings above, the amount of Earnings that will be used to determine the benefit will be the lesser of:

- a) The Earnings last reported to the insurer by the Policyholder, Employer, Employer's agent, or administrators and that has been used in the calculation of the premium payable; or
- b) he Participant's actual Earnings received from his Employer at the time of the event for which a claim is being made; or
- c) If the Participant is not Actively at Work at the time of the event for which the claim is being made, the Earnings on the last Working Day he was Actively at Work.

**Eligibility Period** means the continuous period, as specified in the Summary of Benefits, ending on or after the Effective Date of the group policy, during which the Employee must be Actively at Work.

**Employee** means a person who is actively employed by the Employer on a permanent, full-time basis and for a minimum of 20 hours per week. If the Employer is a partnership or sole proprietorship, the partner or proprietor will be considered to be an Employee if such person customarily works a regularly scheduled work week with the Employer on a permanent, full-time basis and for a minimum of 20 hours per week. Seasonal workers, contract workers and temporary workers are excluded from the definition of Employee.

Employer means the Policyholder.

**Full-time Resident of Canada** means to have a permanent residence in Canada, and to reside in the province of residence the minimum number of days a year required to be covered under the applicable provincial health plan of that province of residence.

Hospital: An institution which:

a) Is legally licensed by the appropriate government body; and

- b) Is intended for the care of bedridden patients; and
- c) Provides at all times the services of Physicians and registered nurses.

**Hospitalization or Hospitalized** means the occupancy of a Hospital room as an admitted bedridden patient where a room and board charge has been charged in connection with the confinement. Day Surgery is considered to be a period of Hospitalization.

**Illness** means any deterioration in health requiring continuous and curative care actively provided by a Physician and, where required by the group policy, by a Specialist in the field of medicine which is applicable to the Illness.

**Insured Person** means a Participant or a Dependent of a Participant who is insured under the group policy.

**Legal Capacity To Work** means that the Participant must have each and every license, permit or other certification required to legally work in Canada.

**Medically Required** means broadly accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate, and essential in the treatment of an Illness or injuries, including injuries due to an Accident, in accordance with Canadian medical standards

**Out of Province Travel Benefits** means the following Supplemental Health Insurance benefits: Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside The Province Of Residence, and Emergency Out of Province Assistance, and Trip Cancellation Insurance.

Participant means an Employee who is insured under the group policy.

**Physician** means a person who is legally licensed and authorized to practice medicine and who is operating within the scope of his license.

**Policyholder** means any entities listed as the Policyholder on the cover page of the group policy.

**Specialist** means Physician licensed by the appropriate provincial licensing authority to practice medicine with a specialization.

**Working Day** means a Day on which the Participant is scheduled to work for his Employer and perform all of the essential duties of his regular occupation for the scheduled number of full-time hours.

#### CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT PLANS

The benefits provided under the group policy are complementary to the benefits provided by government plans. Any modifications to these government plans after the Effective Date of the group policy will not modify the benefits provided under the group policy, unless an agreement to modify the benefits is signed by the authorized signing officers of the insurer.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, this plan will be modified to reflect any changes to the maximum insurable earnings as determined under the Employment Insurance Act. In addition, if either federal or provincial legislation mandates that an insurer provide a certain type or level of coverage or the means of providing a certain type of coverage, the group policy will be deemed to have been amended to reflect the requirements of the legislation.

# MEDICAL SERVICES AND/OR SUPPLIES COVERED BY A GOVERNMENT SPONSORED PLAN OR PROGRAM

There will be no coverage under the group policy for any expenses related, directly or indirectly, to any medical services and/or supplies which would have been covered by a government sponsored plan or program if the Insured Person had not elected to receive the services and/or supplies on a private basis from a medical practitioner, medical facility, clinic or Hospital, whether private or public, unless the services and/or supplies are explicitly stated as being covered under the group policy.

#### **INCONTESTABILITY**

Where evidence of insurability is required by the insurer in order to approve

a) insurance under the group policy or insurance under a benefit for a Participant or a Dependent; or

b) an increase, addition or change in such insurance for a Participant or Dependent,

the statements provided by the Participant or Dependent as evidence of insurability will be accepted as true and will not be contested by the insurer after the latest of the following dates, provided the Participant or Dependent is alive at the time:

- a) 2 years from the effective date of the insurance for which the evidence was provided; or
- b) 2 years from the effective date of the increase, addition or change to the insurance; or
- c) 2 years from the effective date of the last reinstatement of the insurance.

However, this restriction on the insurer's right to contest the evidence of insurability will not apply in cases of fraud or misstatements of age.

Where evidence is required to approve an increase, addition or change in the insurance, the insurer's right to void the insurance will be limited to that increase, addition or change.

#### LAWFUL CURRENCY

All payments hereunder will be made in the lawful currency of Canada and according to the exchange rates effective at the time the event giving entitlement to a benefit took place.

# **COVERAGE ELSEWHERE**

A Participant who is eligible for Supplemental Health Insurance and/or Dental Care Insurance and whose Spouse is covered for comparable insurance may decline insurance under the group policy for such insurance.

The refusal of insurance under the group policy may be in respect of the Participant and his Dependents or his Dependents only.

If the insurance under the Spouse's policy ceases because of termination of such policy or because eligibility for the insurance ceases, then application may be made to insure under the group policy those persons whose insurance has terminated.

The application must be made within 31 Days after cessation of the insurance under the Spouse's policy and the insurance under the group policy shall be effective on the Day following the date of termination of the insurance under the Spouse's policy.

#### **AGENTS**

The Policyholder and the Employer are not agents of the insurer. The insurer shall not be bound by nor be liable for any act, or failure to act, on the part of the Policyholder or the Employer.

#### **ERRORS**

Clerical or inadvertent errors by the Policyholder, Employer or insurer shall not operate to:

- a) Continue insurance otherwise validly terminated.
- b) Increase any existing insurance.
- c) Place in force any insurance which would, but for such error, not be validly in force.
- d) Otherwise prejudice the insurer in any other way.

The insurer may, retroactively and at its sole discretion, in addition to any other legal remedy it may have, exercise any or all of the following rights:

- a) Reimburse to the Policyholder any premiums that have been accepted through such error.
- b) Terminate or rescind any such associated insurance.
- Reduce the amount of insurance to the amount it should have been but for the error.
- d) Take such other action as may be required to correct the error.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Employee**

An Employee will become eligible to be insured under the group policy as a Participant on the date (his "eligibility date") on which he satisfies all of the following conditions:

- a) He satisfies the definition of Employee in the group policy; and
- b) He is a Full-Time Resident of Canada; and
- He is covered under the provincial health plan of his province of residence; and
- d) He has satisfied the Eligibility Period specified in the Summary of Benefits.

However, an Employee will not be eligible to become insured under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit if he will attain age 65 before the end of the Elimination Period specified for the benefit under the Summary of Benefits.

## **Dependents**

A person will become eligible to be insured under the group policy as a Dependent on the date (his "eligibility date") on which he satisfies all of the following conditions:

- a) He satisfies the definition of Dependent in the group policy; and
- b) He is a Full-Time Resident of Canada; and
- He is covered under the provincial health plan of his province of residence; and
- d) The Employee of whom he is a Dependent is insured under the group policy as a Participant.

#### APPLICATION FOR GROUP INSURANCE

An Employee who is eligible to become insured under the group policy as a Participant must complete and submit an application for himself and for each of his Dependents, on their respective eligibility dates, on forms supplied by, or satisfactory to the insurer.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE**

Whether membership under the group policy is compulsory or voluntary, the Employee's insurance and Dependents' insurance, if any, will take effect on the person's eligibility date, if the application for group insurance has been received by the insurer on or prior to such date, or within 31 Days after such date.

If the application for group insurance is not received within 31 Days of the eligibility date, the insurance will not take effect until the date on which the insurer receives evidence of insurability and provides Approval of Evidence of Insurability.

#### However:

- a) If the Employee was not Actively at Work on the date his insurance would otherwise become effective, the insurance will not take effect until the earliest date thereafter on which he is again Actively at Work.
- b) If the Dependent is Hospitalized on the date his insurance would otherwise become effective, the insurance will not take effect until the earliest date thereafter on which he is no longer Hospitalized. (This clause shall not apply to the Life Insurance benefit or in the case of a newborn Child.).

Any amount of insurance which is in excess of the non-evidence maximum(s) specified in the Summary of Benefits will not take effect until the date on which the insurer receives evidence of insurability and provides Approval of Evidence of Insurability. If the insurer does not provide Approval of Evidence of Insurability for the Participant, any future increases in the non-evidence maximum(s) will not automatically result in an increase in the Participant's insurance. The increase in the non-evidence maximum(s) will only result in an increase in the Participant's insurance if he submits evidence of his insurability and the insurer provides Approval of Evidence of Insurability.

#### **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

#### **Participant**

A Participant's insurance automatically terminates on the earliest of the following dates:

- a) The date the group policy is terminated; or
- b) The date on which the Participant retires, unless otherwise specified in the Summary of Benefits; or
- c) The date the Participant reaches the age limit specified in the Summary of Benefits, if an age limit is indicated; or
- d) The date the Participant is no longer a Full-time Resident of Canada; or
- e) The date the Participant loses his Legal Capacity to Work in Canada; or
- The date the Participant is no longer covered by his provincial health plan; or
- g) The date of the Participant's death; or
- h) The date the Policyholder terminates insurance for the Participant; or
- The date on which the Participant pleads guilty or is found guilty of an offence for which he is confined in a penitentiary, prison, correctional facility, forensic psychiatric facility or any similar institution; or
- j) The date the Participant ceases to qualify as an Employee, or ceases to be Actively at Work, as defined in the group policy.
  - Insurance may be extended to a Participant during periods the Participant has ceased to be Actively at Work due to, but not limited to, illness, injury, temporary layoff or a leave of absence. The Participant should contact the policyholder for further information.

## **Dependents**

A Dependent's insurance automatically terminates on the earliest of the following dates:

a) The date the Participant of whom he is a Dependent ceases to be insured under the group policy; or

- b) The date the Dependent ceases to meet the definition of Dependent; or
- The date the Dependent reaches the age limit specified in the Summary of Benefits, if an age limit is indicated; or
- d) The date the Dependent is no longer a Full-Time Resident of Canada; or
- e) The date the Dependent is no longer covered by the provincial health plan; or
- f) The date the Policyholder terminates insurance for the Dependent.

The above terms and conditions also apply in the case of the partial cancellation of insurance for a Participant or a Dependent owing to the cancellation of insurance under one or more benefits.

#### NOTICE AND PROOF OF CLAIM

Notice and proof of any claim must be submitted to the insurer in the format required by the insurer. The proof of claim must include all information that the insurer requires and deems necessary as to the circumstances and extent of the loss, or which the insurer otherwise requests in order to complete its assessment of a claim. The insurer will not be liable for any claim that is not submitted in accordance with all of the terms and conditions and time limits prescribed under the group policy.

## Supplemental Health Insurance and Dental Care Insurance:

Notice and proof of any claim must be submitted to the insurer within 12 months of the date of the event which gives entitlement to the benefit.

#### Life Insurance:

Notice of any claim must be submitted within 30 Days of the date of the event which gives entitlement to the benefit. Proof of claim must be submitted within 90 Days of the date of the event which gives entitlement to the benefit

# Long-Term Disability Insurance:

Notice and proof of any claim must be submitted within 30 Days of the end of the Participant's Elimination Period.

#### NOTICE AND PROOF OF CLAIM IN CASE OF TERMINATION

In the event of the termination of this policy or the termination of the Participant's insurance, the notice and proof of claim for any claim other than a Long-Term Disability claim, or a Supplemental Health Insurance or Dental Care claim, must be submitted to the insurer within 90 Days of the date of the termination of the policy and, in the case of the termination of the Participant's insurance, within 90 Days of the termination of such insurance.

Notice and proof of claim for a Long-Term Disability claim must be submitted within 180 Days of the date of the date of the termination of the policy and, in the case of the termination of the Participant's insurance, within 90 Days of the termination of such insurance.

Notice and proof of claim for a Supplemental Health Insurance and Dental Care claim must be submitted within 90 Days of the termination of the group policy and, in the case of termination of the Participant's insurance, within 12 months of the date of the event which gives entitlement to the benefit.

#### FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

The insurer will undertake all necessary actions to detect and investigate fraudulent claims under the group policy.

It is a crime if a Participant should knowingly and with the intent to defraud the insurer and the group plan, file a claim that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information.

The insurer retains the right to audit all claims at any stage, including after payment has been made, for fraud or misrepresentation. If the insurer determines that a Participant or Dependent has submitted any claim that contains false or misleading information, the insurer shall have the right, at its sole discretion, to notify the Policyholder, decline the claim or require reimbursement if the claim has been paid. In addition, and notwithstanding any other provision in the group policy, the insurer will have the right to terminate the Participant's entire insurance under the group policy including any insurance for the Participant's Dependents, and will have the right to undertake the prosecution of the Participant and/or the Dependent in accordance with provincial and/or federal law.

#### APPEAL PROCESS

Where the insurer has made a decision to decline or terminate a claim or insurance under this policy, the decision to decline or terminate may be appealed as long as this right of appeal is exercised within 60 Days of the initial letter of decline or termination.

The appeal must be in writing and must include the grounds of appeal, any new information to support the appeal and any further information that may be requested by the insurer.

#### **EXPENSES**

Unless the group policy expressly states otherwise, the Participant is solely responsible for all expenses and costs related directly and indirectly to submitting a claim, proof of a claim, appeals of any kind, or any other obligation the Participant has under the group policy, including but not limited to submitting any application or appeal, or obtaining any medical reports, clinical records, test results, or any other information.

#### **BENEFICIARY**

The Participant's beneficiary shall be the person or persons designated by the Participant, in writing, to receive the death benefit payable under the Participant's Life Insurance benefit, and if applicable, the Participant's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance benefit, Participant's Optional Life Insurance benefit and Participant's Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance benefit. If the Participant does not designate a beneficiary, any death benefit payable under such benefits will be payable to the Participant's estate.

All benefits, other than the Participant's Life Insurance benefit, Participant's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance benefit, Participant's Optional Life Insurance benefit and Participant's Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit, will be payable only to the Participant, or if the Participant is deceased at the time of the payment of the benefit, to his estate.

The Participant will be able to designate a beneficiary or change a named beneficiary by a signed written declaration, subject to the provisions of the law.

