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Welcome to the **Support Staff** Benefit Booklet for

Part-Time Operational Employees

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Plans: E - Part-time Operational Staff (25 or more hours per week)

F - Part-time Operational Staff (15-24 hrs/wk average)

Employee Name: _____

Certificate Number: _____

Welcome to Your Group Benefit Program

Plan Documents Effective Date: October 1, 2009

Group Policy Effective Date: October 1, 2009

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

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

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

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

Employee Optional Life Insurance

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The Employee Optional Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039949.

Benefit Amount - increments of $10,000 to a maximum of $250,000

Termination Age - your benefit amount terminates at age 70 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

Spousal Optional Life Insurance

Spousal Optional Life Insurance

The Spousal Optional Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039949.

Benefit Amount

- Spouse - increments of $10,000 to a maximum of $250,000

Termination Age - employee's or spouse's age 70, or employee's retirement, whichever is earlier

Extended Health Care

Extended Health Care
Extended Health Care - The Benefit

The Benefit

Overall Benefit Maximum - Unlimited

Deductible - $25 Individual, $25 Family, per calendar year(s)

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)

95% of the first $1,000 of paid expenses and 100% thereafter for
- Hospital Care
- Drugs
- Medical Services & Supplies
- Professional Services
- Vision

Note:
The Benefit Percentage for Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment is 100%.
The Benefit Percentage for Referral outside Canada for Medical Treatment Available in Canada is 50%.

Termination Age - employee's retirement

Benefit Summary

ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescription Drugs

Extended Health Care - ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescription Drugs

Charges incurred for the following expenses are payable when prescribed in writing by a physician or dentist and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

drugs for the treatment of a sickness or injury, which by law or convention require the written prescription of a physician or dentist

oral contraceptives, intrauterine devices and diaphragms

injectable medications (charges made by a practitioner or physician to administer injectable medications are not covered)

life-sustaining drugs

preventive vaccines and medicines (oral or injected)

B12 injections (excluding injections that relate to weight loss)

standard syringes, needles and diagnostic aids, required for the treatment of diabetes (charges for cotton swabs, rubbing alcohol, automatic jet injectors and similar equipment are not covered)

Charges for the following expenses are not covered:

drugs, biologicals and related preparations which are intended to be administered in hospital on an in-patient or out-patient basis and are not intended for a patient's use at home

fertility drugs

oral drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction

- Drug Maximums

- Drug Maximums

Anti-smoking drugs - $500 per lifetime

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited

- Payment of Covered Expenses

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Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum and the Co-insurance.

If you use your Pay Direct Drug Card, then covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lowest cost generic equivalent product that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary.

If there is no generic equivalent product for the prescribed drug, the amount covered is the cost of the prescribed product.

- No Substitution Prescriptions

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

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

Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum and the Co-insurance.

Payment of Drug Claims

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

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

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

a) present your Pay Direct Drug Card to the pharmacist at the time of purchase, and

b) pay any amounts that are not covered under this benefit.

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

you cannot locate a participating Pay Direct Drug pharmacy

you do not have your Pay Direct Drug Card with you at that time

the prescription is not payable through the Pay Direct Drug Card system

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

Vision Care

Extended Health Care - Vision Care

purchase and fitting of prescription glasses or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a combined maximum of $200 per 12 consecutive months for persons under age 18 and $300 per 24 consecutive months for persons age 18 and over

Benefit Summary

Professional Services

Extended Health Care - Professional Services

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

Chiropractor - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Podiatrist/Chiropodist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Massage Therapist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Naturopath - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year. Lab fees are not subject to the per visit maximum.

Speech Therapist - $500 per calendar year

Physiotherapist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Psychologist - $500 per calendar year

Acupuncturist - $100 per calendar year

Medical Travel Referral (MTB)

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Medical Travel Referral (MTB) - The Benefit

The Benefit

Overall Benefit Maximum - $10,000 per person per calendar year

Deductible- Nil

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)- 100%

Benefit Amount- $125 per day, to a maximum of 50 days in any calendar year for all eligible meal and accommodation expenses combined. However, where eligible expenses exceed $125 per day, but do not exceed the average of $125 per day for the year, the average will be paid.

Termination Age - employee's retirement

Dental Care

The Benefit

Deductible - Nil

Dental Fee Guide - Current British Columbia Dental Association Approved Fee Guide for General Practitioners and Specialists

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)

- 100% for Level I - Basic Services

- 100% for Level II - Supplementary Basic Services

- 80% for Level III - Dentures

- 80% for Level IV - Major Restorative Services

- 60% for Level V - Orthodontics

Benefit Maximums

- unlimited for Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV

- $3,000 per lifetime for Level V

Termination Age - employee's retirement

How to Use Your Benefit Booklet

Designed with Your Needs in Mind

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

Your Benefit Booklet includes...

a detailed Table of Contents, allowing quick access to the information you are searching for,

Explanation of Commonly Used Terms, which provides a brief explanation of the terms used throughout this Benefit Booklet,

a clear, concise explanation of your Group Benefits,

information you need, and simple instructions, on how to submit a claim.

Important Note

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This information has been prepared to help you towards a better understanding of your Group Benefits coverage. It does not create or confer any contractual or other rights. The terms and conditions governing the coverage are set out in your collective agreement and the Group Policy/ies and Plan Document(s) issued by The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. In the event of any variation between the information provided in this booklet and the provisions of the collective agreement or Group Policy/ies and Plan Document(s), the provisions of the collective agreement or Group Policy/ies and Plan Document(s) shall prevail, in that order.

Your employer reserves the right to amend or discontinue any of the benefit programs referred to in this booklet at any time without notice, subject only to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. If government legislation changes or if benefits or subsidies under government benefit plans are reduced or eliminated, your benefit programs do not automatically replace or supplement such reductions or eliminations. Your employer takes no responsibility for any changes in federal or provincial income or other taxes or levies or the impact of these changes on the taxation of any of the benefit programs. This booklet describes benefit programs for active employees and does not describe any retiree or post-employment benefit programs.

