

# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BOOKLET

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## INTRODUCTION

Your employer has entered into an agreement with **The Empire Life Insurance Company (Empire Life)** to provide you with a plan of group insurance benefits.

This information booklet has been prepared in order to give you an informal summary of the benefits and provisions of your Plan. It does not constitute the group Policy and is not a contract of insurance, nor does it confer or grant any contractual or other rights. All rights under this Plan will be governed solely by the provisions of the master Policy and by applicable law.

In the event of any discrepancy between this booklet and the group Policy, the terms and provisions of the group Policy apply.

The booklet contains important information concerning your group insurance coverage. As at the print date, this is the most current version of your group insurance benefits and replaces any previous booklet.

Should you have any questions, please contact your plan administrator or Empire Life at [group.csu@empire.ca](mailto:group.csu@empire.ca) or Toll free 1-800-267-0215.

# Maxxam Insurance Services Inc.

Employees with Dependants

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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

**Eligibility:** 6 month(s) continuous employment

### **BASIC LIFE**

**Benefit:** 1 times Annual Salary

**Minimum Benefit:** \$20,000

**Maximum Benefit:** \$300,000

**No Evidence Limit:** Under age 65, evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of \$290,000.  
Age 65 and over, evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of \$145,000.

**Reduction:** Reduces by 50% at age 65.

**Termination:** Age 70 or prior retirement.

**Waiver of Premium:** To age 65 or prior retirement.

**Own Occupation Period:** 2 years from the start of any benefit period for the purposes of the "Total Disability" definition for the Waiver of Premium Benefit.

**Elimination Period:** For the purposes of the Waiver of Premium Benefit.  
Injury 119 days  
Sickness 119 days

### **OPTIONAL LIFE**

**Benefit:** Units of \$10,000

**Maximum Benefit:** \$150,000

**No Evidence Limit:** Evidence of insurability is required for all amounts of Insurance.

**Reduction:** No reduction schedule.

**Termination:** Age 65 or prior retirement.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

<b>Benefit:</b>	1 times Annual Salary
<b>Minimum Benefit:</b>	\$20,000
<b>Maximum Benefit:</b>	\$300,000
<b>No Evidence Limit:</b>	Under age 65, evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of \$290,000. Age 65 and over, evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of \$145,000.
<b>Reduction:</b>	Reduces by 50% at age 65.
<b>Termination:</b>	Age 70 or prior retirement.

#### Additional Benefits

<b>Seat Belt Benefit</b>	Equal to 10% of the Amount of Insurance payable.
<b>Child Benefit</b>	\$2,500 for each Dependant Child of the Insured Employee.
<b>Repatriation Benefit</b>	\$10,000 maximum
<b>Family Transportation Benefit</b>	\$5,000 maximum
<b>Employee Rehabilitation/Training Benefit</b>	\$10,000 maximum
<b>Spousal Occupational Training Benefit</b>	\$10,000 maximum
<b>Child-Post Secondary Education Benefit</b>	The lesser of \$5,000 or 5% of the Amount of Insurance, per Child per year, for a maximum of 4 years.
<b>Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit</b>	\$10,000 maximum for home and vehicle combined, once per lifetime.

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<b>Benefit:</b>	Units of \$10,000
<b>Maximum Benefit:</b>	\$150,000
<b>No Evidence Limit:</b>	Evidence of insurability is required for all amounts of Insurance.
<b>Reduction:</b>	No reduction schedule.
<b>Termination:</b>	Age 65 or prior retirement.

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

### **DEPENDANT LIFE**

**Benefit:**

Spouse	\$10,000
Child	\$5,000

**Termination:**

Employee's termination under the policy or employee's age 70 whichever is earlier.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### LONG TERM DISABILITY

<b>Benefit:</b>	66 2/3% of the first \$2,000 of monthly earnings, and 50% of the excess
<b>Maximum Benefit:</b>	\$8,000
<b>Elimination Period:</b>	Injury            119 days Sickness        119 days
<b>Integration:</b>	Primary CPP/QPP Benefits
<b>Benefit Period:</b>	Age 65
<b>No Evidence Limit:</b>	Evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of \$5,500.
<b>Own Occupation Period:</b>	2 year(s)
<b>Termination:</b>	Age 65 less the Elimination Period or prior retirement.
<b>Tax Status:</b>	Benefits payable under this Provision are Non-Taxable.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

**Benefit Period** - 12 month period beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Survivor Benefit** - 24 months.