The insurer will not be responsible for the sufficiency or validity of the beneficiary designation or change of beneficiary.

If the Participant had named a beneficiary under the Policyholder's prior group policy, such designation will be applicable to the insurance provided under the group policy, unless the Participant has changed the designation in writing with the insurer. The Participant should review the beneficiary designation made under the Policyholder's prior group policy to ensure that it reflects the Participant's current intentions in regard to his insurance.

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

#### INSURER'S RIGHT TO EXAMINATION, RECORDS AND INVESTIGATION

The insurer, at its own expense and its sole discretion, shall have the right, whenever and how often it deems it necessary, to:

- a) Require any medical, psychiatric, psychological, functional, vocational or any other examinations of a Participant who has submitted a claim or of any other Insured Person for whom a claim has been submitted. The insurer may designate, at its sole discretion, a Physician, a Specialist, a healthcare provider or any other examiner for such examination(s). The Participant or any other Insured Person being examined must comply with any terms and conditions of an examination that are required by such examiner; and
- b) Require an autopsy, where it is not forbidden by law.

The insurer reserves the right to obtain the clinical notes and records or any other reports of a Participant who has submitted a claim or of any other Insured Person for whom a claim has been submitted, from any Physician or Specialist, including but not limited to, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a healthcare provider or any other examiner who has treated, examined or assessed such Participant or Insured Person. The Participant and any Insured Person must cooperate fully with the insurer in obtaining any such records or reports.

The insurer, at its own expense and its sole discretion, shall have the right to conduct any investigation, or an examination under oath, of a Participant who has submitted a claim, or of any person for whom a claim has been submitted,

whether or not a legal action has been commenced by such Participant or person.

#### **SUBROGATION**

Where a benefit is payable under the group policy with respect to a Participant or to a Dependent of a Participant and if such person has a right to recover damages from an individual or organization, the insurer will be subrogated to the rights to recovery of the Participant or Dependent against such individual or organization to the extent of all benefits paid in the past and all benefits payable in the future.

Without limiting the generality of this provision, the term damages will include any lump sum or periodic payments received on account of:

- a) Past, present or future loss of income, wages, or Earnings; and
- b) Any other benefits paid or payable under the group policy.

The Participant or Dependent shall reimburse the insurer up to the amount of any benefits paid in the past or that are payable in the future under the group policy out of the gross damages recovered whether recovered at trial, or prior to trial by way of any form of settlement, and without regard to whether the Participant or Dependent has obtained full recovery of his losses.

Where the Participant or Dependent recovers damages in a lump sum, either by way of settlement or court order, and no allocation has been made in that settlement for the benefits paid or payable by the insurer, the insurer shall be reimbursed, out of the gross damages recovered, the full amount of benefits that have been paid to the Participant or Dependent. The insurer shall also be entitled to be reimbursed an amount, as determined by the insurer, which reasonably reflects the value of the future benefits payable to the Participant or Dependent under the group policy. The insurer's recovery in this regard shall not exceed the Participant or Dependent's gross damages recovered or gross settlement. These rights of reimbursement shall be without regard to the terms of settlement or allocation that may have been agreed to by the Participant or Dependent and the third party.

In the event that the Participant or Dependent fails to reimburse the insurer in accordance with the group policy, no future benefits will be paid by the insurer until such time as the insurer recovers:

a) The total amount of benefits paid to the Participant or Dependent; and

b) An amount that reasonably reflects, as determined by the insurer, the total amount or value of any future benefits payable to the Participant or Dependent.

The insurer's recovery in this regard shall not exceed the Participant or Dependent gross damages recovered or gross settlement.

The insurer shall also have the right to seek recovery directly from the Participant or Dependent, or exercise any other right or remedy it may have under the group policy or the under the law, in the event that any overpayment has resulted from the lack of reimbursement.

The Participant shall notify the insurer as soon as any action is commenced by him or his Dependent against any third party which involves a claim for damages. The Participant or Dependent shall provide the insurer information, including copies of all relevant documentation, about any judgement or settlement of any claim against a third party which involves a claim for damages. The Participant or Dependent will ensure that the subrogated rights of the insurer are advanced in any third party action and shall instruct his solicitor accordingly. The insurer shall not be responsible for any legal fees or expenses in regards to the advancement of its subrogated claim unless it has clearly agreed to such fees and expenses in writing in advance. The insurer reserves the right to retain its own counsel and/or pursue its subrogated rights against the third party and, in this respect, the Participant and Dependent and his solicitor shall fully cooperate with the insurer in the pursuit of its claim.

The insurer's subrogated claims shall not be settled or compromised in any way without its prior written consent. Unless the prior consent of the insurer has been obtained, no such settlement of any claim against the third party shall be binding on the insurer and the insurer shall have the right to seek recovery directly from the Participant and Dependent in accordance with its rights under the group policy or under the law.

#### <u>OVERPAYMENT</u>

If the insurer determines that a benefit has been overpaid, the Participant or any other person to whom such benefit was overpaid is liable to reimburse the insurer immediately and in full as soon as the insurer requests such reimbursement.

In the event the overpayment is not reimbursed, the insurer shall have the right, at its sole discretion and in addition to any other legal remedy it may have, to recover such overpayment by exercising any or all of the following rights:

- Reduce to zero the Short-Term or Long-Term Disability benefit payments payable to the Participant under this policy until such time as the overpayment is fully recovered.
- b) Reduce the sum insured of any life insurance benefits payable under the group policy, or reduce any other benefits payable under the group policy, by up to 100% of the amount of the outstanding overpayment, whether such benefits are payable to the Participant, or to the Participant's estate, Dependents, Eligible Survivors, survivors, or beneficiaries.

#### LIMITATION ON LEGAL ACTIONS

No action or proceeding against the insurer shall be commenced within the first 60 Days following the date on which written proof of claim is provided to the insurer in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of the group policy.

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

Upon the death of the Participant while insured under this benefit, the insurer undertakes to pay to the beneficiary the sum insured as indicated in the Summary of Benefits, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

In the case of a participant suffering from a disease in the terminal stage, part of the sum insured may be paid to the participant up to a maximum of \$50,000, subject to the insurer's approval.

#### **DEFINITION**

As used in this benefit:

**Total Disability and Totally Disabled** means that, the Participant is, due to an Illness or Accident, continuously unable to perform any Gainful Employment, as determined by the insurer.

**Gainful Employment** means any occupation, any employment or any other activity for compensation or profit, for which the Participant is reasonably qualified (or may so become) by training, education or experience, and from which the Participant would be able to earn at least 60% of his Indexed Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings.

The following will not be taken into consideration in determining the Total Disability:

- a) The availability of any Gainful Employment; and
- b) The loss, revocation, withdrawal, or non renewal of a professional or occupational license, permit or any other certification required to perform such Gainful Employment.

Except as specifically permitted by the Rehabilitation Program provision of the group policy or specifically approved by the insurer, if a Participant engages in any occupation, any employment, or any other activity for compensation or profit, he will be deemed to no longer be Totally Disabled.

However, if the Participant should be insured under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit under the group policy, the definitions of **Total Disability** and **Totally Disabled** shall be as defined under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit.

#### **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

A Participant whose life insurance is cancelled on or prior to his 65th birthday due to termination of

- a) his employment; or
- b) his group membership; or
- c) the group policy and he has been continuously insured under a life insurance benefit provided by the Policyholder for at least 5 years,

will be able to convert all or part of his life insurance to an individual life insurance policy without having to provide evidence of insurability.

The Participant may choose to convert to one of the following types of insurance:

- a) Permanent; or
- b) Term to age 65; or
- One year term convertible into permanent or term to age 65 at the end of one year.

The amount that can be converted to an individual life policy will include all amounts of life insurance that the Participant was insured for under this benefit, an optional life insurance benefit and any other group insurance policy issued by the insurer, and will not exceed the lesser of:

- a) The amount selected by the Participant; or
- b) The amount for which the Participant was insured immediately prior to the termination of his insurance; or
- c) The difference between the amount for which the Participant was insured immediately prior to the termination of his insurance, and the amount for which he is eligible under a new group insurance policy; or
- d) \$200,000.

The individual life insurance policy shall not include a disability benefit, nor an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, and the premium shall be based on the insurer's rates in effect which apply to the type and amount of such policy, according to the Participant's sex and attained age.

The individual life policy will only be issued if the insurer receives a written request to that effect, together with a deposit covering the monthly premium for

a one year term policy within 31 Days of the date of the termination of the Participant's life insurance, and will take effect only at the expiration of that period.

Should the Participant die during the period of 31 Days following the termination of his life insurance, the insurer shall pay an amount equal to that which he could have converted whether or not he made application for the individual life policy.

#### WAIVER OF PREMIUM

- a) A Participant who becomes Totally Disabled will be eligible to have his premiums waived for this benefit, if he is under age 65 and is eligible to receive a benefit under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit, if included in the group policy.
  - If the Participant is not eligible to receive a benefit under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit or there is no Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit included in the group policy, he will be eligible to have his premiums waived for this benefit provided:
  - The Participant was less than 65 years of age at the onset of Totally Disability; and
  - The Participant became Totally Disabled as defined under this benefit, while insured under this benefit and before any termination of employment; and
  - iii) The Participant has been Totally Disabled for at least 12 continuous months; and
  - iv) Proof of Totally Disability, satisfactory to the insurer, was submitted to the insurer within 12 months of the onset of the Totally Disability.
- b) The amount of insurance for which the waiver of premiums applies will be that which was in force on the Participant's life at the onset of the Total Disability, and will be subject to any reductions and termination indicated in the Summary of Benefits, or otherwise indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy, which would have been applicable to the Participant if he had been Actively at Work.

- c) The Participant's premiums will begin to be waived on the earliest of the following dates:
  - The Day following completion of the Elimination Period under the Long-Term Disability Insurance benefit, if applicable; or
  - ii) The Day following a continuous period of Total Disability of 12 months.
- d) The Participant whose premiums are waived under this section must provide the insurer with proof of Totally Disability, as often as the insurer may reasonably require.
- e) The waiver of premiums will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:
  - i) The date on which the Participant ceases to be Totally Disabled; or
  - The date on which the Participant fails to submit to an examination in accordance with the terms and conditions of the group policy, if required by the insurer; or
  - iii) The date on which the Participant retires or reaches the normal retirement age under the Employer's pension plan, but never beyond 65 years of age; or
  - iv) The date on which the Participant reaches the termination age for his life insurance benefit as indicated in the Summary of Benefits, if applicable; or
  - v) The date on which the Participant fails to provide any proof of Total Disability required by the insurer; or
  - vi) The date on which the Participant pleads guilty or is found guilty of an offence for which he is confined in a penitentiary, prison, correctional facility, forensic psychiatric facility or any similar institution; or
  - vii) The date on which the Participant refuses to actively and continuously participate and cooperate in a Rehabilitation program, if required by the insurer.
- f) If on the date the waiver of premiums terminates with respect to the Participant, he is not eligible to be insured under the Participant's Life Insurance benefit, he will be eligible to exercise the Conversion Privilege as provided for under this benefit.

#### **REDUCTIONS**

The sum insured is reduced as indicated in the Summary of Benefits. The sum insured is also subject to any applicable reductions indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates on the date the Participant attains the age limit indicated in the Summary of Benefits, or the date of his retirement if earlier, or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### **DEPENDENTS' LIFE INSURANCE**

Upon the death of a Dependent while insured under this benefit, the insurer undertakes to pay to the Participant the sum insured, as indicated in the Summary of Benefits, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

#### WAIVER OF PREMIUMS

A Participant whose life insurance premiums are waived in accordance with the Waiver of Premiums provision of the Participant's Life Insurance benefit will also be entitled to have the premiums for this benefit waived, under the same terms and conditions.

#### **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

A Participant whose Spouse's life insurance under this benefit is cancelled on or prior to the earlier of his 65th birthday or his Spouse's 65th birthday, due to the termination of

- a) his employment; or
- b) his group membership; or
- the group policy and his Spouse had been continuously insured under a Dependents' Life Insurance benefit provided by the Policyholder for at least 5 years,

will be able to convert all or part of his Spouse's life insurance to an individual life insurance policy without having to provide evidence of insurability.

A Spouse whose life insurance under this benefit is cancelled on or prior to the earlier of his 65th birthday or the 65th birthday of the Participant, due to the death of the Participant, will be able to convert all or part of his life insurance to an individual life insurance policy without having to provide evidence of insurability.

The Participant or Spouse, if applicable, will be able to convert the life insurance to one of the following types of insurance:

- a) Permanent; or
- b) Term to age 65; or

#### **DEPENDENTS' LIFE INSURANCE**

c) One year term convertible into permanent term or term to age 65 at the end of the one year.

The amount that can be converted to an individual life policy will include all amounts of life insurance and optional life insurance that the Spouse is insured for under the group policy, and any other group insurance policy issued by the insurer, and will not exceed the lesser of:

- a) The amount selected by the Participant or the Spouse, if applicable; or
- b) The amount for which the Spouse was insured immediately prior to the termination of his insurance; or
- c) The difference between the amount for which the Spouse was insured immediately prior to the termination of his insurance and the amount for which he is eligible under a new group insurance policy; or
- d) \$200,000.

The individual life policy will not include a disability benefit nor an accidental death and dismemberment benefit and the premiums will be based on the insurer's rates in effect which apply to the type and amount of such policy, based on the Spouse's sex and attained age.

The individual life policy will only be issued if the insurer receives a written request to that effect, together with a deposit covering the monthly premium for a one year term policy, within 31 Days of the date of the termination of the Spouse's life insurance and will take effect only at the expiration of that period.

Should the Spouse die during the period of 31 Days following the termination of his life insurance, the insurer shall pay an amount equal to that which could have been converted to the Participant, or the Participant's estate if he is no longer living, whether or not application had been made for the individual life policy.

## **REDUCTIONS**

The sum insured is subject to any applicable reductions indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

# **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates as indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

If a Participant becomes Totally Disabled while insured under this benefit and while he is Actively at Work, the insurer will undertake to pay the Participant the amount of the Long-Term Disability benefit specified in the Summary of Benefits for each month or part of a month during which such Total Disability lasts, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

As used in this benefit:

**Total Disability and Totally Disabled** means that, during the Participant's Elimination Period and the first 24 months following the Elimination Period, the Participant is, due to an Illness or Accident, continuously unable to perform all the essential duties of his Regular Occupation with his own Employer and is also continuously unable to perform all those same duties of his Regular Occupation with any other employer, all of which shall be determined by the insurer.