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

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

the Group Policy and/or Plan Document,

your application for group benefits, and

any Evidence of Insurability you submitted as part of your application for benefits.

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

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

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

Your Group Benefit Card

Your Group Benefit Card

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

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

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

Explanation of Commonly Used Terms

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

Administrator

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Manulife Financial

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)

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the percentage of Covered Expenses which is payable by the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer.

Covered Expenses

Covered Expenses

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

Deductible

Deductible

the amount of Covered Expenses that must be incurred and paid by you or your dependents before benefits are payable by the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer.

Dependent

Dependent

your Spouse or Child who, for Extended Health Care benefits only, is covered under the Provincial Plan.

- Spouse

your legal spouse, or a person continuously living with you in a role like that of a marriage partner prior to the date that a claim arose.

- Child

your natural or adopted child, or stepchild, who is:

- unmarried

- under age 21, or under age 26 if a full-time student

- not employed on a full-time basis, and

- not eligible for coverage as an employee under this or any other Group Benefit Program

a child who is incapacitated on the date he or she reaches the age when coverage would normally terminate will continue to be an eligible dependent. However, the child must have been covered under this Benefit Program immediately prior to that date.

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

The administrator, acting on behalf of your employer, may require written proof of the child's condition as often as may reasonably be necessary.

a stepchild must be living with you to be eligible

Drug

a medication that has been approved for use by the Federal Government of Canada and has a Drug Identification Number.

Drug

Experimental or Investigational

not approved or broadly accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession, as an effective, appropriate and essential treatment of a sickness or injury, in accordance with Canadian medical standards.

Experimental or Investigational

Immediate Family Member

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

Immediate Family Member

Licensed, Certified, Registered

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

Licensed, Certified, Registered

Life-Sustaining Drugs

drugs which are necessary for the survival of the patient.

Life-Sustaining Drugs

Medically Necessary

broadly accepted and recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate and essential in the treatment of a sickness or injury, in accordance with Canadian medical standards.

Medically Necessary

Non-Evidence Limit

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

Non-Evidence Limit

Provincial Plan

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

Provincial Plan

Explanation of Commonly Used Terms

Qualifying Period

Qualifying Period a period of continuous total disability, starting with the first day of total disability, which you must complete in order to qualify for disability benefits.

Reasonable and Customary

Reasonable and Customary the lowest of:

the prevailing amount charged for the same or comparable service or supply in the area in which the charge is incurred, as determined by Manulife Financial,

the amount shown in the applicable professional association fee guide, or

the maximum price established by law.

Waiting Period

Waiting Period the period of continuous, active employment with your employer which you must complete before you are eligible for Group Benefits

Ward

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

Why Group Benefits?

Why Group Benefits?

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

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

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

Your Employer's Representative

Your Employer's Representative

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

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

Your Employer's Representative is _____

Phone Number: (_____)_____-_____

Please record the name of your representative and the contact number in the space provided.

Applying for Group Benefits

Applying for Group Benefits

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

Making Changes

Making Changes

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

change in Dependent Coverage

change in Beneficiary

applying for coverage previously waived

change in Name

The Claims Process

Naming a Beneficiary

Naming a Beneficiary

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

This Plan contains a provision removing or restricting the right of the covered person to designate persons to whom or for whose benefit money is to be payable.

How to Submit a Claim

How to Submit a Claim

All claim forms, available from the Group Benefits Secure Site - www.manulife.ca/groupbenefits, must be correctly completed, dated and signed. Remember, always provide your Group Policy Number, Plan Document Number and your Certificate number (found on your Group Benefit Card) to avoid any unnecessary delays in the processing of your claim.

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

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

Payment of Extended Health Care and Dental Claims

Claim Payment

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

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

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

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

Co-ordination of Extended Health Care and Dental Care Benefits

Co-ordination of Extended Health Care and Dental Care Benefits

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

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

Plan means:

other Group Benefit Programs;

any other arrangement of coverage for individuals in a group; and

individual travel insurance plans.

Plan does not include school insurance or Provincial Plans.

Order of Benefit Payment

Order of Benefit Payment

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

If the other Plan does not provide for Co-ordination of Benefits, it will be considered as the Primary Carrier, and will be responsible for making the initial payment toward the eligible expense.

If the other Plan does provide for Co-ordination of Benefits, the following rules are applied to determine which Plan is the Primary Carrier.

– For Claims incurred by you or your Dependent Spouse:

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

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

  ° The Plan where the person is covered as an active full-time employee, then

  ° The Plan where the person is covered as an active part-time employee, then

  ° The Plan where the person is covered as a retiree.

– For Claims incurred by your Dependent Child:

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

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

  ° The Plan of the parent with custody of the child, then

- The Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child (i.e., if the parent with custody of the child remarries or has a common-law spouse, the new spouse's Plan will pay benefits for the Dependent Child), then
- The Plan of the parent not having custody of the child, then
- The Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child (i.e., if the parent without custody of the child remarries or has a common-law spouse, the new spouse's Plan will pay benefits for the Dependent Child).

Where you and your spouse share joint custody of the child, the Plan covering the parent whose birthday (month/day) is earlier in the calendar year pays benefits first. If both parents have the same birthdate, the Plan covering the parent whose first name begins with the earlier letter in the alphabet pays first.

A claim for accidental injury to natural teeth will be determined under Extended Health Care Plans with accidental dental coverage before it is considered under Dental Plans.

If the order of benefit payment cannot be determined from the above, the benefits payable under each Plan will be in proportion to the amount that would have been payable if Co-ordination of Benefits did not exist.

If the person is also covered under an individual travel insurance plan, benefits will be co-ordinated in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association.