**Termination Age** - Employee's age 85 or prior retirement.

***For detailed descriptions and limitations for these benefits  
refer to the Extended Health Benefit section***

Empire Life will pay for Eligible Expenses (up to the maximum outlined below or the **Reasonable and Customary Charge**, whichever is less), for a Person Insured, that are **Medically Necessary** for the treatment of a Sickness or injury.

The Extended Health Benefits provided under this Policy to any Person Insured who is a resident of a province that offers a public prescription drug plan will be administered in accordance with the requirements of applicable provincial prescription drug insurance legislation (e.g. *An Act Respecting Prescription Drug Insurance* in Quebec) and will meet any applicable minimum coverage standard, as determined by Empire Life.

Key: **Ref** – Physicians's referral required      **Coins** – Coinsurance amount  
**Ded S/F** – Single & Family deductibles      **Max** – Maximums and other limitations

Each Person Insured is covered for the following with an **unlimited** maximum, with any exceptions noted and subject to the Extended Health Benefit Provision.

The overall combined deductible for EHB, per benefit period, is:  
**Single amount** – \$0      **Family amount** – \$0

#### Drugs

Pay direct plan	Coins	Ded S/F	Max
Generic Prescription. Plan will pay up to \$5.00 of the Dispensing Fee (subject to any deductibles or maximums) and the employee will pay the balance.	80%	\$0/\$0	\$3,000 per benefit period
Fertility Drugs	80%	\$0/\$0	\$2,500 lifetime* * subject to overall drug maximum above

#### Specialty Drug Program<sup>1</sup>

Drug Type	Purchase Location	Coins	Dispensing Fee
Specialty	Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy	80%	Plan will pay up to \$5.00 of the Dispensing Fee and the employee will pay the balance.
Specialty	Retail Pharmacy	60%	Plan will pay up to \$5.00 of the Dispensing Fee and the employee will pay the balance.
Maintenance and Other	Retail Pharmacy	80%	Plan will pay up to \$5.00 of the Dispensing Fee and the employee will pay the balance.

<sup>1</sup> The Specialty Drug Program does not apply to residents of Quebec.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Major Medical

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	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Accidental dental	80%		
Ambulance	80%		
Diagnostic tests	80%		\$500 per benefit period
Eye Exam, to age 18	80%		\$75, 1 per 12 consecutive months
Eye Exam	80%		\$75, 1 per 24 consecutive months
Hearing aid	80%		\$500 per 60 consecutive months
Private duty nursing	80%		\$10,000 per benefit period

### Hospital Coverage

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	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Convalescent hospital	100%		\$40 per day, 180 days per claim
Semi private hospital room	100%		



## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Medical Supplies and Appliances

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- Medical Supplies and Appliances **require a separate Physician's referral for each supply or appliance prescribed.** The date of the Physician's referral and diagnosis must be within a six month period of submission of any claim. Only **Medically Necessary** supplies and appliances are covered under this Plan. Medical Supplies and Appliances prescribed solely for comfort, sports or recreational activities are not an Eligible Expense under this Plan. Empire Life reserves the right to request additional information for any Medical Supply or Appliance prescribed.
- Empire Life will pay for Eligible Expenses (up to the maximum outlined below or the **Reasonable and Customary charge**, whichever is less), for a Person Insured, that are **Medically Necessary** for the treatment of a Sickness or injury.
- Prior to making a purchase for a supply or appliance, a Person Insured should contact Empire Life to obtain the Reasonable and Customary charge for a supply or appliance and a confirmation that such supply or appliance is covered under this Plan.