After the Elimination Period and the first 24 months following the Elimination Period, **Total Disability and Totally Disabled** means that the Participant is, due to an Illness or Accident, continuously unable to perform any Gainful Employment, as determined by the insurer.

Except as specifically permitted by the Rehabilitation Program provision of this policy or specifically approved by the insurer, if a Participant engages in any occupation, any employment, or any other activity for compensation or profit, he will be deemed to no longer be Totally Disabled.

The following will not be taken into consideration in determining the Total Disability:

- The availability of the Regular Occupation or any Gainful Employment; and
- b) The loss, revocation, withdrawal, or non renewal of a professional or occupational, license, permit or any other certification required to perform such Regular Occupation or Gainful Employment.

**Gainful Employment** means any occupation, any employment or any other activity for compensation or profit, for which the Participant is reasonably qualified, or may so become, by training, education or experience, and from

which the Participant would be able to earn at least 60% of his Indexed Gross Pre-Total Disability Monthly Earnings.

**Regular Occupation** means the occupation that the Participant was regularly performing immediately before the date of Total Disability.

**Elimination Period** means the period specified in the Summary of Benefits during which the Participant must be continuously absent from work due to a Total Disability before he can begin to receive Long-Term Disability benefits.

**Satisfactory Application** means that the Participant has made an application and has taken all necessary steps to appeal any denial of that application to the highest level of appeal, all within the time limits prescribed for such application or appeal.

#### **PARTICULARS**

# **Beginning of Benefit Payments**

Payment of the Long-Term Disability benefit begins following completion of the Elimination Period specified in the Summary of Benefits.

# **Amount of Benefit Payments**

The amount of the Long-Term Disability benefit payable is determined according to the formula set forth in the Summary of Benefits and will not exceed the monthly maximum amount specified.

#### REDUCTION OF BENEFITS PAYMENTS

# **Satisfactory Application**

The Participant is required to make a Satisfactory Application for all Direct and Indirect Reductions to which, in the opinion of the insurer, he is or may become entitled.

#### **Direct Reductions**

The Long-Term Disability benefit payable by the insurer will be reduced by the following amounts which are payable or which would have been payable to the Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made:

- a) The Quebec or Canada Pension Plan disability benefits, excluding benefits payable on behalf of a Dependent Child; and
- b) Workers' compensation benefits and any other similar benefits; and
- Income loss or replacement benefits payable under provincial automobile insurance legislation; and
- Benefits payable under provincial crime victims compensation legislation;
   and
- e) The Quebec or Canada Pension Plan retirement benefits where the effective date on which the retirement benefits commenced is after the date of Total Disability; and
- f) Payments made to the Participant for statutory and common law notice as a result of his termination of employment or lay off; and
- g) Any short -term disability or sick leave benefits payable to the Participant by his Employer, the insurer or any other third party; and
- h) Damages received from any third party that have not been already reimbursed to the insurer in accordance with the Subrogation provision under the group policy; and
- Income benefits, including but not limited to, Earnings continued by the Employer, and any paid vacation or statutory holidays payable to the Participant for the period of Total Disability.

The amounts which would have been payable to the Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made will be estimated in accordance with the Provisional Reductions provision of this benefit.

#### Indirect Reductions

The Long-Term Disability benefit payable by the insurer will be further reduced so that the total amount of all income, compensation, profit, indemnities and benefits from All Sources, which is payable to the Participant, or which would

have been payable to the Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made, does not exceed:

- a) 85% of the Participant's Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings, if the Long-Term Disability benefit is taxable; or
- b) 85% of the Participant's Pre-Total Disability Net Monthly Earnings, if the Long-Term Disability benefit is non-taxable.

The amounts which would have been payable to the Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made, will be estimated in accordance with the Provisional Reductions provision of this benefit.

#### All Sources means:

- a) The Long-Term Disability benefit under the group policy; and
- b) Any of the Direct Reductions listed above; and
- The Quebec or Canada Pension Plan retirement benefits where the effective date on which the retirement benefits commenced is within the 12 months prior to the date of Total Disability; and
- d) Any other group, association or franchise plan for the same or related Total Disability; and
- e) Any other governmental body or government plan; and
- f) Any form of employment, self-employment or business which has not already been taken into account in the reductions applicable to this benefit.

# **Lump Sum Payments**

Should any of the amounts listed in subparagraphs b) to f) of the All Sources be paid to the Participant as a lump sum, the insurer shall be entitled to reduce the Long-Term Disability benefit payment, whether retroactively or in the future, by the monthly amount that would have been payable to the Participant had the lump sum been paid on a monthly basis. The insurer shall be entitled to calculate such monthly amount that would have been payable based on the period of time the lump sum represents. Where no period of time is stipulated for the lump sum, the insurer shall have the right to determine a reasonable period of time.

#### **Rehabilitation Program Reductions**

If the Participant is participating in a Rehabilitation Program approved by the insurer, the amount of the Long-Term Disability benefit payable by the insurer will be further reduced so that the total amount of all income, compensation, profit, indemnities and benefits which are payable or which would have been payable to the Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made from (i) any of the All Sources; and (ii) the approved Rehabilitation Program, does not exceed

- a) 100% of the Participant's Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings if the Long-Term Disability benefit is taxable; or
- b) 100% of the Participant's Pre-Total Disability Net Monthly Earnings if the Long-Term Disability benefit is non-taxable.

#### **Further Reductions**

After the first reductions made from any of the amounts listed in subparagraphs b) to f) of All Sources as defined above, future cost of living adjustments made to amounts payable from such sources will not bring about further reductions.

#### **Provisional Reductions**

The insurer reserves the right to provisionally reduce the amount of the Participant's Long-Term Disability benefit by the amounts estimated by the insurer, which are payable or which would have been payable to a Participant had a Satisfactory Application been made, from any of the All Sources listed in subparagraphs b) to f) in the following circumstances:

- a) If, in the opinion of the insurer, a Satisfactory Application for such All Sources has not been made; or
- A Satisfactory Application has been made but has not yet been approved or denied; or
- A Satisfactory Application has been made and has been denied and such denial is being appealed by the Participant.

However, the insurer will not make a provisional reduction of the estimated amount provided the Participant:

- a) With respect to the Canada Pension Plan:
  - i) Applies for disability benefits under the Canada Pension Plan as requested by the insurer or, where applicable, appeals a denial of such benefits as requested by the insurer, and provides evidence in the form required by the insurer that such application or appeal has actually been made; and
  - ii) Signs an "Irrevocable Consent to Deduct and Pay an Insurer" form, a "Consent for Service Canada and Insurer to Communicate Disability Benefit Information" form, and any other related forms as may be requested by the insurer.
- b) With respect to the Quebec Pension Plan:
  - Applies for disability benefits under the Quebec Pension Plan as requested by the insurer or, where applicable, appeals a denial of such benefits as requested by the insurer, and provides evidence in the form required by the insurer that such application or appeal has actually been made; and
  - ii) Signs the "Consent and Application for Remittance of Disability Benefits to an Insurer" form and any other related forms as may be requested by the insurer.
- c) With respect to workers compensation benefits:
  - i) Applies for workers compensation benefits; and
  - ii) Signs an undertaking and reimbursement agreement in the form provided by the insurer and any other related forms as may be requested by the insurer.

If the amount estimated by the insurer turns out to be different than the correct amount payable to the Participant, the insurer will adjust the Participant's Long-Term Disability benefit in accordance with this benefit once the correct amount is provided to the insurer.

#### TERMINATION OF BENEFITS PAYMENTS

The Long-Term Disability benefit payments cease on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date the maximum benefit payment period specified in the Summary of Benefits has been reached; or
- b) The date on which the Participant ceases to be Totally Disabled; or
- c) The date on which the Participant reaches the age of 65; or
- d) The date on which the Participant retires or reaches the normal retirement age under the Employer's pension plan; or
- e) The date of the Participant's death; or
- f) The date on which the Participant fails to submit to an examination in accordance with the group policy, as required by the insurer; or
- g) The date on which the Participant fails to provide any evidence of Total Disability required by the insurer; or
- h) The date on which the Participant refuses to actively and continuously participate and cooperate in a Rehabilitation Program, as required by the insurer: or
- The date on which the Participant pleads guilty or is found guilty of an offence for which he is confined in a penitentiary, prison, correctional facility, forensic psychiatric facility or any similar institution; or
- j) The date a Participant engages in any occupation, any employment, or any other activity for compensation or profit, except as specifically permitted by the Rehabilitation Program provision of the group policy and specifically approved by the insurer.

#### SUCCESSIVE PERIODS OF TOTAL DISABILITY

#### **During The Elimination Period**

If a Participant who was Totally Disabled returns Actively at Work before the end of his Elimination Period, and then becomes Totally Disabled again while his insurance under this benefit is in force, such successive period of Total Disability will be considered to be a recurrence of the previous Total Disability only if:

- a) It is due to the same cause or related causes as the previous Total Disability; and
- b) The Participant was Actively at Work for less than 30 consecutive Days from the end of the previous Total Disability.

#### After the Elimination Period

If a Participant who was Totally Disabled returns Actively at Work after the end of his Elimination Period, and then becomes Totally Disabled again while his insurance under this benefit is in force, such successive period of Total Disability will be considered to be a recurrence of the previous Total Disability only if:

- a) It is due to the same cause or related causes as the previous Total Disability; and
- b) The Participant was Actively at Work for less than 6 consecutive months from the end of the previous Total Disability.

# Recurrence of the Previous Total disability

When a successive period of Total Disability is determined by the insurer to be a recurrence of the previous Total Disability according to this provision, the Elimination Period will not have to be satisfied in full again. If the Elimination Period was not satisfied in full during the previous Total Disability, only that portion of the Elimination Period that was not satisfied will be applied.

The Long-Term Disability benefit payable for a recurrence of the previous Total Disability will be determined in accordance with all of the terms and conditions of the group policy based on the Participant's Earnings as at the date of the previous Total Disability. Benefits for all recurrences will not be paid for a combined period longer than the maximum benefit period applicable to the previous Total Disability as shown in the Summary of Benefits.

#### **New Total Disability**

If the insurer determines that a successive period of Total Disability is not a recurrence of the previous Total Disability according to this provision, such successive period of Total Disability will be considered to be a new Total Disability and a new Elimination Period will apply.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

No Long-Term Disability benefit will be payable for a Total Disability resulting directly or indirectly from, or which is in any manner or degree associated with or occasioned by, any of the following causes:

- a) Civil unrest, insurrection or war, whether war be declared or not, or a riot.
- b) Attempted suicide or voluntarily self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane.
- c) Care, surgery or treatment which is not Medically Required.
- d) Care, surgery or treatment for infertility.
- e) Care, surgery or treatment for cosmetic purposes, except when such care, surgery or treatment is Medically Required as a direct result of an Illness or Accident.
- f) Committing or attempting to commit any offence under any criminal code or similar law in any jurisdiction, if the Participant has been charged or convicted.
- g) The operation, care or control by the Participant of any vehicle or vessel with a blood alcohol concentration in excess of the limit permitted by the law, or while under the influence of any drug, whether prescribed or not, or while under the influence of any intoxicating or addictive substance.
- h) Any addiction, including but not limited to drugs and alcohol, unless for such addiction, the Participant is actively participating and co-operating in an in-patient medical treatment program.
- i) The dangerous operation, care or control of any vehicle or vessel by the Participant, if the Participant has been convicted.
- A Pre-existing Condition, where the Total Disability begins within 12 months after the date on which the Participant became insured under this benefit.

**Pre-existing Condition** means an Illness or Accident or the symptoms of an Illness, or symptoms arising out of an Accident, whether diagnosed or not:

- for which the Participant sought or received (or for which he was advised to seek or receive) any treatment, advice consultation, diagnostic tests, or any care or services, from any medical healthcare provider; or
- ii) for which the Participant was prescribed or took medication;

during the 3 months prior to the date on which the Participant became insured under this benefit.

However, if the group policy is issued in replacement of a policy of a prior insurer, the Long-Term Disability benefits will be payable for a Total Disability due to a Pre-existing Condition, provided that the Participant satisfies the following requirements:

- Was insured under the prior insurer's policy on the date it was terminated; and
- ii) Became insured under this benefit on the Effective Date of the group policy; and
- Was Actively at Work on the Effective Date of the group policy; and
- iv) Satisfies the Pre-existing Condition exclusion period under the group policy, giving consideration towards continuous time insured under both policies, or the prior policy giving consideration towards continuous time insured under both policies.

The Long-Term Disability benefits payable to the Participant will be determined in accordance with this benefit, but in no case will it exceed the maximum amount and duration of the Long-Term Disability benefits of the prior insurer.

# **LIMITATIONS**

The Long-Term Disability benefit will not be payable during any of the following periods:

- a) The Participant is not under continuous and curative care actively provided by a Physician who is a Specialist in the field of medicine which is applicable to his Total Disability.
- b) The Participant is not undergoing medical treatment which, in the opinion of the insurer, is required.
- The Participant is out of Canada for a period of 90 consecutive Days or more.
- d) The Participant is confined in a penitentiary, prison, correctional facility, forensic psychiatric facility or any similar institution by order of a court or review board.
- The Participant is on a leave taken in accordance with any provincial or federal legislation, including but not limited to, maternity, parental or family-related leave.
- f) The Participant is on a leave of absence, with or without pay, that was approved by the Employer.
- g) The Participant is on any other type of leave not already mentioned in this provision.
- h) The Participant is suspended with or without pay.

# TOTAL DISABILITY THAT BEGINS WHILE PARTICIPANT IS NOT ACTIVELY AT WORK

No benefits will be payable for a Total Disability that begins while a Participant is not Actively at Work except as expressly set out in this provision.

If a Participant is not Actively at Work due to one of the Absences specified in this provision, Long-Term Disability benefits for a Total Disability that begins during such Absence will only be payable if all of the Conditions set out in this provision are satisfied:

As used in this provision, Absence means a leave taken in accordance with any provincial or federal legislation including but not limited to maternity, parental or family-related leave; or

#### As used in this provision, Conditions means:

- a) The Participant's insurance under this benefit was:
  - i) In force as of the date of Total Disability; and
  - Kept in force during the entire Absence in accordance with the terms and conditions for extending such insurance under this benefit and policy, including but not limited to the Termination of Insurance provision of the group policy; and
- b) Any premiums due for the Participant during the Absence were paid to the insurer; and
- c) Had the Participant not been on the Absence he would have otherwise been able to satisfy the definition of Actively at Work; and
- d) The Participant satisfies all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy during the Absence and as of the date of Total Disability.