Submitting a Claim for Co-ordination of Benefits

Submitting a Claim for Co-ordination of Benefits

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

As per the Order of Benefit Payment section, determine which Plan is the Primary Carrier and which is the Secondary Carrier.

Submit all necessary claim forms and original receipts to the Primary Carrier.

Keep a photocopy of each receipt or ask the Primary Carrier to return the original receipts to you once your claim has been settled.

Once your claim has been settled by the Primary Carrier, you will receive a statement outlining how your claim has been handled. Submit this statement along with all necessary claim forms and receipts to the Secondary Carrier for further consideration of payment, if applicable.

Who Qualifies for Coverage?

Eligibility

Eligibility

You are eligible for Group Benefits if you:

are a part-time operations staff employee of College of New Caledonia and work at least the Required Number of Hours,

are a member of an eligible class,

are younger than the Termination Age,

for Extended Health Care and MTB benefits, are covered under the Provincial plan,

are residing in Canada, and

have completed the Waiting Period.

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

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

Required Number of Hours

Required Number of Hours

Part-time Operational Staff under Plan E - at least 25 hours or more per week

Part-time Operational Staff under Plan F - an average of at least 15-24 hours per week

Medical Evidence

Medical Evidence

Medical evidence is required for all benefits, except Dental, when you make a Late Application for coverage on any person. Medical evidence is required when you apply for coverage in excess of the Non-Evidence Limit.

Late Application

Late Application

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

apply for benefits more than 31 days after the date benefits terminated under your spouse's plan; or

apply for benefits, and benefits under your spouse's plan have not terminated.

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

Late Dental Application

Late Dental Application

If you apply for coverage for Dental for yourself or your dependents late, the benefit will be limited to $300 for each covered person for the first 12 months of coverage.

Who Qualifies for Coverage?

Effective Date of Coverage

Effective Date of Coverage

If medical evidence is not required, your Group Benefits will be effective on the date you are eligible.

If medical evidence is required, your Group Benefits will be effective on the date you become eligible or the date the evidence is approved by Manulife Financial, whichever is later.

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

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

Your dependent's coverage will not be effective prior to the date your coverage becomes effective. This does not apply to Spousal Optional Life Insurance which may still become effective if you are declined for Employee Optional Life.

Termination of Coverage

Termination of Coverage

Your Group Benefit coverage will terminate on the earliest of:

the date you cease to be an eligible employee

the date you cease to be actively at work, unless the Group Policy or the Plan Document allows for your coverage to be extended beyond this date

the date your employer terminates coverage

the date you enter the armed forces of any country on a full-time basis

the date the Group Policy or Plan Document terminates or coverage on the class to which you belong terminates

the date you reach the Termination Age

the date of your death

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

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

Employee Optional Life Insurance

Employee Optional Life Insurance

The Employee Optional Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039949.

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

The Benefit

Employee Optional Life Insurance - The Benefit

Benefit Amount - increments of $10,000 to a maximum of $250,000

Non-Evidence Limit - All amounts are subject to Evidence of Insurability.

Qualifying Period for Waiver of Premium - 120 days

Termination Age - your benefit amount terminates at age 70 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

Waiting Period

first day of the month coincident with or next following 3 months of continuous, active employment

To apply for Employee Optional Life Insurance you must complete the Application for Optional Life form which is available from your Plan Administrator.

Exclusions

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Exclusions

If death results from suicide any amount of Optional Life Insurance that has been in effect for less than one year will not be payable.

Submitting a Claim

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Submitting a Claim

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

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

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

To submit a claim for the Waiver of Premium benefit you must complete a Waiver of Premium claim form, which is available from your Plan Administrator. Your attending physician must also complete a portion of this form.

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

Waiver of Premium

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Waiver of Premium

If you become Totally Disabled while insured and prior to age 65 and meet the Entitlement Criteria outlined below, your Life Insurance will continue without payment of premium.

Definition of Totally Disabled

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Totally Disabled

Totally Disabled means a restriction or lack of ability due to an illness or injury which prevents you from performing any and every duty of:

your own occupation, during the Qualifying Period and the 24 months immediately following the Qualifying Period

any occupation for which you are qualified, or may reasonably become qualified by training, education or experience, after the 24 months specified above

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

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

Entitlement Criteria

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Entitlement Criteria

To be entitled to Waiver of Premium, you must meet the following criteria:

you must be continuously Totally Disabled throughout the Qualifying Period. If you cease to be Totally Disabled during this period and then become disabled again within 14 days due to the same or related illness or injury, your Qualifying Period will be extended by the number of days during which you ceased to be Totally Disabled

Manulife Financial must receive medical evidence documenting how your illness or injury causes restrictions or lack of ability, such that you are prevented from performing any and every duty of:

- your own occupation, during the Qualifying Period and the following 24 months, and

- any occupation for which you are qualified, or may reasonably become qualified by training, education or experience, after the 24 months specified above

you must be receiving from a physician, regular, ongoing care and treatment appropriate for your disabling condition, as determined by Manulife Financial

At any time, Manulife Financial may require you to submit to a medical, psychiatric, psychological, functional, educational and/or vocational examination or evaluation by an examiner selected by Manulife Financial.

Termination of Waiver of Premium

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Termination of Waiver of Premium

Your Waiver of Premium will cease on the earliest of:

the date you cease to be Totally Disabled, as defined under this benefit

the date you do not supply Manulife Financial with appropriate medical evidence documenting how your illness or injury causes restrictions or lack of ability, such that you are prevented from performing any and every duty of:

- your own occupation, during the Qualifying Period and the following 24 months, and

- any occupation for which you are qualified, or may reasonably become qualified by training, education or experience, after the 24 months specified above

the date you are no longer receiving from a physician, regular, ongoing care and treatment appropriate for the disabling condition, as determined by Manulife Financial

the date you do not attend an examination by an examiner selected by Manulife Financial

the date of your death

the date of your 65th birthday

Recurrent Disability

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Recurrent Disability

If you become Totally Disabled again from the same or related causes as those for which premiums were previously waived, and such disability recurs within 6 months of cessation of the Waiver of Premium benefit, Manulife Financial will waive the Qualifying Period.