	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Apnea machine (CPAP)	80%		\$2,000, 1 per 60 consecutive months
Apnea machine supplies	80%		
Apnea mask	80%		1 per benefit period
Artificial eye; initial prosthesis	80%		1 per lifetime
Artificial eye; repair & replacement	80%		\$1,000 per benefit period
Artificial limb; initial prosthesis	80%		1 per lifetime
Artificial limb; repair & replacement	80%		\$1,000 per benefit period
Blood pressure monitor	80%		\$100 lifetime
Braces with rigid supports	80%		1 per benefit period
Compression stockings with a strength of 20 mmHg or higher	80%		\$100 per benefit period
Crutches	80%		
Custom-made foot orthotics	80%		\$200 per benefit period
Diabetic monitor	80%		\$1,000 lifetime
External breast prosthesis	80%		1 per benefit period
Hospital bed	80%		
Insulin pump	80%		\$4,000 per 60 consecutive months
Insulin pump supplies	80%		
IPP Breathing machine	80%		
Orthopaedic shoes	80%		\$200 per benefit period
Ostomy supply	80%		
Surgical bras	80%		2 per benefit period
TENS	80%		\$1,500 lifetime
Viscosupplementation	80%		\$600 per benefit period
Wheelchair; electric	80%		\$3,000 lifetime
Wheelchair; manual	80%		\$1,000 lifetime
Wigs, post-chemotherapy	80%		\$500 lifetime

### Paramedical Practitioners

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Provincial and territorial legislation specifies for each province or territory which paramedical practitioners are, or are not, regulated. In cases where the paramedical practitioner is not regulated, Empire Life has set the required level of education, training and/or professional affiliations.

Each paramedical service has a Reasonable and Customary amount and a limit of one visit per day.

Payment will not be made for services or supplies that were received or purchased from a provider that is not approved by Empire Life.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

- **All** paramedical practitioners are **combined for each person insured** to a maximum of \$500 in one benefit period.

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Acupuncturist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Chiropracist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Chiropractor		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Clinical Psychologist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Massage therapist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Naturopath		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Occupational therapist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Osteopath		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Physiotherapist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Podiatrist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Social Worker (MSW required)		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period
Speech therapist		80%		subject to any combined maximum shown above per benefit period

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Vision

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#### Maximums:

- Frames and Lenses (including Single Vision and Safety glasses), Bifocals, Trifocals, Laser Eye Surgery and Regular Contacts have a:
  - **combined maximum of \$200 per 12 consecutive months per Person Insured under age 18**
  - **combined maximum of \$200 per 24 consecutive months per Person Insured age 18 and older**
- Contact lenses - special (required for severe corneal scarring, keratoconus or aphakia) have a:
  - **maximum of \$200 per 12 consecutive months per Person Insured under age 18**
  - **maximum of \$200 per 24 consecutive months per Person Insured age 18 and older**

#### Coinsurance:

- **80%** on the covered procedures listed below except where otherwise noted

#### Deductible:

- There is no deductible on the covered procedures listed below

#### Covered Procedures:

- Bifocal glasses
- Contact lenses
- Contact lenses - special (required for severe corneal scarring, keratoconus or aphakia)
- Frames and Lenses (including Single Vision and Safety glasses)
- Laser eye surgery
- Trifocal glasses

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### Out of Province of Residence Coverage

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#### Out of Province of Residence – Emergency Coverage – \$5,000,000 lifetime maximum (combined)

- one period is 60 continuous days from the date of departure.
- the Travel Emergency Assistance Program services will only apply to a Person Insured who is travelling on business or vacation outside of his province of residence.

	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Emergency Charges for Other Eligible Medical Expenses	100%	\$0/\$0	
Emergency Hospital In-Patient Room Charges	100%	\$0/\$0	
Emergency Hospital Out-Patient Charges	100%	\$0/\$0	
Emergency Physicians Charges	100%	\$0/\$0	
Medical transport	100%	\$0/\$0	
Out of country	100%	\$0/\$0	
Repatriation of remains	100%	\$0/\$0	
Return of dependant children	100%	\$0/\$0	
Trip delay	100%	\$0/\$0	
Vehicle return	100%	\$0/\$0	
Visit of Family Member - Travel	100%	\$0/\$0	
Visit of Family Member - Meals/Accommodation	100%	\$0/\$0	\$200 per day