If the Conditions set out above are satisfied, any Long-Term Disability benefits that are payable to a Participant will only commence on the latest of:

- a) The date the Elimination Period is satisfied; or
- b) The date the Participant was scheduled to return Actively at Work following the scheduled end of his Absence.

### REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The insurer may, at its sole discretion, require a Participant who is Totally Disabled to participate in a Rehabilitation Program after completion of his Elimination Period.

**Rehabilitation Program** means any program or activity that, in the opinion of the insurer, would assist a Totally Disabled Participant in being able to return to his Regular Occupation or any Gainful Employment. Such Rehabilitation Program must be approved in advance and in writing by the insurer.

A Rehabilitation Program may include any form of the following activities or programs:

- a) Work hardening or return to work program on a gradual, modified, trial or part-time basis.
- Functional or occupational assessments, services for job placements or job searches.
- Treatment or access to healthcare services or assistive devices or any other equipment.
- Skills or knowledge development or upgrading, training, retraining or educational courses.
- e) Any other programs or activities that the insurer, at its sole discretion, determines to be appropriate and reasonable as a Rehabilitation Program taking into account factors such as the nature and expected duration of the Participant's Total Disability, his training, education or experience, and the nature, scope and cost of the program or activity.

The approval of a Rehabilitation Program by the insurer does not constitute an ongoing approval of such Program into the future. The insurer may, therefore and at its sole discretion, terminate a Rehabilitation Program at any time and for any reason.

**Gainful Employment** means any occupation, any employment or any other activity for compensation or profit, for which the Participant is reasonably qualified (or may so become) by training, education or experience, and from which the Participant would be able to earn at least 60% of his Indexed Pre-Total Disability Gross Monthly Earnings.

# Rehabilitation Expenses

Any expenses for a Rehabilitation Program must be approved by the insurer in advance and in writing. If the insurer does approve such expenses he may limit them to a cumulative total of 3 times the Participant's Long-Term Disability benefit.

#### **Active and Continuous Participation Required**

The Participant must actively and continuously participate and cooperate in the Rehabilitation Program. Long-Term Disability benefits will terminate if, in the opinion of the insurer, a Participant is not actively or continuously participating or cooperating in such a Rehabilitation Program.

#### WAIVER OF PREMIUMS

A Participant whose life insurance premiums are waived in accordance with the Waiver of Premiums provision of the Participant's Life Insurance benefit will also be entitled to waiver of premiums for this benefit, under the same conditions.

#### **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates as indicated in the Summary of Benefits, or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### QUEBEC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS INSURANCE

# Addendum to Supplemental Health Insurance Applicable to Quebec Residents Only

The insurer undertakes to reimburse the expense of prescription drugs which are listed under the Basic Prescription Drug Insurance Plan of Quebec, for each Insured Person who is a resident of Quebec and who is registered with the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec* (hereafter referred to as the "Board"), regardless of the Insured Person's state of health.

Insurance under this benefit is mandatory for all Participants and their Dependents who are eligible to be insured under the group policy, subject to the provisions of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance.

The insurance provided under this benefit is in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance and the Summary of Benefits.

Any modification to the Act respecting prescription drug insurance which relates to the Basic Prescription Drug Insurance Plan of Quebec will automatically result in the modification of the relevant provisions of this addendum and policy.

If a provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance is, in full or in part, contrary to the Act respecting prescription drug insurance, that provision, or the part that is deemed to be contrary will be presumed to be amended to comply with the minimum requirements of the Act respecting prescription drug insurance.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this addendum:

**Deductible:** The Deductible is the portion of the cost of the covered expenses which must be paid by the Insured Person. The Deductible, if applicable, is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

**Reimbursement:** The Reimbursement is the percentage of the covered expenses incurred that is reimbursed by the insurer after the Deductible has been satisfied. The percentage is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

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**Coinsurance Payment:** The Coinsurance Payment is the portion of the cost of the covered expenses that must be paid by the Insured Person until the Maximum Contribution is reached.

**Maximum Contribution:** The Maximum Contribution is the total amount paid by the Insured Person beyond which the cost of the covered expenses which are eligible as per the list under the Basic Prescription Drug Insurance Plan of Quebec is covered 100% by the insurer.

#### SPECIAL PROVISION FOR INSURED PERSONS AGE 65 AND OVER

The Insured Person's choice to be covered by the Board for the Basic Prescription Drug Insurance Plan is irrevocable.

For the purpose of the group policy, Insured Persons who are age 65 and over will be presumed to be covered with the Board for the Basic Prescription Drug Insurance Plan of Quebec. In addition, Dependents of a Participant who is 65 years of age or over will be presumed to be covered with the Board for the Basic Prescription Drug Plan of Quebec, regardless of age.

The insurer reserves the right to modify the rates applicable to this benefit for any Insured Person age 65 and over, who is eligible for insurance under the group policy and who has chosen to be insured under this benefit.

Notwithstanding any stipulation to the contrary in the group policy, this benefit does not provide any termination with regard to the Participant's age.

# **COVERED EXPENSES**

The following expenses are covered, provided they are incurred in Quebec after the Insured Person became insured under this benefit:

- The services of a pharmacist to fill or renew a prescription for a drug which is included on the list of the Board or specified by government regulation;
- Drugs which are included on the list of the Board and which are provided by a pharmacist on a prescription of a healthcare provider who is legally licensed to prescribe drugs;

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c) Any drug specified by government regulation, when prescribed for the conditions and the therapeutic indications as set out in the regulation.

This benefit does not include the cost of pharmaceutical services and drugs that an Insured Person may obtain or to which the person is otherwise entitled, pursuant to any government plan or act, other than the *Act respecting prescription drug insurance* in Quebec.

### **Dispensing Quantity Limitations**

The quantity of drugs which may be dispensed for any one prescription will be limited to that amount sufficient for up to a 34 Day period, except in the case of drugs for long-term therapy (maintenance drugs) for which up to a 100 Day supply is allowable.

#### **REDUCTIONS**

The expenses covered under the present benefit are limited to the reasonable and customary charges normally incurred in Quebec for the same expenses. These reasonable and customary charges are established by the insurer and can be revised as needed.

### **EXCLUSIONS**

None, except if provided by the *Act respecting prescription drug insurance* or one of its regulations.

# **CO-ORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

The Co-ordination of benefits will be as provided for under the Co-ordination of Benefits provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance.

# **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates as indicated in the Summary of Benefits, or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

#### Includes Prescription Drugs for Residents of Provinces Outside Quebec

#### **INSURING AGREEMENT**

The insurer undertakes to reimburse the medical expenses defined herein which are due to an injury, Illness or pregnancy and which are incurred by an Insured Person after the Insured Person became insured under this benefit subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this benefit:

**Day Surgery:** Surgery which is performed in a Hospital or out-patient clinic affiliated with a Hospital and requiring local, regional or general anaesthesia, but will not include minor surgery that can be performed in the Physician's office.

**Deductible:** The Deductible is the portion of the cost of the covered expenses which must be paid by the Insured Person. The Deductible, if applicable, is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

**General Dental Practitioner:** A licensed dentist who practices dentistry without specialization.

**Hospitalization and Hospitalized:** Occupancy of a Hospital room as an admitted bedridden patient where a room and board charge has been made in connection with the confinement. Day Surgery will be considered to be a period of Hospitalization.

**Medical Emergency:** A sudden or unexpected occurrence that requires immediate medical attention

**Medically Required** means broadly accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession, and where applicable the Canadian dental profession as effective, appropriate and essential in the treatment of an Illness or injuries,

including injuries due to an Accident, in accordance with Canadian medical standards, or where applicable Canadian dental standards.

**Prosthesis:** A device designed to replace all or part of a limb or an organ.

**Original or Generic Drug:** If mention is made of these two types of drugs, the Original Drug refers to the drug that was first developed and launched in the marketplace. The Generic Drug refers to any reproduction of the Original Drug.

**Reimbursement:** The Reimbursement is the percentage of the covered expenses incurred that is reimbursed by the insurer after the Deductible has been satisfied. The percentage is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

#### HOSPITALIZATION IN THE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE

Room and board charges made by a Hospital in the Insured Person's province of residence which are in excess of the amount reimbursed by the government health plan, up to the daily maximum specified in the Summary of Benefits, provided:

- a) The Insured Person is confined to the Hospital on an in-patient basis; and
- b) The level of accommodation was specifically requested by the Insured Person; and
- The Insured Person was Hospitalized for acute care and not chronic or convalescent care.

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE

Expenses for the services and supplies listed herein will be covered, up to the maximum specified in the Summary of Benefits, when they are incurred as a result of a Medical Emergency which occurs during an Insured Person 's absence from his province of residence provided:

a) The Insured Person is insured under the Supplemental Health Insurance at the time of the Medical Emergency; and

### b) Participants under 70 years of age:

The Medical Emergency occurs during the first 180 Days of the Insured Person's absence from his province of residence.

If, however, the absence is due to his attendance at an accredited educational institution on a full-time basis, the Medical Emergency occurs during the school year for which he is enrolled at the institution; and

#### Participants 70 years of age and over:

The Medical Emergency occurs during an absence of the Insured Person from his province of residence when such absence's expected length was 30 Days or less.

If, however, the absence was expected to be 30 Days or less but is extended due to unforeseen circumstances, coverage will be provided only for a Medical Emergency which occurs during the first 30 Days of the absence.

If the absence is expected to exceed 30 Days, there is no coverage under this benefit during the entire absence; and

- The Insured Person's absence was due to business, a vacation or fulltime attendance at an accredited educational institution; and
- d) The provision of the services and supplies could not have been delayed until the Insured Person had returned to his province of residence without endangering his health.

The following services and supplies which are received as a result of a Medical Emergency will be covered:

- a) Services of a Physician;
- b) Accommodation in a Hospital up to the level of benefit specified in the Hospitalization In The Province of Residence provision;
- c) Medical services, appliances and supplies furnished during a Hospitalization;
- d) Diagnostic, medical imaging and laboratory services;
- e) Paramedical services provided during a Hospitalization;
- f) Hospital out-patient services and supplies;

- g) Drugs;
- h) Medical appliances and supplies provided out of Hospital;
- i) Professional ambulance service to transport the Insured Person to the nearest Hospital equipped to provide the required medical treatment.

For paramedical services, drugs and medical appliances, only those drugs, appliances and services which would have been covered in the Insured Person's province of residence will be covered when they are received outside of his province of residence in a Medical Emergency.

# Limitations for emergency medical expenses incurred outside the province of residence

If the Insured Person should become Hospitalized outside Canada due to a Medical Emergency, the Insured Person will be required to contact the insurer's medical assistance service provider as soon as the person is reasonably able to do so after the commencement of the Hospitalization. Failure to do so may result in the insurer limiting or denying the Insured Person's claim resulting from the Medical Emergency.

In addition, if during a Medical Emergency, the insurer determines that the Insured Person can be repatriated to his province of residence without endangering his health and the Insured Person refuses to be repatriated, the insurer will not be responsible for any further expenses incurred by the Insured Person due to the Medical Emergency.

No coverage will be provided under this benefit for any expenses that are incurred for a Medical Emergency if:

- a) The Insured Person's medical condition was not stable before the absence from his province of residence began; and
- The Medical Emergency results directly or indirectly from that medical condition.

The insurer determines what stable means. In this assessment, the insurer will take into consideration medical factors, such as but not limited to the following:

- a) Medical status:
- b) Medical treatment, examination, consultation or Hospitalization;
- c) Increase or worsening of any symptom or health problem;

- d) Change in medical treatment or in medication;
- e) Medical treatment or examination planned or for which results are pending for any symptom or health problem;

within a period of 90 days prior to that absence.

#### OUT OF CANADA REFERRAL COVERAGE

Expenses for the services and supplies listed herein will be covered, up to the maximum specified in the Summary of Benefits, when they are incurred as a result of an Insured Person being referred outside of Canada for medical treatment provided:

- a) The treatment could not have been provided within Canada.
- b) The treatment is determined to be medically necessary as certified in writing by at least two physicians practicing in the Insured Person's province of residence, one of whom regularly attends the Insured Person, the other whom specializes in the field of medicine applicable to the medical condition being treated and neither of whom is the Insured Person himself or a member of his family.
- c) The treatment must be accepted as normal treatment for the medical condition and must not be considered experimental.
- d) A benefit for the treatment will be payable under the provincial health plan of the insured person's province of residence. This must be confirmed, in writing, by the Insured Person with the administrator of such plan prior to the services being performed.
- e) Approval for the treatment is received from the insurer, in writing, prior to the treatment being performed.

The following services and supplies which are related to the medical treatment being received as a result of the referral will be covered:

- a) Services of a physician;
- b) Accommodation in a Hospital up to the level specified for the Hospitalization in the Province of Residence benefit;
- c) Medical services, appliances and supplies;
- d) Diagnostic, medical imaging and laboratory services;

- e) Paramedical services;
- f) Hospital out-patient services and supplies;
- g) Drugs;
- h) Professional ambulance service to transport the insured person to the hospital where the medical treatment is to be provided.

# MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN CANADA, OTHER THAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE

The following medical expenses are covered, up to the maximums specified in the Summary of Benefits:

- Services rendered at the Insured Person's home by a registered nurse or certified nursing assistant provided:
  - The services were prescribed by a Physician and pre-approved by the insurer; and
  - ii) The services are Medically Required; and
  - iii) The services fall within the scope of services provided by a registered nurse or certified nursing assistant; and
  - iv) The registered nurse or certified nursing assistant is unrelated to the Insured Person and does not normally reside with him.
- b) Licensed ambulance service in a Medical Emergency for transportation to the nearest Hospital equipped to provide the required treatment, or for transportation therefrom, when the physical condition of the Insured Person precludes the use of any other means of transportation.
- c) Drugs (including Drugs related to infertility problems) which are dispensed by a pharmacist and which can only be obtained with a written prescription of a healthcare provider who is legally licensed to prescribe drugs, other than those drugs that are excluded under the Exclusions and Reductions provision of this benefit.
  - Drugs which by law require a prescription such as, but not limited to, maintenance drugs that are used daily to treat an ongoing medical condition for an extended period of time, such as medication to treat asthma, diabetes, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, provided they

are prescribed by a healthcare provider who is legally licensed to prescribe such drugs and dispensed by a pharmacist.

Insulin supplies, such as needles, syringes, lancets and diagnostic testing materials.