Your amount of insurance on which premiums were previously waived will be reinstated.

If the same disability recurs more than 6 months after cessation of your Waiver of Premium benefit, such disability will be considered a separate disability.

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

Conversion Privilege

Employee Optional Life Insurance - Conversion Privilege

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

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

Spousal Optional Life Insurance

Spousal Optional Life Insurance

The Spousal Optional Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039949.

If your Spouse dies while insured, the amount of this benefit will be paid to you.

The Benefit

Spousal Optional Life Insurance - The Benefit

Benefit Amount

- Spouse - increments of $10,000 to a maximum of $250,000

Non-Evidence Limit - All amounts are subject to Evidence of Insurability.

Qualifying Period for Waiver of Premium - 120 days

Termination Age - employee's or spouse's age 70, or employee's retirement, whichever is earlier

Waiting Period - first day of the month coincident with or next following 3 months of continuous, active employment

To apply for Spousal Optional Life Insurance you must complete the Application for Optional Life form which is available from your Plan Administrator.

Submitting a Claim

Spousal Optional Life Insurance - Submitting a Claim

To submit a Spousal Optional Life Insurance claim, you must complete the Life Claim form which is available from your Plan Administrator. Documents necessary to submit with the form are listed on the form.

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

Waiver of Premium

Spousal Optional Life Insurance - Waiver of Premium

Please refer to Employee Optional Life Insurance for details on the Waiver of Premium provision.

- Exception

If you are not insured for Employee Optional Life, the Waiver of Premium provision will not apply to your spouse's Optional Life Insurance, unless:

at the time you applied for Spousal Optional Life Insurance on your spouse, you also provided Manulife Financial with evidence of insurability for yourself, and

Manulife Financial approved your evidence of insurability

Conversion Privilege

Spousal Optional Life Insurance - Conversion Privilege

If your spouse's insurance terminates, you may be eligible to convert the terminated insurance to an individual policy, without medical evidence. Your spouse's application for the individual policy, along with the first monthly premium, must be received by Manulife Financial, within 31 days of the termination date. If your spouse dies during this 31-day period, the amount of Spousal Life Insurance available for conversion will be paid to you, even if you didn't apply for conversion.

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

Exclusions

Spousal Optional Life Insurance - Exclusions

If death results from suicide any amount of Spousal Optional Life Insurance that has been in effect for less than one year will not be payable.

Extended Health Care

Extended Health Care

Your Extended Health Care Benefit is provided directly by College of New Caledonia. Manulife Financial has been contracted to adjudicate and administer your claims for this benefit following the standard insurance rules and practices. Payment of any eligible claim will be based on the provisions and conditions outlined in this booklet and your employer's Benefit Plan.

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

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

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

Drug Benefit for Quebec Residents

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

The Benefit

Extended Health Care - The Benefit

Overall Benefit Maximum - Unlimited

Deductible - $25 Individual, $25 Family, per calendar year(s)

- Deductible Carry-Forward

Covered Expenses used to satisfy the deductible in the last 3 months of the calendar year may also be used to satisfy the deductible in the following calendar year.

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)

95% of the first $1,000 of paid expenses and 100% thereafter for
- Hospital Care
- Drugs
- Medical Services & Supplies
- Professional Services
- Vision

Note:
The Benefit Percentage for Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment is 100%.
The Benefit Percentage for Referral outside Canada for Medical Treatment Available in Canada is 50%.

Termination Age - employee's retirement

Waiting Period

first of the month coincident with or next following date of hire

Covered Expenses

Extended Health Care - Covered Expenses

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

medically necessary for the treatment of sickness or injury and recommended by a physician

incurred for the care of a person while covered under this Group Benefit Program

reasonable taking all factors into account

not covered under the Provincial Plan or any other government-sponsored program

legally insurable

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

Advance Supply Limitation

Extended Health Care - Advance Supply Limitation

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

- Drug Expenses

- Drug Expenses

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

a) the quantity prescribed by your physician or dentist, or

b) a 90 day supply.

Hospital Care

Extended Health Care - Hospital Care

charges, in excess of the hospital's public ward charge, for private accommodation for up to 90 days per calendar year, provided:

- the person was confined to hospital on an in-patient basis, and

- the accommodation was specifically elected in writing by the patient

charges for any portion of the cost of ward accommodation, utilization or co-payment fees (or similar charges) are not covered

ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescription Drugs

Extended Health Care - ManuScript Generic Drug Plan 2 - Prescription Drugs

Charges incurred for the following expenses are payable when prescribed in writing by a physician or dentist and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

drugs for the treatment of a sickness or injury, which by law or convention require the written prescription of a physician or dentist

oral contraceptives, intrauterine devices and diaphragms

injectable medications (charges made by a practitioner or physician to administer injectable medications are not covered)

life-sustaining drugs

preventive vaccines and medicines (oral or injected)

B12 injections (excluding injections that relate to weight loss)

standard syringes, needles and diagnostic aids, required for the treatment of diabetes (charges for cotton swabs, rubbing alcohol, automatic jet injectors and similar equipment are not covered)

Charges for the following expenses are not covered:

drugs, biologicals and related preparations which are intended to be administered in hospital on an in-patient or out-patient basis and are not intended for a patient's use at home

fertility drugs

oral drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction

- Drug Maximums

- Drug Maximums

Anti-smoking drugs - $500 per lifetime

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited

- Payment of Covered Expenses

- Payment of Covered Expenses

Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum and the Co-insurance.

If you use your Pay Direct Drug Card, then covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lowest cost generic equivalent product that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary.