#### Out of Province of Residence – Referral Coverage – \$15,000 lifetime maximum (combined)

	<b>Coins</b>	<b>Ded S/F</b>	<b>Max</b>
Out of province; referral; hospital	80%		\$150 per day
Out of province; referral; other	80%		
Out of province; referral; physician	80%		

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### DENTAL

<b>Deductible Amount:</b>	Single \$0 Family \$0	
<b>Coinsurance:</b>	Basic Restorative, Periodontics/Endodontics Major Restorative	80%  50%
<b>Benefit Period Maximum:</b>	Basic Restorative, Periodontics/Endodontics, Major Restorative	\$2,500 per benefit period per certificate (Insured Employee and Insured Dependants)
<b>Dental Fee Guide:</b>	Current Fee Guide for General Practitioners approved by the Provincial Dental Association in the Province where the Employee resides.	
<b>Survivor Benefit:</b>	24 months.	
<b>Benefit Period:</b>	12 month period beginning on March 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year.	
<b>Dental Recall Frequency:</b>	5 months (Please refer to LEGEND #2 and #17 under Basic Restorative)	
<b>Dental Scaling:</b>	All Provinces 12 units	
<b>Termination:</b>	Employee's age 85 or prior retirement.	

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

You and your dependants, if applicable, may have access to additional services such as health and wellness services, as determined by Empire Life. Such services are provided by third party service providers. To request such service, you may need to contact the third party service provider directly, as specified by Empire Life. Some incidental fees related to the service may have to be assumed by you.

The availability of additional services is not guaranteed and is determined by Empire Life. Empire Life may at its sole discretion change or cancel such services at any time without prior notice.

Empire Life assumes no responsibility and shall not be liable for: (i) any of the additional services provided to you or your dependants (ii) any expenses incurred by you or your dependants in relation to such services, (iii) any treatment received in relation to such services, and/or (iv) any acts or omissions of the third party service providers.

Information regarding the additional services may be available on the Plan Member Website.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

You are eligible for coverage under this Plan if you:

- have satisfied the Eligibility Period;
- have not reached the Termination Age of each respective benefit as specified in the Schedule of Benefits; and
- are Actively at Work.

### **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

If your written request for coverage is received within 31 days of being eligible, Evidence of Insurability will only be required for any amounts in excess of the respective No Evidence Limits, as specified on the Schedule of Benefits.

After you have become insured under the Plan, if the No Evidence Limit is increased, your coverage will be held at the No Evidence Limit in effect prior to the increase if you previously provided Evidence of Insurability and the evidence provided resulted in coverage being declined.

Should your written request for coverage be received after 31 days of becoming eligible for coverage and the Policy is mandatory, premiums are payable from the date you became eligible. If however, the Policy is non-mandatory, you will be required to submit Evidence of Insurability for all insurance. Coverage will not become effective until evidence has been reviewed and approved. For further information, please see your Plan Administrator or your Personnel Department.

### **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

If your Plan includes Extended Health, Dental, Medical Expense (Vital Assist Benefit) or Health Care Spending Account Benefits and if either you or your dependants are entitled to benefits under this Plan and any other plan for the same expense, the amount payable will be co-ordinated and/or reduced under this Plan to ensure the total amount payable under all plans does not exceed the amount of the expense incurred. For further information, please see your Plan Administrator or your Personnel Department.

### **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS**

Every action or proceeding against an insurer for the recovery of insurance money payable under the contract (this Policy) is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act (for British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba), the Limitations Act, 2002 (for Ontario), or other applicable legislation (for all other provinces and territories).

### **TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

Your benefits will terminate whenever one of the following first occurs:

- termination of employment; or
- premiums are not submitted on your behalf; or
- the Policy is terminated; or

you no longer satisfy one or more of the eligibility requirements above.

## PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

### Claim Filing

If you wish to claim for any benefit, please see your employer who will provide you with the correct forms and explain how you should file a claim. You should save all bills and original receipts for medical expenses as they will be required for proof of claim.

Whenever possible, you should promptly submit the completed claim form and any actual bills or receipts (**not photocopies**). Empire Life should be notified within 31 days of any event which will give rise to a claim, or within 45 days whenever you are absent from work due to a disability.