For Quebec residents, this medical expense is supplementary to the Quebec Prescription Drug Insurance benefit.

#### **Dispensing Limitations**

The quantity of drugs which may be dispensed for any one prescription will be limited to that amount sufficient for up to a 34 Day period, except in the case of drugs for long-term therapy (maintenance drugs) for which up to a 100 Day supply is allowable.

Certain drugs will require pre-authorization by the insurer prior to the commencement of their usage. For these drugs the Insured Person will be required to have his attending Physician provide the insurer with information describing his medical condition, previous treatment history and the medical criteria for prescribing the drug.

As part of its pre-authorization process, the insurer may request that a drug be purchased from a preferred pharmacy network that has been approved by the insurer. If the Insured Person should choose to use another pharmacy, the amount reimbursed to the Insured Person will be based on the amount which would have been charged by the insurer's approved pharmacy network. The insurer will not be responsible for any amounts in excess of the amounts that would have been reimbursed had the Insured Person used the approved pharmacy network.

The insurer reserves the right to exclude coverage of any drug where it has determined, at its sole discretion, that coverage of the drug causes or may cause a material change in the risk insured under this policy or a material change in risk for the insurer in general.

- d) Room and board charges made in a facility licensed to provide rehabilitative or convalescent care provided:
  - The Insured Person is under the regular supervision of a Physician or registered nurse; and
  - ii) The confinement was recommended by a Physician; and

- iii) The confinement takes place within 14 Days of a period of Hospitalization; and
- iv) The confinement is for rehabilitative or convalescent care.

However, there will be no coverage if the rehabilitative or convalescent care is for drug or alcohol abuse or addiction.

- e) Charges for diagnostic laboratory tests and medical imaging services, other than x-rays by a paramedical practitioner, provided:
  - Coverage for the tests and services is not prohibited by provincial legislation; and
  - ii) The tests and services are performed in a facility licensed to perform such tests and services; and
  - iii) The tests and services are required for the diagnosis of an Illness or injury or to determine the effectiveness of the treatment being prescribed or received.
- f) Fees for the care provided by one of the paramedical practitioners listed in the Summary of Benefits provided the practitioner is licensed by the appropriate provincial or federal organization to practice his profession in accordance with the rules of his profession.
  - If the services of the practitioner are covered by the provincial health plan, no coverage will be provided under this benefit for any amount payable for such services under the provincial plan.
- g) Charges for x-rays by a paramedical practitioner, if specifically mentioned as being covered under the Summary of Benefits.
- Charges for the rental of, or at the insurer's option, the purchase of the following medical appliances and supplies provided they are prescribed by a Physician:
  - i) Oxygen tent and oxygen supplies;
  - ii) Aerosol equipment, mist tents and nebulizers for cystic fibrosis, acute emphysema, chronic obstructive bronchitis or chronic asthma:
  - iii) Artificial eyes, including repairs and replacements;
  - iv) Artificial prostheses, including repairs and replacements;

- v) Manual wheelchairs or electric wheelchairs when the Insured Person is incapable of operating a manual wheelchair due to a medical condition:
- vi) Manually operated Hospital beds or electrically operated Hospital beds when the Insured Person is incapable of operating a manually operated Hospital bed due to a medical condition, including bed rails and trapeze bars;
- vii) Apnea monitors for respiratory disrhythmias;
- viii) Diabetic monitoring and administration equipment other than the insulin supplies such as needles, syringes, lancets and diagnostic testing materials;
- ix) Percutaneous or transcutaneous nerve stimulator;
- x) Intermittent positive pressure breathing machine;
- xi) Breast prostheses;
- xii) Surgical bras;
- xiii) Medical elastic stockings prescribed for the treatment of varicose veins or required as a result of severe burns or surgery;
- xiv) Orthopedic shoes which are Medically Required by a health practitioner operating within the scope of his license and which have been custom made, custom modified or custom molded for the Insured Person by a certified specialist in orthopedic footwear. Off the shelf orthopedic shoes which have not been custom made, modified or molded for the Insured Person will not be eligible for coverage;
- xv) Foot orthoses which are Medically Required by a health practitioner operating within the scope of his license and which have been specifically designed and constructed for the Insured Person by a certified specialist in foot orthoses. Off the shelf foot orthoses which have not been specifically designed and constructed for the Insured Person will not be eligible for coverage;
- xvi) Intrauterine devices;
- xvii) Braces with rigid support; back supports; shoulder harnesses; head halters and cervical collars;

- xviii) Splints, other than dental splints, and casts;
- xix) Canes, crutches and walkers;
- xx) Hernia belts;
- xxi) Wigs required as a result of chemotherapy;
- xxii) Sclerosing injections;
- xxiii) Allergy testing;
- xxiv) Compression garment for severe burns;
- xxv) Sleeves for lymphedema;
- xxvi) Traction equipment;
- xxvii) Compression pump;
- xxviii) Artificial larynx;
- xxix) Colostomy and ileostomy apparatus and supplies;
- xxx) Catheters:
- xxxi) Hoists.
- Dental care given out of Hospital by a General Dental Practitioner which is required as a result of an Accident to whole, healthy, natural teeth, provided:
  - The Accident occurs while the Insured Person is insured under this benefit; and
  - ii) The care is the least expensive that will provide a professionally adequate treatment; and
  - iii) The charges do not exceed the amount shown for the treatment in the current provincial fee schedule for General Dental Practitioners in the Insured Person's province of residence; and
  - iv) The care is received within 12 months of the date of the Accident.

Any charges for dental care which is not directly related to the Accident will not be covered.

- j) Charges for hearing aids or any related devices (including repairs and replacements but not batteries), and the professional services given by a hearing aid acoustician following the purchase of the hearing aid or related device provided they have been prescribed by a Physician, audiologist or speech therapist.
- k) Charges for visual training.
- Charges for eye examinations when performed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist.
- m) Charges for eyeglasses (including sunglasses and safety glasses), or contact lenses or corrective laser surgery, when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist.
- n) Charges for contact lenses, when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist:

Contact lenses will be considered medically necessary if:

- i) they were prescribed for severe corneal astigmatism, a severe corneal scar, a keratoconus (conical cornea) or an aphakia; and
- ii) visual acuity can only be improved to at least 20/40 with contact lenses.

#### **EXCLUSIONS AND REDUCTIONS**

This benefit does not cover any of the following expenses:

- a) Payable or reimbursable under a workers' compensation act or would have been payable if the claim had been submitted.
- For an Illness or injury or any expenses resulting, directly or indirectly, from attempted suicide or which was voluntarily self-inflicted, while sane or insane.
- c) For an Illness or injury or any expenses resulting, directly or indirectly, from civil unrest, insurrection or war, whether war be declared or not, or a riot.
- d) For an Illness or injury or any expenses resulting, directly or indirectly, from the commission of an offence under any criminal code or similar law in any jurisdiction, if the Insured Person has been charged or convicted.

- e) For treatment or appliances to correct vertical dimension or any temporomandibular joint dysfunction.
- f) For care or treatment which is not Medically Required, or which is given for cosmetic purposes, or for any reason other than curative, or which exceeds the normal care or treatment given in accordance with current therapeutic practice, or is of an experimental nature.
- g) For any care or treatment included in the protocol of a research and development program for a product whose use has not been recommended by the manufacturer or which does not comply with government standards.
- h) For care or treatment of an Illness or injury that is not recognized as normal, customary and common practice for such Illness or injury.
- For any portion of a charge for care or treatment which is in excess of the reasonable and customary charge normally incurred for an Illness or injury of the same nature and severity in the locality where the service is provided.
- j) For any care or treatment rendered free of charge or which would have been free of charge were it not for insurance coverage or which is not chargeable to the Insured Person.
- k) For rest cures or travel for reasons of health.
- For eye examinations, except if specifically mentioned as being covered under this benefit.
- m) For eyeglasses and contact lenses, except if specifically mentioned as being covered under this benefit.
- n) For care or treatment related to fertility or infertility.
- For the purchase or rental of any comfort or massage apparatus, and of domestic accessories that are not exclusively required for medical purposes.
- p) For any services or supplies which are for the sole purpose of facilitating the Insured Person's participation in sports, or for fitness and training (except if specifically mentioned as being covered under this benefit), or recreational activities and not for daily living activities.

- q) For care or treatment of (including breaking the addiction to) such conditions as, but not limited to, obesity, smoking, drug addiction and alcoholism.
- r) For preventive immunization vaccines or the administration of serums, vaccines and injectable medications.
- s) For contraceptives (other than oral), except if mention is made that these expenses are covered under this benefit.
- t) For the following products unless such products can only be obtained with a written prescription of a healthcare provider who is legally licensed to prescribe them and they are required to be dispensed by a pharmacist:
  - products for the care of contact lenses;
  - proteins or dietary supplements, amino acids;
  - baby food;
  - mouthwash, bandages and throat lozenges;
  - shampoos, oils, creams;
  - toilet products including soaps and emollients;
  - skin softeners and protectors;
  - vitamins, vitamin supplements or multivitamins;
  - minerals;
  - homeopathic products;
  - anabolic steroids.
- For any drugs which are considered lifestyle drugs such as, but not limited to, drugs for the treatment of infertility, erectile dysfunction, loss of hair or lack of growth, except if specifically mentioned as being covered under this benefit.
- v) For any drugs which are excluded from coverage by the insurer under the Dispensing Limitations provision of this benefit.
- w) For any prescriptions which are dispensed by a clinic or by any nonaccredited Hospital pharmacy or for treatment as an out-patient in a Hospital, including emergency status and investigational status drugs.
- x) For any care or treatment received outside of Canada due to a Medical Emergency which is related to (i) a pregnancy, false labour, delivery or resulting complications, if the Medical Emergency occurs after the 32nd week of gestation; or (ii) the deliberate inducement of a miscarriage.

- y) For any care or treatment which was provided by a healthcare provider who, or a service provider that:
  - Has been charged with professional misconduct or improper practices; or
  - ii) Is under investigation by an official body resulting from a law or regulation; or
  - iii) Is under investigation by the insurer in regards to his professional conduct or practice; or
  - iv) Is a member of a profession that is not regulated by an officially recognized federal or provincial regulatory body in the jurisdiction where the services were provided; or
  - v) In the opinion of the insurer, does not meet the insurer's standards relevant to his professional conduct or practice; or
  - vi) Is an employee, contractor, principal, or member of
    - any business, group or association who is the subject of any of the matters set out in subparagraphs (i) to (v) above; or
    - any entity that is affiliated with or related to such business, group or association.

The amount of benefit payable will be reduced by any benefit that is payable or reimbursable (i) under a government plan, a group plan or an individual plan, or that would have been payable had the Insured Person submitted a claim under such plan or (ii) by a third party as a result of a legal action or settlement.

### CALCULATION OF REIMBURSEMENT

#### **Deductible**

The Deductible, if any, must be paid by the Insured Person during the Calendar Year before any benefits are payable under this benefit. The Deductible is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

#### **Carry-over Provision**

If the Deductible for a Calendar Year is satisfied in whole or in part by the payment of covered expenses incurred during the last 3 months of the Calendar Year, the amount of covered expenses incurred in such 3 month period and which were applied toward satisfaction of the Deductible for that Calendar Year, shall be carried over and applied toward satisfaction of the Deductible for the next Calendar Year.

#### Reimbursement

The insurer will reimburse the percentage of covered expenses incurred, as specified in the Summary of Benefits, once the Deductible has been satisfied.

#### Maximum Benefit Per Insured Person

The maximum amount that will be reimbursed by the insurer under this benefit is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

#### Co-ordination of Benefits

When an Insured Person is eligible to receive benefits simultaneously under this coverage and any other coverage which pays expenses for care, services and supplies which are for or by reason of health care or treatment, the coverages will be co-ordinated to ensure that payment by all the coverages do not exceed the actual expenses incurred. The term "coverage" will mean any coverage providing care, services or supplies under:

- i) any group, individual or family insurance, travel insurance, creditor's or savings insurance plan,
- ii) any government sponsored plan, and
- iii) any non-insured employee benefit plan.

#### **SURVIVOR BENEFIT**

If the Participant dies while insured under this benefit and prior to any extension of insurance as provided for under the Extension of Benefits provision, insurance under this benefit shall continue for his Dependents who were insured

under this benefit at the time of his death, without premium payment, until the earliest of:

- a) 24 months after the Participant's death; or
- b) The date on which the Dependents' insurance would have terminated had the Participant then been living; or
- c) The termination date of this benefit.

#### **EXTENSION OF BENEFITS**

If on the date an Insured Person's insurance under this benefit is discontinued, the Insured Person is Disabled, a benefit will be payable for covered health care expenses directly related to the Disability provided:

- The expenses are incurred within 90 Days of the date the insurance was discontinued; and
- b) This benefit is in force when the expenses are incurred.

As used in this provision, Disabled and Disability mean:

- With respect to a Participant, his complete incapacity due to an Illness or injury to perform any work for which he is reasonably qualified by education, training or experience; and
- b) With respect to a Dependent, that the Dependent, due to a medically determinable physical or mental impairment, is confined to a Hospital or is receiving treatment by a Physician.

#### **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

A Participant whose insurance under the group policy is cancelled due to termination of

- a) his employment; or
- b) his group membership,

will be able to convert his Supplemental Health Insurance to an individual insurance contract without having to submit evidence of insurability to the insurer.

The individual insurance contract that will be provided will be in accordance with the rates and terms and conditions established by the insurer.

The Participant must make application and pay all required premiums for the individual insurance contract within 60 Days of the termination date of his insurance under the policy. Failure to submit the application and premium within such 60 Days will prevent the Participant from obtaining the insurance under the individual insurance contract.

The individual insurance contract will take effect on the date that both the application and the premium have been received by the insurer.

#### **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates as indicated in the Summary of benefits, or such other earlier date indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

The services listed herein will be provided in connection with a Medical Emergency or personal emergency which occurs while the Insured Person is absent from his province of residence provided:

- a) The Insured Person is insured under the Supplemental Health Insurance at the time of the Medical Emergency or personal emergency; and
- b) Participants under 70 years of age:

The Medical Emergency or personal emergency occurs during the first 180 Days of the Insured Person's absence from his province of residence

If, however, the absence is due to his attendance at an accredited educational institution on a full-time basis, the Medical Emergency or personal emergency occurs during the school year for which he is enrolled at the institution; and

#### Participants 70 years of age and over:

The Medical Emergency or personal emergency occurs during an absence of the Insured Person from his province of residence when such absence's expected length was 30 Days or less.