If there is no generic equivalent product for the prescribed drug, the amount covered is the cost of the prescribed product.

- No Substitution Prescriptions

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

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

Payment of your covered drug expenses will be subject to any Drug Deductible, any Drug Dispensing Fee Maximum and the Co-insurance.

Payment of Drug Claims

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

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

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

a) present your Pay Direct Drug Card to the pharmacist at the time of purchase, and

b) pay any amounts that are not covered under this benefit.

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

you cannot locate a participating Pay Direct Drug pharmacy

you do not have your Pay Direct Drug Card with you at that time

the prescription is not payable through the Pay Direct Drug Card system

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

Vision Care

Extended Health Care - Vision Care

purchase and fitting of prescription glasses or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a combined maximum of $200 per 12 consecutive months for persons under age 18 and $300 per 24 consecutive months for persons age 18 and over

Professional Services

Extended Health Care - Professional Services

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

Chiropractor - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Podiatrist/Chiropodist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Massage Therapist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Naturopath - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year. Lab fees are not subject to the per visit maximum.

Speech Therapist - $500 per calendar year

Physiotherapist - $250 per calendar year, limited to $10 per visit for the first 12 visits in any calendar year

Psychologist - $500 per calendar year

Acupuncturist - $100 per calendar year

Expenses for some of these Professional Services may be payable in part by Provincial Plans. Coverage for the balance of such expenses prior to reaching the Provincial Plan maximum may be prohibited by provincial legislation. In those provinces, expenses under this Benefit Program are payable after the Provincial Plan's maximum for the benefit year has been paid.

Recommendation by a physician for Professional Services is not required.

Medical Services and Supplies

Extended Health Care - Medical Services and Supplies

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

Private Duty Nursing

- Private Duty Nursing

Services which are deemed to be within the practice of nursing and which are provided in the patient's home by:

a registered nurse, or

a registered nursing assistant (or equivalent designation) who has completed an approved medications training program

Covered Expenses are subject to a maximum of 30 days in any calendar year.

Charges for the following services are not covered:

service provided primarily for custodial care, homemaking duties, or supervision

service performed by a nursing practitioner who is an immediate family member or who lives with the patient

service performed while the patient is confined in a hospital, nursing home, or similar institution

service which can be performed by a person of lesser qualification, a relative, friend, or a member of the patient's household

Pre-Determination of Benefits

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

Ambulance

- Ambulance

licensed ambulance service provided in the patient's province of residence, including air ambulance, to transfer the patient to the nearest hospital where adequate treatment is available, and including, if medically required, charges for a medical attendant who is neither a resident in your home nor a relative of yourself or your spouse

Medical Equipment

- Medical Equipment

rental or, when approved by Manulife Financial or your employer, purchase of:

- Mobility Equipment: crutches, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs

- Durable Medical Equipment: manual hospital beds, respiratory and oxygen equipment, and other durable equipment usually found only in hospitals

Non-Dental Prostheses, Supports and Hearing Aids

- Non-Dental Prostheses, Supports and Hearing Aids

external prostheses. Charges for myoelectrical limbs are not covered.

surgical stockings/support hose, up to a maximum of 4 pairs per calendar year

surgical brassieres, up to a maximum of 4 per calendar year

braces (other than foot braces), trusses, collars, leg orthosis, casts and splints

stock-item orthopaedic shoes and modifications or adjustments to stock-item orthopaedic shoes or regular footwear (recommendation of either a physician or a podiatrist is required) and custom-made shoes which are required because of a medical abnormality that, based on medical evidence, cannot be accommodated in a stock-item orthopaedic shoe or a modified stock-item orthopaedic shoe (must be constructed by a certified orthopaedic footwear specialist), up to a maximum of $200 per calendar year for dependent children under age 21 and $400 per calendar year for any other person

casted, custom-made orthotics (recommendation of either a physician or a podiatrist is required)

costs for installation of hearing aids, (including charges for batteries) to a maximum of $600 in any 60 consecutive months. Charges for maintenance and repair are not covered.

Other Supplies and Services

- Other Supplies and Services

blood glucose monitoring machines and blood-letting devices, to a maximum of $200 per lifetime

ileostomy, colostomy and incontinence supplies

insulin infusion pumps, to a maximum of $500 per lifetime (charges for insulin pump supplies are unlimited)

insulin syringes and Clinitest or similar home clinical testing supplies for diabetes

medicated dressings and burn garments

synvisc, to a maximum of 9 injections per 12 months

wigs and hairpieces for patients with temporary hair loss as a result of medical treatment, up to a maximum of $500 per lifetime

oxygen

microscopic and other similar diagnostic tests and services rendered in a licensed laboratory in the province of Quebec

charges for the treatment of accidental injuries to natural teeth or jaw, provided the treatment is rendered within 12 months of the accident, excluding injuries due to biting or chewing. If a covered person's plan benefit coverage terminates under this plan for reasons other than termination of this plan or this Dental Care Benefit, and out-of-hospital treatment is required as a result of an accidental injury to the natural teeth or jaw which occurred prior to the person's plan benefit coverage terminating, the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer, will pay for expenses related to the accident provided the expense is incurred and completed within 52 weeks of the date of the accident.

Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada

treatment required as a result of a medical emergency which occurs during the first 365 days while temporarily outside the province of residence, provided the covered person who receives the treatment is also covered by the Provincial Plan during the absence from the province of residence. Expenses are not subject to an overall maximum.

A Medical Emergency is

- a sudden, unexpected injury or a new medical condition which occurs while a covered person (you or your dependent) is travelling outside of his province of residence, or

- a specific medical problem or chronic condition that was diagnosed but medically stable prior to departure.