### Claim Submission Period

You have 90 days to submit the required proof of any death and disability claims. For dental and extended health claims, claim forms must be submitted within 365 days from the date the claim was incurred or within 90 days of Policy termination, whichever comes first. For Vital Assist Benefit claims, initial claim forms must be submitted within 9 months from your Date of Claim Eligibility and Medical Expense Benefit claims must be submitted within the Medical Expense Benefit Period or within 90 days after Benefit termination. For all other Critical Illness Benefits, you have 90 days from your Date of Diagnosis to submit the initial claim forms and required proof of any Critical Illness.

If your Plan includes a Health Care Spending Account (HCSA), claim forms must be submitted during the current Benefit Period (or Balance or Expense Carry Forward Period, if applicable, and subject to any HCSA Grace Period) or within 90 days after your termination or retirement under the Policy. If the Benefit terminates, no HCSA claims will be processed or paid after the termination date (unless claims are received at Empire Life prior to the date of termination).

For extended health claims incurred outside of your province of residence, you should first submit a claim to your provincial health plan, then submit a copy of the provincial health plan payment along with your claim form to Empire Life.

However, should your Plan include Travel Emergency Assistance coverage and you have an emergency while travelling, 24 hour assistance is available by calling one of the phone numbers that appear on your Benefit Card and identifying yourself by the information on the card. An operator at Allianz Global Assistance will assist you.

### Payment

Claims will be paid after the proof of claim is received. Any death benefit due will be paid to the named beneficiary, if living. Otherwise it will generally be paid to the estate. All other benefits will be paid as directed by you on the claim form. **Please note:** Under some circumstances, Extended Health Benefits and Medical Expense Benefits (Vital Assist Benefit) may not be payable until the Government Health Insurance Plan concerned has paid its' yearly maximum. Check with your Plan Administrator or your Personnel Department if you require further details.

### Fraudulent or False Claims

Empire Life reserves the right to audit all claims at any stage even if payment has already been made, and to take any necessary action to detect and investigate fraudulent or false claims under the Policy.



Notwithstanding any other Provision of the Policy, Empire Life may suspend all rights and all benefits of the Insured Employee and his/her Dependants under the Policy, without prior notice, upon 1) the initiation of a claim investigation by the Company 2) the discovery of a claim discrepancy, or 3) receipt of a claim that includes any false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information material to the claim.

If Empire Life reasonably determines that the Person Insured has:

- (a) submitted or allowed to be submitted a claim that includes any false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information material to the claim, and/or
- (b) failed to co-operate in good faith during the claim investigation by Empire Life, and/or
- (c) failed to provide evidence to support the claim to the satisfaction of Empire Life,

Empire Life may, at its reasonable discretion and without prior notice, immediately terminate all rights and all benefits of the Insured Employee and his/her Dependants under the Policy.

If the claim has been paid to the Insured Employee, Empire Life may exercise any rights available under the Policy and it may recover any overpaid amounts from any amounts owed to the Insured Employee under any Provision of the Policy. Empire Life also reserves the right to undertake criminal prosecution and/or pursue civil action.

## **ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION**

At Empire Life we create enrollment, medical and claims files in order to determine the amount of coverage you and/or your dependants (if applicable) are eligible for and to process any claims you or your dependants may incur. The information contained in these files, which is used by various departments, may allow you and/or your dependants to be identified. However, any file containing your medical status is accessible only to authorized individuals within our Medical Underwriting and Claims Departments.

Subject to the exceptions established by applicable law, you may request access to your files either in person, by showing proper identification at our Head Office, or by contacting our Head Office in writing with your request. You have the right to rectify any information which is incorrect (dependent on the circumstance, proof may be required) in your file and also to have any information reproduced and transmitted to you for a reasonable charge. If you prefer, you may contact your Group Office with your request and they will communicate your request to our Head Office in Kingston, Ontario. Telephone numbers and mailing addresses of both Head Office and your Group Office can be obtained from your Administrator.

You may request a copy of your group insurance enrollment form or application and any record or written statement not otherwise part of the application that you provided to Empire Life as evidence of insurability. On reasonable notice you may also request a copy of the group insurance Policy. First copies will be provided at no cost to you but a fee may be charged for subsequent copies.