If, however, the absence was expected to be 30 Days or less but is extended due to unforeseen circumstances, coverage will be provided only for a Medical Emergency or personal emergency which occurs during the first 30 Days of the absence.

If the absence is expected to exceed 30 Days, there is no coverage under this benefit during the entire absence; and

- The Insured Person's absence was due to business, a vacation or fulltime attendance at an accredited educational institution; and
- d) The provision of the services and supplies could not have been delayed until the Insured Person's absence was due to business, a vacation or full-time attendance at an accredited educational institution; and
- e) In case of a Medical Emergency, the emergency is covered under the Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside the Province of Residence section of the Supplemental Health Insurance.

The services will be provided by the insurer's medical assistance service provider. The Insured Person will be required to contact the medical assistance service provider to request the services in an emergency.

#### **DEFINITION**

As used in this benefit:

**Day Surgery**: Surgery which is performed in a Hospital or out-patient clinic affiliated with a Hospital and requiring local, regional or general anaesthesia, but will not include minor surgery that can be performed in the Physician's office.

**Hospitalization and Hospitalized**: Occupancy of a Hospital room as an admitted bedridden patient where a room and board charge has been made in connection with the confinement. Day Surgery will be considered to be a period of Hospitalization.

**Immediate Family:** The Insured Person's Spouse, father, mother, Child, brother or sister.

#### MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The following services will be provided during a Medical Emergency:

- a) 24 Hour Telephone Access
  - The medical assistance service provider will provide a 24 hour hotline, 365 Days a year, staffed by multilingual co-ordinators to connect the Insured Person to a network of specialists who will handle the emergency.

### b) Medical Care

The medical assistance service provider will:

 If the Insured Person is unable to locate a Physician or Hospital, provide a referral to a Physician or an appropriate Hospital;

- Upon request of the Insured Person, organize consultations with Physicians or Specialists in order to obtain the best medical care available in the area:
- Provide assistance with admittance to a Hospital;
- Confirm to Physicians and Hospitals the medical expenses that are covered under the Insured Person's group policy.

#### c) Medical Transportation

The medical assistance service provider will:

- Arrange and pay for the transportation or transfer of the Insured Person by appropriate means to a Hospital as recommended by the attending Physician, and which the medical assistance service provider agrees to;
- Arrange and pay for the return of the Insured Person to his residence
  or to a Hospital near his residence after initial medical care has been
  provided, by an appropriate means of transportation, provided the
  return is medically necessary and permissible based on his medical
  condition. The medical assistance service provider will arrange for the
  Insured Person's return using the most appropriate means of
  transportation: air ambulance, helicopter, commercial airline, train or
  ambulance.

## d) Payment of Medical Expenses and Cash Advance

- The medical assistance service provider will make the necessary arrangements to pay medical expenses which are covered under the Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside of Province section of the Supplemental Health Insurance;
- When necessary in order for the Insured Person to obtain needed medical treatment, the medical assistance service provider will advance up to \$10,000 (Canadian), after consultation with the insurer.

#### e) Return of Deceased

 Should the Insured Person die, the medical assistance service provider will make all arrangements and pay all expenses associated

with returning the body of the deceased person to the place of burial in his province of residence, up to a maximum of \$3,000. Funeral expenses will not be covered.

#### f) Return of Dependent Children

• The medical assistance service provider will organize the return of the Insured Person's Dependent Children under age 16 who are left unattended due to the Hospitalization of the Insured Person. In addition, the medical assistance service provider will arrange and pay for economy transportation for the Children, with an escort if necessary, to their usual place of residence. If the return tickets are still valid, only the additional cost incurred for the return transportation, after deducting the value of the tickets, will be paid.

#### g) Return of an Insured Person or a Member of the Immediate Family

• The medical assistance service provider will organize the return of the Insured Person and/or a member of the Immediate Family who has lost the use of his return ticket due to the Insured Person's Hospitalization or death. The medical assistance service provider will arrange and pay for economy transportation to return the Insured Person and/or member of the Immediate Family to his usual place of residence. If the return tickets are still valid, only the additional cost incurred for the return transportation, after deducting the value of the tickets, will be paid.

## h) Visit from a Member of the Immediate Family

 The medical assistance service provider will arrange and pay for round-trip economy class transportation for a member of the Immediate Family to visit the Insured Person if the person is Hospitalized for at least 7 consecutive Days and the attending Physician feels that the visit would be beneficial to him.

## i) Expenses for Commercial Accommodation and Meals

 When a return is delayed due to the Hospitalization of an Insured Person for a period of more than 24 hours or because of an Insured Person's death, the expenses for commercial accommodation and

meals incurred due to the delay by the Insured Person, by a member of the Immediate Family accompanying the Insured Person or visiting the Insured Person in accordance with h) will be reimbursed, subject to a daily maximum of \$150 per person, and an overall maximum of \$1.500.

Receipts must be provided before Reimbursement will be made by the medical assistance service provider.

### j) Vehicle Return

 The medical assistance service provider will pay up to \$1,000 to return the Insured Person's vehicle, either private or rental, to the Insured Person's residence or the nearest appropriate vehicle rental location.

#### k) Emergency Drugs

 Should an Insured Person require drugs for the treatment of a medical condition and such drugs are not available locally, the medical assistance service provider will co-ordinate a search for the drugs and once located arrange for the delivery of the drugs. The Insured Person will be responsible for the cost of the drugs unless the drugs are covered under the Supplemental Health Insurance.

## PERSONAL EMERGENCY TRAVEL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The following services will be provided during a personal emergency:

## a) Telephone Interpretation Service

 The medical assistance service provider will provide the Insured Person with telephone interpretation services in most foreign languages.

## b) Messages

 The medical assistance service provider will relay a message, upon request, from the Insured Person to his home, office or elsewhere, or

hold messages for the Insured Person or the members of his Immediate Family for up to 15 Days.

#### c) Legal Assistance

 The medical assistance service provider will assist the Insured Person in finding local legal aid when required, and will also help the Insured Person obtain a cash advance from his credit cards, family and friends, in order to pay for any bail or legal fees.

#### d) Travel Information

 The medical assistance service provider will provide the Insured Person with travel information related to transportation, vaccinations and precautionary measures before, during and after the Insured Person's trip.

#### e) Lost Baggage or Travel Documents

 If the Insured Person loses or has his travel documents and/or baggage stolen, the medical assistance service provider will help him contact the appropriate authorities.

### **EXCLUSIONS AND REDUCTIONS**

In addition to the exclusions and reductions outlined in the Exclusions and Reductions provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance, the Medical Emergency Assistance Services provided under this benefit will be subject to the limitations, exclusions and terms and conditions that are applicable under the Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside the Province of Residence provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance.

#### LIABILITY

The medical assistance service provider and insurer will not be held responsible for the provider's failure to provide medical assistance or for delays caused by strikes, civil wars, wars, invasions, intervention by enemy powers, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), rebellions, insurrections, acts of terrorism,

military operations or coups, riots or uprisings, radioactive fallout, or any other situation beyond its control.

The Physicians, Hospitals, clinics, lawyers and other authorized practitioners or institutions to which the medical assistance service provider directs Insured Persons are independent contractors and act on their own behalf and are not employees, agents or subordinates of the medical assistance service provider or the insurer.

The medical assistance service provider and the insurer are not responsible and assume no liability for the negligence or other acts or omissions by the Physicians, Hospitals, clinics, lawyers or other authorized practitioners or institutions to which the Insured Person is directed by the medical assistance service provider.

#### REIMBURSEMENT

If a cash advance was made by the insurer or its medical assistance provider to cover a charge that had been made, or if a charge was paid by the insurer or its medical assistance provider, and the Participant submits such charge as a covered expense under the Supplemental Health Insurance at a later date the Participant will only be reimbursed the difference between the eligible amount of the covered expense and the amount of the cash advance or the amount already paid by the insurer or its medical assistance provider, subject to the Deductible and Reimbursement level that are applicable to the expense.

If a cash advance to cover an expense had been made or an expense had been paid and (i) such expense is not a covered expense under the Emergency Medical Expenses Incurred Outside the Province of Residence provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance or (ii) the amount advanced or paid was in excess of the insurer's responsibility under the group policy, the Participant will be responsible for reimbursing the insurer the cash advancement or the excess amount, whichever is applicable, within 90 Days of the Insured Person returning to his province of residence. Should the Participant fail to pay back the cash advance or excess amount, the insurer will have the right to reduce future health claims or any other claims by the Participant or his Dependents under the group policy by the amount owing.

The insurer undertakes to reimburse all eligible expenses defined herein which are incurred after the Insured Person became insured under this benefit and result from the cancellation or interruption of a Covered Trip, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per Insured Person, per Covered Trip, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

The expenses are covered only if the Insured Person, at the time of making the final arrangements for the Covered Trip, was not aware of any event that could reasonably have led to the cancellation or interruption of the Covered Trip.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this benefit:

**Business Meeting**: A private Business Meeting related to the Insured Person's full-time occupation which has been organized in advance and which constitutes the sole reason for the trip. A Business Meeting may not, under any circumstances, include symposiums, conventions, assemblies, fairs, shows, seminars or board of directors meetings.

**Host at Destination**: The person who provides accommodation for the Insured Person in his home.

**Family Member**: The Spouse, Child, father, mother, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, half-brother, half-sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, nephew and niece.

**Travelling Companion**: A person who shares the financial travel arrangements with the Insured Person, up to a maximum of 4 persons, including the Insured Person.

**Destination**: The city or country to which the Insured Person is travelling.

Carrier: A public plane, bus or train.

#### Covered Trip: A trip:

- a) Which will result in the Insured Person being absent from his normal place of residence for at least 2 consecutive nights, and
- b) For which the Destination is at least 400 kilometres from the Insured Person's normal place of residence.

#### **INSURABLE RISKS**

The cancellation or interruption of the Covered Trip must result directly from one of the following causes:

- a) The Illness, injury or death of the Insured Person, a Family Member of the Insured Person, a Travelling Companion, or a Family Member of the Travelling Companion.
- b) The Illness, injury or death of a business associate, or of the Insured Person's Host at Destination.
- c) The Illness, injury or death of a person for whom the Insured Person is the legal guardian.
- The death of a person for whom the Insured Person is the estate executor;
- e) The notification of the Insured Person to report for jury duty or to serve as a witness in a trial taking place during the Covered Trip, except if the Insured Person is a law enforcement officer;
- f) The quarantine of the Insured Person;
- g) The hijacking of a Carrier on which the Insured Person is travelling;
- h) Any event which renders the Insured Person's principal residence uninhabitable;
- The cancellation of a Business Meeting due to the Illness, injury or death
  of the person with whom the arrangements for the meeting were made
  beforehand (written proof of the arrangements will be required);
- A recommendation from the Canadian government advising citizens against travelling to the Destination, if such recommendation was issued

- after the Insured Person had made the arrangements for the Covered Trip;
- k) The transfer of the Insured Person by his Employer, which requires the Insured Person to move more than 100 kilometres from his current place of residence within 30 Days prior to the date of departure;
- I) The missing of a scheduled connection or a delayed departure due to (i) a delay of the Carrier responsible for ensuring the connection provided the delay is caused by atmospheric conditions or mechanical failure or (ii) a traffic Accident involving the Insured Person's private or rented automobile or the taxi in which the Insured Person was travelling.

#### **ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

The following expenses are covered:

- a) In the event of a cancellation before departure
  - i) The prepaid, non-refundable portion of the travel expenses;
  - ii) The additional expenses for a higher hotel rate which are incurred by the Insured Person who elects to proceed with a Covered Trip when a Travelling Companion is required to cancel due to one of the insurable risks. The additional expenses shall be reimbursed up to an amount not to exceed the cancellation penalty of the hotel which is applicable at the time the Travelling Companion is required to cancel his Covered Trip.
- b) If the return is early or delayed
  - The additional cost of a one-way, economy fare return ticket to the point of departure;
  - ii) The unused, non-refundable portion of the expenses for any prepaid travel arrangements;
  - iii) Living expenses for commercial accommodation and meals when an Insured Person is required to postpone his return due to an Illness or injury sustained by himself or by his Family Member who is accompanying him, or by a Travelling Companion, subject to a daily maximum of \$150 per Insured Person, and to an overall maximum of \$1,500 for a Participant and his insured Dependents.

If the Insured Person has similar insurance under another benefit of the group policy, the maximum amount payable under the group policy may not exceed the maximum amount indicated under this benefit.

- c) Delayed departure or missed connection
  - The additional cost of a one-way, economy fare ticket to the scheduled Destination, required by a Carrier when a connection is missed or a departure is delayed due to one of the insurable risks.
    - For the benefit to be payable, the Insured Person must have planned to arrive at the point of departure at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure;
  - ii) The unused, non-refundable portion of the Insured Person's prepaid travel expenses, if the Insured Person elected not to proceed with his Covered Trip due to an interruption of at least 30% of the scheduled duration of such Covered Trip which resulted from atmospheric conditions preventing him from making a scheduled connection with another Carrier.

#### **EXCLUSIONS AND REDUCTIONS**

In addition to the exclusions and reductions outlined in the Exclusions and Reductions provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance, no benefit will be payable under this benefit if the cause of the cancellation or interruption of a Covered Trip was, directly or indirectly, due to one of the following:

- a) Abuse of drugs or alcohol, or from drug use;
- Suicide or attempted suicide, or any voluntarily self-inflicted injury, whether sane or insane:
- c) Commission of an offence under any criminal code or similar law in any jurisdiction, if the Insured Person has been charged or convicted;
- d) Civil unrest, insurrection or war, whether declared or undeclared, or a riot;
- e) Pregnancy, false labour, delivery or resulting complications, if these events occur within 2 months prior to the expected delivery date;

- f) An injury or Illness that occurs while taking part in a professional sporting event, or in any kind of motorized vehicle competition or speed trial, or in any dangerous activity such as, but not limited to, hang gliding or sailflying, mountaineering, parachuting or bungee jumping;
- g) An injury or Illness resulting from service in the armed forces;
- h) The Insured Person's medical condition was not stable at the time of making the final arrangements for the Covered Trip. The insurer determines what stable means. In this assessment, the insurer will take into consideration medical factors, such as but not limited to the following:
  - i) Medical status;
  - ii) Medical treatment, examination, consultation or Hospitalization;
  - iii) Increase or worsening of any symptom or health problem;
  - iv) Change in medical treatment or in medication;
  - v) Medical treatment or examination planned or for which results are pending for any symptom or health problem;

within a period of 90 days prior to the final arrangements for that Covered Trip.