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

- been treated or tested for any new symptoms or conditions

- had an increase or worsening of any existing symptoms

- changed treatments or medications (other than normal adjustments for ongoing care)

- been admitted to the hospital for treatment of the condition

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

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

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

referral outside Canada for treatment which is available in Canada to a maximum of $3,000 per 3 calendar year(s)

If, while outside Canada on referral for medical treatment, the covered person requires treatment for a medical condition which is related directly or indirectly to the referral treatment, the total expenses payable for all treatment are subject to the maximum of $3,000 every 3 calendar year(s).

For all non-emergency medical treatment out of Canada:

– the treatment must be recommended by a physician practicing in Canada, and

- it is advisable that you submit a detailed treatment plan with cost estimates before treatment begins. You will then be notified of any benefit that will be provided.

Charges for the following are payable under this expense:

physician's services

hospital room and board up to the hospital maximum under this Benefit Program

the cost of special hospital services

hospital charges for out-patient treatment

licensed ambulance services, including air ambulance, to transfer the patient to the nearest medical facility or hospital where adequate treatment is available

medical evacuation for admission to a hospital or medical facility in the province where the patient normally resides

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

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

Submitting a Claim

Extended Health Care - Submitting a Claim

To submit an Extended Health Care claim, you must complete an Extended Health Care Claim form, available on the Group Benefits Secure Site - www.manulife.ca/groupbenefits, except when claiming for physician or hospital expenses incurred outside your province of residence. For these expenses, you must complete an Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada claim form. Claim forms are available from your employer.

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

All claims must be submitted within 15 months after the date the expense was incurred.

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

Subrogation (Third Party Liability)

Subrogation (Third Party Liability)

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

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

Exclusions

Extended Health Care - Exclusions

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

any illness or injury arising out of or in the course of employment when the person is covered by or is eligible for coverage by workers' compensation

any illness or injury for which benefits are payable under any government plan or legally mandated program

for Out-of-Province/Out-of-Canada only, self-inflicted injuries, either directly or indirectly, unless medical evidence establishes that the injuries are related to a mental health illness

services or supplies which were necessitated either wholly or partly, directly or indirectly as the result of committing, attempting, or provoking an assault or criminal offence, or by a war or act of war (whether declared or undeclared), insurrection or riot, or hostilities of any kind

charges for periodic check-ups, broken appointments, third party examinations, travel for health purposes, or completion of claim forms

charges for services or supplies:

- when there would have been no charge at all in the absence of plan benefit coverage
- when reimbursement would have been made under a government-sponsored plan in the absence of plan benefit coverage
- which are received from a medical or dental department maintained by an employer, association or trade union
- which are required for recreation or sports but which are not medically necessary for regular activities
- which are provided while confined in a hospital on an in-patient basis
- which would have been payable by the Provincial Plan if proper application had been made
- which are performed or provided by the covered person, an immediate family member or a person who lives with the covered person
- which are not specified as a covered expense under this benefit

medical or surgical care which is cosmetic

medical treatment which is not usual and customary, or which is Experimental or Investigational in nature

charges which were considered an insured service of any provincial government plan at the time this plan benefit was issued and subsequently were modified, suspended or discontinued

charges for general health examinations, and examinations required for use of a third party

charges for eye examinations, except where included as an eligible expense

charges for transport or travel, other than as specifically provided under this benefit

Drug Benefit For Persons Who Reside In Quebec

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

Covered Drug Expenses

The following expenses are covered:

drugs that are on the List of Insured Drugs that is published by the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ List), provided such drugs are on the list at the time the expense is incurred; and

drugs that are listed as a covered expense in this Benefit Booklet, but are not on the RAMQ List.

Coverage for drugs on the List of Insured Drugs that is published by the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ List)

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

a) **Benefit Percentage**

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

i) For any drug on the RAMQ List which is not otherwise covered under the terms of this Benefit, the percentage payable is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation

ii) For any drug on the RAMQ List which is covered under the terms of this Benefit, the percentage payable is the greater of:

- the benefit percentage stated under The Benefit; and
- the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

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

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

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

i) deductible amounts, and

ii) the portion of covered drug expenses that is paid by a covered person, when the percentage of covered expenses payable under this benefit is less than 100%.

The annual out-of-pocket maximum for you and your spouse is as stipulated in the Legislation and includes those portions of covered drug expenses paid for your dependent children.

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

c) **Deductible**

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

d) **Lifetime Maximums**

Lifetime maximums (if any) for the drug benefit will not apply. Drug coverage provided after the lifetime maximum amount stated under the benefit is reached is subject to the following conditions:

i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered, and

ii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

e) **Eligible Dependent Children**

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

i) the age specified in this Benefit Booklet (please refer to definition of child in the Explanation of Common Insurance Terms); and

ii) age 26.

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

- only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered, and

- the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

f) **Termination Age**

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

i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered,

ii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as stipulated in the then applicable Legislation

iii) the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is as stipulated in the then applicable Legislation

iv) the cost required for the drug coverage is the cost of the Extended Health Care benefit.

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

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

Medical Travel Referral Benefit (MTB)

Medical Travel Referral Benefit (MTB)

Your Medical Travel Referral Benefit is provided directly by College of New Caledonia. Manulife Financial has been contracted to adjudicate and administer your claims for this benefit following the standard insurance rules and practices. Payment of any eligible claim will be based on the provisions and conditions outlined in this booklet and your employer's Benefit Plan.

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

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

The Benefit

Medical Travel Referral (MTB) - The Benefit

Overall Benefit Maximum - $10,000 per person per calendar year

Deductible - Nil

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance) - 100%

Benefit Amount- $125 per day, to a maximum of 50 days in any calendar year for all eligible meal and accommodation expenses combined. However, where eligible expenses exceed $125 per day, but do not exceed the average of $125 per day for the year, the average will be paid.

Termination Age - employee's retirement

Waiting Period

first of the month coincident with date of hire

Covered Expenses

Medical Travel Referral (MTB) - Covered Expenses

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

- medically necessary for the treatment of sickness or injury and recommended by a physician
- incurred for the care of a person while covered under this Group Benefit Program
- reasonable taking all factors into account
- not covered under the Provincial Plan or any other government-sponsored program
- legally insurable

-Eligible Expenses

Eligible Expenses

When referred by a licensed physician to a hospital, medical treatment centre or medical specialist because, in his or her opinion, adequate medical treatment is not available within 100 kilometres of your home campus, the following are included as eligible expenses:

charges for transportation to and from the nearest locale equipped to provide the required treatment for the covered person by automobile (to a maximum of $0.52 per kilometre), scheduled air, rail, bus, taxi or ferry

charges for accommodation, where transportation has been provided under one of the conveyances as described above, in a commercial facility or hotel, Easter Seal House, Heather House, Vancouver Lodge, Ronald McDonald House, or other similar institution approved by the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer, before and after medical treatment

charges for meals

Charges for transportation of a family member or a medical attendant if medically necessary and requested by a licensed physician, combined with the transportation and accommodation charges listed above

Charges are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

referral treatment must be performed by a licensed medical specialist or ophthalmologist;

charges for travel and eligible expenses incurred outside the covered person's province or residence are not covered, unless such expenses are lesser than those incurred in the covered person's province of residence

the benefit does not apply to dental treatment unless:

– such services are required by a licensed physician and/or when hospitalization for treatment is required

– such treatment is performed by an oral surgeon, except in the case of emergency dental assessment or treatment, in which case treatment may be performed by a specialist in the field of dentistry

Submitting a Claim

Medical Travel Referral (MTB) - Submitting a Claim

To submit a Medical Travel Referral (MTB) claim, you must complete an Extended Health Care Claim form. Claim forms are available on the Group Benefits Secure Site - www.manulife.ca/groupbenefits,

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

All claims must be submitted within 15 months after the date the expense was incurred.

Subrogation (Third Party Liability)

Subrogation (Third Party Liability)

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

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

Exclusions

Medical Travel Referral (MTB) - Exclusions

No benefit is payable for any expense which is directly or indirectly related to:

charges which are considered an insured service of any provincial government

charges which are considered a covered service under the Extended Health Care plan, or any other group plan in force at the time

charges for a surgical procedure or treatment performed primarily for beautification, or charges for hospital confinement for such surgical procedure or treatment

charges for medical treatment, transport or travel, other than as specifically provided under eligible expenses

charges not specified in the foregoing list of eligible expenses

charges which are not medically necessary to the care and treatment of any existing or suspected injury, disease or pregnancy

charges which are from an occupational injury or disease covered by any Workers' Compensation legislation or similar legislation

charges which would not normally have been incurred but for the presence of this coverage or for which you or your dependent is not legally obligated to pay

charges for dental work where a third party is responsible for payment of such charges

charges for bodily injury resulting directly or indirectly from war or act of war (whether declared or undeclared), insurrection or riot, or hostilities of any kind

for Out-of-Province only, self-inflicted injuries, either directly or indirectly, unless medical evidence establishes that the injuries are related to a mental health illness

charges for experimental procedures or treatment not approved by the Canadian Medical Association or the appropriate medical specialty society

charges made by a physician for travel, broken appointments, communication costs, filling in of forms, or physician's supplies

Dental Care

Dental Care

Your Dental Care Benefit is provided directly by College of New Caledonia. Manulife Financial has been contracted to adjudicate and administer your claims for this benefit following the standard insurance rules and practices. Payment of any eligible claim will be based on the provisions and conditions outlined in this booklet and your employer's Benefit Plan.

If you or your dependents require any of the dental services specified under Covered Expenses, your Dental Care benefit can provide financial assistance.

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

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

The Benefit

Dental Care - The Benefit

Deductible - Nil

Dental Fee Guide - Current British Columbia Dental Association Approved Fee Guide for General Practitioners and Specialists

Benefit Percentage (Co-insurance)

- 100% for Level I - Basic Services

- 100% for Level II - Supplementary Basic Services

- 80% for Level III - Dentures

- 80% for Level IV - Major Restorative Services

- 60% for Level V - Orthodontics

Benefit Maximums

- unlimited for Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV

- $3,000 per lifetime for Level V

Termination Age - employee's retirement

Waiting Period

first day of the month coincident with or next following 3 months of continuous active employment

Covered Expenses

Dental Care - Covered Expenses

The following expenses are covered if they:

are incurred for the necessary dental care of a covered person while covered under this benefit

are incurred for services provided by a dentist, a dental hygienist working within the scope of his license, or a denturist working within the scope of his license

are reasonable as determined by your employer or Manulife Financial, taking all factors into account

do not exceed the fees recommended in the Dental Fee Guide, or reasonable and customary charges as determined by your employer or Manulife Financial, if the expenses are not listed in the Dental Fee Guide

Alternate Treatment

Dental Care - Alternate Treatment

Where any two or more courses of treatment covered under this benefit would produce professionally adequate results for a given condition, the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer, will pay benefits as if the least expensive course of treatment were used, unless otherwise specified. Your administrator will determine the adequacy of the various courses of treatment available, through a professional dental consultant.