No benefit will be payable under this benefit if:

- a) The Covered Trip was taken for the purpose of receiving medical or paramedical care or Hospital services.
- b) The Covered Trip was taken to visit or assist a person who was ill or who had suffered an injury and whose state of health or subsequent death causes the Insured Person to change the originally scheduled return date.
- c) The Covered Trip was to visit or assist a person who was ill or who had suffered an injury and whose state of health or death caused the Insured Person to cancel such trip.

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS

 When an event listed under the Insurable Risks provision occurs prior to the date of departure, the Insured Person must contact the travel agency

- or Carrier, as the case may be, within 48 hours following the event to cancel the Covered Trip, and must advise the insurer at the same time.
- b) In order to submit a claim under this benefit, the Insured Person must provide one or more of the following documents, as required by the insurer:
  - i) The original, unused transportation tickets;
  - ii) The official receipts for additional transportation expenses;
  - iii) The receipts for ground arrangements and other disbursements. The receipts must include contracts that were officially issued through the travel agency or an accredited company, and must indicate the amounts not refundable in the event of cancellation:
  - iv) An official document stating that an event listed under the Insurable Risks provision was in fact the cause of the cancellation. If the cancellation is due to medical reasons, the Insured Person must provide a medical certificate from the duly qualified attending Physician practising in the region where the Illness or injury took place and the medical supervision must have started on or prior to the Insured Person's scheduled date of departure or return, as the case may be. The medical certificate must indicate the full diagnosis confirming the need to cancel, delay or interrupt the Covered Trip;
  - v) In case of a traffic Accident, a police report.

The insurer undertakes to reimburse the Insured Person's dental care expenses which are incurred after the Insured Person became insured under this benefit, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this benefit and the group policy.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this benefit:

**General Dental Practitioner:** A licensed dentist who practices dentistry without specialization.

**Dental Specialist:** A General Dental Practitioner person licensed by the provincial licensing authority to practice dentistry with specialization.

**Denturist:** A person licensed by the provincial licensing authority to work as a practitioner supplying and fitting dentures.

**Deductible:** The Deductible is the portion of the cost of the covered expenses which must be paid by the Insured Person. The Deductible, if applicable, is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

**Expenses Incurred:** Any fee corresponding to a professional procedure which has been performed. Expenses are considered to be incurred only when treatment has actually been given, even if a treatment plan has been submitted to and approved by the insurer.

For dentures, expenses are considered to be incurred only on the date the dentures are installed.

**Dental Hygienist:** A person licensed by the provincial licensing authority to work as a practitioner specializing in the cleaning of teeth and assisting the patient in proper oral health.

**Medically Required** means broadly accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession, and where applicable the Canadian dental profession, as effective and appropriate and essential in the treatment of an Illness or injuries,

including injuries due to an Accident, in accordance with Canadian medical standards, or where applicable Canadian dental standards.

**Reimbursement:** The Reimbursement is the percentage of the covered Expenses Incurred that is reimbursed by the insurer after the Deductible has been satisfied. The percentage is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

#### DENTAL EXPENSES

Only those items included below which are specified in the Summary of Benefits will be considered "eligible expenses" provided they were rendered by a General Dental Practitioner, a Dental Specialist on the recommendation of a General Dental Practitioner or by a Dental Hygienist.

## Preventive Treatments (any expenses related to implants will only be covered under Implants of the Major Treatments section, if included)

- a) Examinations and Diagnoses
  - i) Complete oral examination: once every 2 years
  - ii) Recall examination: once every 5 months
  - iii) Emergency oral examination
  - iv) Specific oral examination
- b) X-rays
  - i) Intra-oral periapical: one complete serie every 2 years
  - ii) Intra-oral occlusal
  - iii) Intra-oral interproximal
  - iv) Extra-oral
  - v) Sialography
  - vi) Panoramic: once every 2 years
  - vii) Radiopaque dyes
- c) Tests and Laboratory Examinations
  - i) Microbiologic culture

- ii) Biopsy of oral tissue soft
- iii) Biopsy of oral tissue hard
- iv) Cytologic smear
- v) Pulp vitality tests
- vi) Caries susceptibility tests
- d) Preventive Services

#### For Insured Persons who reside in Quebec

- Polishing of coronal portion of teeth (prophylaxis): 1 every 5 months
- ii) Topical application of fluoride
- iii) Initial oral hygiene instruction

#### For Insured Persons who reside in provinces outside Quebec

- Polishing of coronal portion of teeth (prophylaxis): 1 unit every 5 months
- ii) Scaling of coronal portion of teeth: 1 unit every 5 months
  - If Periodontic services are provided under this benefit, any additional scaling will be combined with root planing under the Periodontics section.
- iii) Topical application of fluoride
- iv) Initial oral hygiene instruction
- e) Space maintainers, other than stainless steel crown types, for persons under age 18: maintenance of a maintainer will be limited to twice every 12 months.

## Basic Treatments (any expenses related to implants will only be covered under Implants of the Major Treatments section, if included)

- a) Basic Services
  - i) Finishing restorations
  - ii) Pit and fissure sealant

- iii) Caries control
- iv) Interproximal discing
- v) Prophylactic odontomy
- b) Restorative
  - i) Amalgam restorations
  - ii) Composite restorations
- c) Endodontics
  - Pulp capping
  - ii) Pulpotomy (excluding final restoration)
  - iii) Emergency pulpotomy
  - iv) Endodontic trauma
  - v) Root canal therapy
  - vi) Endodontic surgery
  - vii) Apexification
- d) Periodontics
  - Surgical services
  - ii) Provisional matching
  - iii) Adjunctive periodontal procedures

#### For Insured Persons who reside in Quebec

Root planing and curettage are covered up to a maximum of 14 teeth in any 12 months. These procedures are only covered if testing of periodontal pockets indicates 4 mm or more.

Scaling is covered up to a maximum of 8 units in any 12 months.

## For Insured Persons who reside in provinces outside Quebec

Root planing is covered up to a maximum of 8 units in any 12 months. Coverage will be combined with any units of scaling which are in excess of the limit stated under the Preventive Services section.

- e) Dentures removable
  - i) Adjustments
  - ii) Repairs
  - iii) Rebasing and relining
  - iv) Prophylaxis and polishing
- f) Oral Surgery
  - i) Removal of erupted tooth (uncomplicated)
  - ii) Surgical removals (complicated)
  - iii) Surgical exposure and movement of tooth
    - transplantation: maximum of \$150
    - surgical repositioning: maximum of \$150
  - iv) Enucleation of tooth
  - v) Remodelling and recontouring of oral tissues
    - alveoloplasty
    - gingivoplasty and/or stomatoplasty
    - vestibuloplasty
    - remodelling of floor mouth
    - extension of mucous folds
  - vi) Surgical excision and incision
    - · excision of tumors and cysts
    - enucleation of cysts/granulomas
    - cheiloplasty (lip shave)
    - graft of bone to jaw
    - marsupialization
    - incision and drainage and/or exploration
    - incision for removal of foreign bodies: maximum of \$150

- vii) Treatment of fractures
  - mandibular or maxillary (including wiring): open reductions limited to a maximum of \$750
  - alveolar fractures
    - debridement, teeth removed
    - replantation of avulsed tooth (includes splinting)
    - repositioning of traumatically displaced tooth
    - repairs and lacerations: if over 6 cm, limited to a maximum of \$750
- viii) Frenectomy/frenoplasty
- ix) Antral surgery
- g) Adjunctive General Services
  - i) Anaesthesia (in relation to surgery)

## **Major Treatments**

- a) Dentures removable
  - i) Complete dentures
  - ii) Partial dentures
- b) Dentures fixed
  - i) Cast post
  - ii) Pontic
  - iii) Butterfly bridge
  - iv) Abutments
  - v) Retainers (excluding transitional retainers) and retentive pins for retainers
    - stress breakers and/or precision attachments: maximum of \$150 plus lab

telescoping of crown unit: maximum of \$450 plus lab

Initial installation of fixed or removable dentures will be covered only in the case of teeth extracted while the person is insured under this benefit or a similar benefit.

Replacement of fixed or removable dentures will be covered only if it is necessary for one of the following reasons:

- Extraction of one or more additional natural teeth, while the Insured Person is insured under this benefit or a similar benefit; or
- The dentures are at least 5 years old and can no longer be used;
   or
- iii) Replacement of temporary dentures fitted less than 12 months before.

However, in no event will replacement dentures be covered if due to lost or stolen dentures.

#### c) Restorative

- i) Crowns
- ii) Gold foil restorations (if other substances are inappropriate)
- iii) Metal inlay and onlay restorations
- iv) Porcelain inlay and onlay restorations (if other substances are inappropriate)
- v) Prefabricated post (pivot)
- vi) Recementing of inlays, onlays and crowns
- vii) Removal of inlays, onlays and crowns

Initial provision of crowns, inlays or onlays will be covered only if the tooth of the Insured Person is broken down by decay or injury and cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite restoration.

Replacement of crowns, inlays or onlays will be covered only if:

 The Insured Person's tooth is further broken down by decay or injury and cannot be restored with an amalgam or composite restoration; and

- ii) A period of 5 years has elapsed since the last date on which the crown, inlay or onlay was provided.
- d) Space Maintainers (for loss of primary teeth)
  - i) Stainless steel crown types
- e) Implants

All services and treatments related to implants will be covered. These will include, but will not be limited to:

- i) Examination and diagnosis
- ii) Surgical installation of implant
- iii) Surgical re-entry
- iv) Placement of attachment
- v) Post-surgical care
- vi) Placement of prosthetic post and crown on implant
- vii) Laboratory fees

Whenever laboratory fees are incurred for services listed under the Major Treatments section, they will be limited to 60% of the fee established for the service.

## Orthodontic Treatments: limited to a Child under 19 years of age at time treatment begins

- i) Oral examination
- ii) Observation and diagnosis
- iii) Cephalometric radiographs
- iv) Diagnostic casts unmounted
- v) Removable active appliances for tooth guidance
- vi) Fixed or cemented appliances
- vii) Appliances to control harmful habits
- viii) Retention appliances

#### ix) Comprehensive treatment

#### **EXCLUSIONS AND REDUCTIONS**

In addition to the exclusions and reductions outlined in the Exclusions and Reductions provision of the Supplemental Health Insurance, if such a benefit is included in the group policy, the Dental Care Insurance does not cover any expenses:

- a) Related directly or indirectly to a full mouth reconstruction, to correct vertical dimension or any temporomandibular joint dysfunction;
- b) Related to any appliance which is to be worn by the Insured Person during his participation in sports or recreational activities;
- Which are payable or reimbursable under a workers' compensation act, or would have been payable if the claim had been submitted;
- d) For services and supplies resulting, directly or indirectly, from attempted suicide or voluntarily self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane;
- For services and supplies resulting, directly or indirectly, from civil unrest, insurrection or war, whether war be declared or not, or a riot;
- f) For services and supplies which are not Medically Required, which are given for cosmetic purposes or for any reason other than curative, or which exceed the normal services and supplies given in accordance with current therapeutic practice;
- g) For services and supplies rendered free of charge or which would be free of charge were it not for insurance coverage or which are not chargeable to the Insured Person:
- For implants and services related to implants such as, but not limited to, surgical services, except if specifically mentioned as being covered under this benefit:
- For services and supplies or any expenses resulting, directly or indirectly, from the commission of an offence under any criminal code or similar law in any jurisdiction, if the Insured Person has been charged or convicted.

The amount of benefit payable will be reduced by any benefit that is payable or reimbursable (i) under a government plan, a group plan or an individual plan, or

that would have been payable had the person submitted a claim under such plan, or (ii) by a third party as a result of a legal action of settlement.

#### TREATMENT PLAN

If the total cost of a course of treatment is expected to exceed \$500, a Treatment Plan should be submitted to the insurer who will determine, before commencement of the treatment, the amount of eligible expenses.

**Treatment Plan** means a written description of the course of treatment which, in the opinion of the General Dental Practitioner, will be required, including x-rays in support of such opinion, and specification of the probable date and cost of the treatment.

#### PAYMENT OF BENEFITS

#### Fees

Eligible expenses will be reimbursed according to the appropriate Fee Guide of the year specified in the Summary of Benefits, subject to any limits stated in the benefit.

Expenses Incurred in Canada, other than expenses related to services provided by a Denturist, will be limited to the normal rate suggested for General Dental Practitioners in the province where the expenses were incurred.

Expenses Incurred for services provided by a Denturist are limited to the normal suggested fee for Denturists of the province where the expenses were incurred.

Expenses Incurred outside Canada are limited to the normal rate suggested for General Dental Practitioners in the Insured Person's province of residence.

#### **Proof**

Before paying benefits, the insurer may require, at no expense to the insurer, a complete diagram showing the Insured Person's state of dentition prior to the beginning of the treatment for which a claim is submitted. The insurer may also, if it deems necessary, require laboratory or Hospital reports, x-rays, casts, molds or models used for examination purposes, or any other similar evidence.

#### **Alternative Treatment Plan**

If more than one type of treatment exists for the dental condition of the Insured Person, the insurer will limit Reimbursement to the least expensive treatment that will produce a professionally adequate result with respect to the Insured Person's condition.

#### CALCULATION OF REIMBURSEMENT

#### **Deductible**

The Deductible, if any, must be paid by the Insured Person during the Calendar Year before any benefits are payable under this benefit. The Deductible is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

### **Carry-over Provision**

If the Deductible for a Calendar Year is satisfied in whole or in part by the payment of covered Expenses Incurred during the last 3 months of the Calendar Year, the amount of covered Expenses Incurred in such 3 month period and which were applied toward satisfaction of the Deductible for that Calendar Year, shall be carried over and applied toward satisfaction of the Deductible for the next Calendar Year.

#### Reimbursement

The insurer will reimburse the percentage of eligible Expenses Incurred as specified in the Summary of Benefits, once the Deductible has been satisfied.

#### **Maximum Benefit Per Insured Person**

The maximum amount that will be reimbursed by the insurer is specified in the Summary of Benefits.

In the case of any Insured Person becoming insured more than 31 Days following his eligibility date, the Reimbursement for dental expenses during the first 12 months of coverage will be limited to \$250.