Level I - Basic Services

Dental Care - Level I - Basic Services

complete oral exam, one per 36 months

full-mouth x-rays, one per 36 months

panoramic x-rays, one per 60 months

one unit of light scaling and one unit of polishing twice per calendar year, when the service is performed outside Quebec, or prophylaxis (polishing) twice per calendar year, when the service is performed in Quebec

recall exams, bitewing x-rays, and fluoride treatments, twice per calendar year

routine diagnostic and laboratory procedures

initial oral hygiene instruction, plus one recall

diagnostic models, 2 per calendar year

fillings (including gold foil), gold onlays, retentive pins and pit and fissure sealants. Gold onlays are limited to one every 60 months. Bonded amalgam fillings are not subject to alternate treatment. Replacement fillings are covered provided:

– the existing filling is at least 12 months old and must be replaced either due to significant breakdown of the existing filling or recurrent decay, or

- the existing filling is amalgam and there is medical evidence indicating that the patient is allergic to amalgam

pre-fabricated full coverage restorations (metal and plastic). Stainless steel crowns are limited to one per 60 months

space maintainers (appliances placed for orthodontic purposes are not covered)

minor surgical procedures and post surgical care

extractions (including impacted and residual roots)

consultations, anaesthesia, and conscious sedation

denture repairs, relines and rebases, only if the expense is incurred later than 3 months after the date of the initial placement of the denture

injection of antibiotic drugs when administered by a Dentist in conjunction with dental surgery

oral disease, nervous/muscular disorders, up to 2 units of time

Level II - Supplementary Basic Services

Dental Care - Level II - Supplementary Basic Services

surgical procedures not included in Level I (excluding implant surgery)

periodontal services for treatment of diseases of the gums and other supporting tissue of the teeth, including:

- scaling not covered under Level I, and root planing, up to a combined maximum of 16 units per calendar year

- provisional splinting

- occlusal equilibration

endodontic services which include root canals and therapy, root amputation, apexifications and periapical services

- root canals and therapy are limited to one initial treatment plus one re-treatment per tooth per lifetime
- re-treatment is covered only if the expense is incurred more than 12 months after the initial treatment

Level III - Dentures

Dental Care - Level III - Dentures

initial provision of full or partial removable dentures

replacement of removable dentures, provided the dentures are required because:

- a natural tooth is extracted and the existing appliance cannot be made serviceable

- the existing appliance is at least 60 months old and cannot be made serviceable, or

- the existing appliance is temporary and is replaced with the permanent dentures within 12 months of its installation

Level IV - Major Restorative Services

Dental Care - Level IV - Major Restorative Services

crowns and onlays (other than gold onlays) when the function of a tooth is impaired due to cuspal or incisal angle damage caused by trauma or decay

inlays (not subject to alternate treatment)

initial provision of fixed bridgework

replacement of bridgework, provided the new bridgework is required because:

- a natural tooth is extracted and the existing appliance cannot be made serviceable

- the existing appliance is at least 60 months old and cannot be made serviceable, or

- the existing appliance is temporary and is replaced with the permanent bridge within 12 months of its installation

Level V - Orthodontics

Dental Care - Level V - Orthodontics

orthodontic services

Late Entrant Limitation

Dental Care - Late Entrant Limitation

If you or your dependents become covered for dental benefits more than 31 days after you first become eligible to apply, the amount payable in the first 12 months of coverage will be limited to $300 for each covered person.

Pre-Determination of Benefits

Dental Care - Pre-Determination of Benefits

If the cost of any proposed dental treatment is expected to exceed $500, it is suggested that you submit a detailed treatment plan, available from your dentist, before the treatment begins. You can then be advised of the amount you are entitled to receive under this benefit.

Work in Progress When Coverage Terminates

Dental Care - Work in Progress When Coverage Terminates

Covered expenses related to dental treatment that was in progress at the time your dental benefits terminate (for reasons other than termination of the Plan Document or the Dental Care Benefit) are payable, provided the expense is incurred within 31 days after your benefit terminates.

Submitting a Claim

Dental Care - Submitting a Claim

To submit a claim, you and your dentist must complete a Dental Claim form available from your employer.

All claims must be submitted within 15 months after the date the expense was incurred.

Subrogation (Third Party Liability)

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If your dental expenses result from an injury caused by another person and you have the legal right to recover damages, the administrator, acting on behalf of your employer may request that you complete a subrogation reimbursement agreement when you submit a claim for such expenses.

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

Exclusions

Dental Care - Exclusions

No Dental Care benefits will be payable for expenses resulting from:

a charge, or a portion of a charge, which is eligible for reimbursement under any other part of this plan, or through a government plan or legally mandated program

charges which were considered an insured service of any provincial government plan at the time this plan benefit was issued and subsequently were modified, suspended or discontinued

services or supplies which were necessitated either wholly or partly, directly or indirectly as the result of committing, attempting, or provoking an assault or criminal offence, or by a war or act of war (whether declared or undeclared), insurrection or riot, or hostilities of any kind

charges for broken appointments, third party examinations, travel to and from appointments, or completion of claim forms

charges for services or supplies:

- when there would have been no charge at all in the absence of plan benefit coverage
- which are received from a medical or dental department maintained by an employer, association or trade union

- which are performed or provided by the covered person, an immediate family member or a person who lives with the covered person
- which are not specified as a covered expense under this benefit;

treatment rendered for a full mouth reconstruction, for a vertical dimension, or for a correction of temporomandibular joint dysfunction

cosmetic treatment, unless this is needed because of an accidental injury which occurred while the person was covered under this Plan

implants, or any services rendered in conjunction with implants. However, where an implant is the choice of treatment and a denture or bridge would produce professionally adequate results for the condition, the Administrator, acting on behalf of your Employer, will consider benefits as if the least expensive of a denture or bridge were used

treatment which is not generally recognized by the dental profession as an effective, appropriate and essential form of treatment for the dental condition

the replacement of removable appliances which are lost, mislaid or stolen

laboratory fees which exceed Reasonable and Customary charges, as determined by your Employer or the Administrator

related hospital charges as a result of dental surgery

services or supplies which are not medically necessary to the care and treatment of any existing or suspected injury, or disease

Survivor Extended Benefit

Survivor Extended Benefit

If you die while your dependents are covered under this Group Benefit Program, your employer will continue the Extended Health Care benefit without requiring any contribution from you, until the earliest of:

the date your dependent is no longer a dependent, according to the definition of dependent (see Explanation of Commonly Used Terms)

the date similar coverage is obtained elsewhere

the date which is 12 months from your death, or

the date the Plan Document terminates