#### Co-ordination of Benefits

When an Insured Person is eligible to receive benefits simultaneously under this coverage and any other coverage which pays expenses for care, services and supplies which are for or by reason of health care or treatment, the coverages will be co-ordinated to ensure that payment by all the coverages do not exceed the actual expenses incurred. The term "coverage" will mean any coverage providing care, services or supplies under:

- Any group, individual or family insurance, travel insurance, creditor's or savings insurance plan; and
- ii) Any government-sponsored plan; and
- iii) Any non-insured employee benefit plan.

#### SURVIVOR BENEFIT

If the Participant dies while insured under this benefit and prior to any continuation of insurance as provided under the Extension of Benefits provision, insurance under this benefit shall continue for his Dependents who were insured under this benefit at the time of his death, without payment of premium, until the earlier of:

- a) 24 months after the Participant's death; or
- b) The date on which the Dependent's insurance would have terminated had the Participant then been living; or
- c) The termination date of this benefit.

### **EXTENSION OF BENEFITS**

If insurance under this benefit is terminated, covered Expenses Incurred after the termination date are not payable, regardless of the fact that a Treatment Plan may have been filed and benefits approved by the insurer, unless the dental treatment is provided within 31 Days following the termination date and, as of the date of termination:

a) The impression had been taken for full or partial dentures but the dentures have not yet been installed; or

- The tooth had been prepared for fixed bridges, crowns, onlays, inlays or gold restorations; or
- c) The pulp chamber had been opened for root canal therapy.

#### **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

A Participant whose insurance under the group policy is cancelled due to termination of

- a) his employment; or
- b) his group membership,

will be able to convert his Dental Care Insurance to an individual insurance contract without having to submit evidence of insurability to the insurer, provided he is also converting his Supplemental Health Insurance. Failure to convert his Supplemental Health Insurance will prevent the Participant from converting his Dental Care Insurance.

The individual insurance contract that will be provided will be in accordance with the rates and terms and conditions established by the insurer.

The Participant must make application and pay all required premiums for the individual insurance contract within 60 Days of the termination date of his insurance under the policy. Failure to submit the application and premium within such 60 Days will prevent the Participant from obtaining the insurance under the individual insurance contract.

The individual insurance contract will take effect on the date that both the application and the premium have been received by the insurer.

#### **TERMINATION**

The insurance under this benefit terminates as indicated in this benefit or in the General Provisions of the group policy.

### COPY OF CONTRACT AND ENROLLMENT MATERIAL

A Participant may request from the insurer a copy of the group policy, his enrollment form and any written documents (provided as evidence of insurability) that may have been provided to the insurer in relation to his insurance under the policy. The insurer will provide the first copy of the policy, enrollment form and relevant written documents without charge to the Participant. Any additional copies will be subject to a charge set by the insurer.

#### SUBMITTING CLAIMS

#### **Health and Dental Claims**

The Participant must submit a completed claim form with the original receipts (if applicable) to the following address:

#### For Participants residing in Quebec

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Group Insurance Health/Dental Claims Department P.O. Box 800 - Station Maison de la Poste Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3K5

#### For Participants residing outside Quebec

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Group Insurance Health/Dental Claims Department P.O. Box 4643, Station "A" Toronto, Ontario, M5W 5E3

It is important that Participants keep photocopies of their receipts. In addition, Participants should keep a copy of the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) which will be attached to their claim cheques. Participants may need these documents to co-ordinate benefits with another insurer or for their income tax returns.

#### SUBMITTING CLAIMS

#### **Disability Claims**

The Participant must submit a completed claim form to the following address:

#### For Participants residing in Quebec

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Group Insurance

**Disability Claims Department** 

P.O. Box 800, Station Maison de la Poste

Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3K5

#### For Participants residing outside Quebec

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

Group Insurance

Disability Claims Department

522 University Ave., Suite 400

Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Y7

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### For Persons Hospitalized Outside their Province of Residence

The Insured Person is required to contact Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (hereafter "the Company") Medical Assistance Service Provider at the following number as soon as the person is reasonably able to do so after the commencement of Hospitalization. Failure to do so may result in the Company limiting or denying the Insured Person's claim.

From within Canada or the United States 1-800-203-9024 (toll free)

From outside Canada or the United States 514-499-3747 (collect)

#### PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (hereafter "the Company") is committed to protecting the privacy of a Participant's (including his or her Dependent's) personal information that it collects while providing services under the Group Plan issued to the Policyholder. The Company recognizes and respects a person's right to privacy concerning his or her personal information.

When a Participant enrolls under the Group Plan, the Company will establish a confidential file containing the personal information collected. The file will be kept at the Company's offices.

Access to the file will be limited to the Company's employees, agents and service providers who require access in the performance of their jobs, individuals to whom the Participant has granted access, and persons authorized by law.

At the Company, the personal information that is collected is used to perform administrative services with respect to the Group Plan. Administrative services include, but are not limited to,

- Determining eligibility under the Group Plan or a particular benefit;
- Enrolling Participants under the Group Plan;
- Adjudicating claims;
- Underwriting (includes determining the rates applicable to the Group Plan).

## Participant's Right to Access His or Her Personal Information

A Participant has the right to access his or her personal information and to request, in writing, that any inaccurate information be corrected. In addition, the Participant can request that any outdated or unnecessary information be deleted.

If the Company has medical information about the Participant which was not obtained directly from the Participant, the Company will release the information to the Participant only through the Participant's physician.

To request access to his or her personal information or to have his or her name removed from the list to be shared within the Company, the Participant must send a written request to:

Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. Access Officer 1080 Grande Allée West P.O. Box 1907, Station Terminus Quebec City, Quebec G1K 7M3

## Policy No. 100011453 issued by Special Markets Solutions, a division of Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

You are covered for a principal sum amount of 1 times your annual salary, rounded to the next higher \$1,000.00 if not already a multiple thereof, to a non-evidence maximum of \$475,000.00 and an overall maximum of \$800,000.00, if an injury is sustained as the result of any accident anywhere in the world – 24 hours per day - on or off the job. Benefits shall be reduced by 50% upon attainment of age 65.

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH, DISMEMBERMENT AND SPECIFIC LOSS INDEMNITY

The "loss" or "loss of use" must occur within 365 days of the date of the accident. These benefits are payable on a lump sum basis and in addition to any other benefits you may receive.

% of Principal Sum

## Both Hands or Both Feet ......100% Entire Sight of Both Eyes ......100% One Hand and One Foot ......100% One Hand and Entire Sight of One Eye ......100% One Foot and Entire Sight of One Eye......100% Speech and Hearing in both Ears......100% Thumb and Index Finger of Either Hand......33 1/3% Four Fingers of Either Hand ......33 1/3% Hearing in One Ear......33 1/3% All Toes of One Foot .......25% Quadriplegia (total paralysis of all four limbs) .......200% Paraplegia (total paralysis of the lower limbs)......200% Hemiplegia (total paralysis of one side of the body) ......200%

#### BEREAVEMENT BENEFIT (\$1,000)

If an injury results in loss of life, the Company will pay the reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by the Spouse and Dependent Children for up to six (6) sessions of grief counselling, by a professional counsellor.

#### **CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE**

Coverage can be continued while the insured is on an approved leave of absence, maternity/parental leave, lay-off or disability. This continuation is subject to continued payment of premiums and is granted for a maximum of 12 months (or to age 65 if on disability leave) or on the date the insured returns to work, whichever is earlier.

#### **CONVERSION OPTION**

Upon termination of active employment with the Policyholder, an insured may convert his/her insurance to an individual accident insurance plan, with no evidence of insurability, for an amount of principal sum equal to or lower than the amount of principal sum in force at the time of termination. Application for conversion must be made within 31 days. Premiums become payable annually in advance.

## DAY CARE BENEFIT (\$5,000)

If injury results in loss of life, the Company will pay 5% of the principal sum for each year the dependent child is enrolled in a legally licensed day care (not to exceed four years) for each dependent child who is under 13 years of age and enrolled in a legally licensed day care centre on the date of, or within 12 months following the accident.

## **EDUCATION BENEFIT (\$10,000)**

If injury results in loss of life, the Company will pay 5% of the principal sum to any dependent child who, on the date of the accident, was enrolled as a full-time student in any institution of higher learning beyond the secondary school level (not to exceed four years). If, at the time of loss, there are no dependent children eligible for the Education Benefit, the Company shall pay an additional amount of \$2,500.00 to the designated beneficiary.

#### FAMILY TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT (\$15,000)

If injury results in confinement as an inpatient in a hospital, and such injury results in a loss being payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity, and the hospital is located at least 150 km from the insured's residence, the Company will pay the expenses actually incurred by a member of the immediate family for hotel accommodation and transportation by the most direct route to the confined insured. If transportation occurs in a vehicle or device other than one operated under a license for the conveyance of passengers for hire, then reimbursement of transportation expenses will be limited to a maximum of \$0.35 per kilometre travelled.

#### **FUNERAL EXPENSE BENEFIT (\$5,000)**

If injury results in loss of life, an additional amount is payable for funeral expenses actually incurred.

#### HOME ALTERATION AND VEHICLE MODIFICATION BENEFIT (\$15,000)

If injury requires the use of a wheelchair to be ambulatory, the Company will pay the cost of alterations to the insured's principal residence and/or the cost of modification to one motor vehicle utilized by the insured, provided such injury results in a loss payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity.

## HOSPITAL INDEMNITY EXPENSE (\$2,500)

A daily benefit, subject to the above-mentioned monthly maximum, will be payable when the insured is in a hospital if such period of hospitalization is necessary for the treatment of an injury which results in a loss payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity of the policy and begins while insurance is in force.

A period of hospitalization necessary for an injury other than for a loss payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity will be covered as stated above, provided such hospitalization is of at least a four day period.

#### **IDENTIFICATION BENEFIT (\$10,000)**

If injury results in loss of life, and requires body identification, the Company will pay the expenses actually incurred by a member of the immediate family for lodging, board and transportation by the most direct route, provided the body is located not less than 150 kilometres from the member of the immediate family's residence and the identification of the body is required by the police or a similar law enforcement agency having authority over such matters. If transportation occurs in a vehicle or device other than one operated under the license for the conveyance of passengers for hire, then reimbursement of transportation expenses will be limited to a maximum of \$0.35 per kilometre travelled.

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY BENEFIT (\$5,000)

If injury results in a loss payable to an insured under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity and results in the insured requiring psychological therapy, as prescribed by a physician, the Company will pay the reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred.

### REHABILITATION BENEFIT (\$15,000)

If injury requires that the insured undergo special training in order to be qualified to engage in a special occupation in which the insured would not have engaged except for such injury, the Company will pay the reasonable and necessary expense incurred for such training, provided such injury results in a loss payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity.

## REPATRIATION BENEFIT (\$15,000)

If injury results in loss of life, the Company will pay the expense incurred for shipment of the body to the city of residence of the deceased.

### **SEAT BELT BENEFIT**

If injury results in a loss payable under the Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss Indemnity, the principal sum will be increased by 10% if, at the time of the accident, the insured was driving or riding in a vehicle and wearing a properly fastened seat belt.

#### SPOUSAL RETRAINING BENEFIT (\$15,000)

If injury results in loss of life, the Company will reimburse the spouse for the actual expenses incurred for a formal occupational training program in order to become qualified for active employment in an occupation in which the spouse would not otherwise have sufficient qualifications.

#### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

In the event of total disability and waiver of premium has been approved and accepted by the group life carrier, then premium under this plan will be waived until the earlier of: death, recovery, attainment of age 65 or the date the policy is cancelled.

#### WORKPLACE MODIFICATION AND ACCOMMODATION BENEFIT (\$5,000)

If injury requires special adaptive equipment and/or workplace modification for an insured to return to active full-time employment, the Company will pay the cost provided the policyholder agrees in writing to provide such modification and accommodation to the workplace for the purpose of making it accessible and adaptable to the needs of such insured; and the policyholder acknowledges in writing that the performance of the essential duties of such insured's occupation may be altered.

### LIMITED AIR TRAVEL COVERAGE

Coverage includes injury sustained in consequence of riding as a passenger and not as a pilot or member of the crew; in boarding or alighting from or being struck by; or making a forced landing with or from:

- (a) any aircraft having a current and valid airworthiness certificate and which is operated by a person holding a current and valid pilot's license of a rating authorizing him to pilot such aircraft, or
- (b) any transport-type aircraft operated by the Canadian Armed Forces or by the similar air transport service of any duly constituted governmental authority of the recognized government of any nation anywhere in the world, provided the aircraft is not being used for test or experimental purposes.

Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, coverage excludes injury sustained while and in consequence of riding as a passenger, pilot, operator or member of the crew, in or on, boarding or alighting from or being struck by or making a forced landing with or from any aircraft owned, operated or leased by the policyholder.

#### TERMINATION OF INSURANCE OF AN INSURED

Coverage will terminate immediately on the earliest of: (a) the policy termination date; (b) the premium due date if the Policyholder fails to pay the insured's premium, except as a result of an inadvertent error; (c) the premium due date coinciding with or immediately following the date an insured attains age 70; (d) the premium due date next following the date an insured is ineligible for coverage, except as provided under the part titled "Continuation of Coverage".

#### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE NOT APPLY?

- declared or undeclared war or any act thereof;
- active full-time service in the armed forces of any country;
- suicide or any attempt thereat or intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane:
- injury sustained in consequence of riding as a passenger or otherwise in any vehicle or device for aerial navigation, except as provided in the part titled "Limited Air Travel Coverage".

### **BENEFICIARY**

Indemnity payable in the event of the loss of life of an insured is payable in accordance with the beneficiary designation in effect under the Policyholder's current Basic Group Life Insurance policy. Unless otherwise indicated and if there is no such designation, the indemnity is payable to the estate of the insured. All other indemnities are payable to the insured, with the exception of indemnities payable under the following parts:

Bereavement Benefit
Day Care Benefit
Education Benefit
Family Transportation Benefit
Funeral Expense Benefit

Identification Benefit
Repatriation Benefit
Spousal Retraining Benefit
Workplace Modification and
Accommodation Benefit

In the situation where the policy replaces an existing policy issued to the Policyholder, the designation recorded under the replaced policy will be deemed to be valid and of full force and effect under this policy until changed in writing by the insured.

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.

This summary is for information purposes only. For further details, refer to the Master Policy which is on file with the Policyholder. The Master Policy sets forth in detail the terms and conditions of the Plan and all rights and obligations are determined in accordance with the Master Policy issued by Special Markets Solutions, a division of Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc., not this summary.

## NOTES