## **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT**

### **AMOUNT OF INSURANCE**

The amount of your Basic Life Insurance coverage is described on the Schedule of Benefits page. You may be required to submit Evidence of Insurability. If you are, you will only be insured for the No Evidence Limit until the evidence is approved.

You may, at your option, purchase Optional Life Insurance as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits page. Your Plan administrator can tell you the cost of this optional coverage.

If you are interested, you will be asked to complete a statement of health form and your optional insurance will only be effective when Empire Life approves the evidence of health you have provided.

### **DEATH BENEFIT**

The amount of life insurance for which you are covered will be payable upon your death to your last named beneficiary.

### **APPOINTMENT OF BENEFICIARY**

Your beneficiary will be as designated in your individual application for group insurance, or, if applicable, as designated under your previous carrier's coverage. If your designation is carried over from your previous carrier's coverage we recommend you review the existing designation to ensure it reflects your current intention. The most recent designation will apply.

You may name anyone you please as your beneficiary, and you may change your beneficiary at any time, subject to the laws of your province by filing written notice with Empire Life. If you do not appoint a beneficiary or if your beneficiary predeceases you, the death benefit will be payable to your estate.

### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

If you become Totally Disabled, as defined below, you may qualify to have your life insurance continue until you reach age 65 without payment of any premiums. To be eligible, you must be disabled before your 65th birthday or your retirement, whichever occurs first, and you must have been unable to work throughout the Elimination Period as shown in the Schedule of Benefits before the premium will be waived.

**"Total Disability/Totally Disabled"** means during the Elimination Period and the Own Occupation Period, if any, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits page, such a continuous state of incapacity resulting from injury or sickness that you will be completely prevented from performing the essential duties of your own occupation at your own or any workplace. After the expiration of the Own Occupation Period, if any, it means such a continuous state of incapacity resulting from injury or sickness that you will be completely prevented from engaging in any gainful occupation or from performing any work for remuneration or profit for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience.

The availability of work will not be considered by Empire Life in assessing your Total Disability.

If you must hold a permit or licence, including a driver's licence, to perform your duties, you will not be considered Totally Disabled solely because such a permit or licence has been withdrawn or not renewed.

## **LIVING BENEFIT**

If you are under age 62 and suffer a terminal illness from which death is expected within 24 months and you have been approved for the Waiver of Premium Benefit above, you may qualify for a Living Benefit. A Living Benefit is an advance payment of a portion of the amount of your Basic Life coverage described on the Schedule of Benefits page.

The Living Benefit consists of 50% of the amount of your Basic Life coverage to a maximum of \$50,000.

Upon your death, the Death Benefit will equal the sum insured on your date of death less the Living Benefit paid and the interest accrued on the Living Benefit.

## **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

Should you leave your Employer's service while the Group Policy is in force or turn 65 years old, you may arrange to convert that portion of your Life Insurance, without medical examination, to an individual policy of any one of the standard level premium Life, Term to Age 65 or One Year Term plans then being issued by Empire Life, provided application for the converted policy is made within 31 days of termination of employment. The amount will be limited to the lesser of:

- a) the amount of your Life Insurance to a maximum of \$200,000 (or the amount required by provincial legislation, if applicable); and
- b) the difference between your amount of Life Insurance in effect upon termination and the amount of life insurance for which you are or become eligible for within the 31 day conversion period.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

No Optional Benefit is payable if death is a result of suicide and occurs within two years of this coverage becoming effective or within two years of the effective date of any increase in the Optional Benefit.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFIT

### **Definitions**

Where used in this Provision,

**"Accident"** will mean a single, sudden, violent, unintended, unexpected, external event that causes a Loss, independent of any other cause.

**"Amount of Insurance"** will be the sum of the Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit and the Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit (if any) shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

**"Loss"** will mean (as set out in the Schedule of Losses and which could be a Loss of Use):

- with respect to hands or feet, complete severance at or above the wrist or ankle joint;
- with respect to eyes, entire and irrecoverable loss of the sight thereof beyond remedy by surgical or other means;
- with respect to arms and legs, complete severance at or above the elbow or knee joints;
- with respect to a thumb and index finger, complete severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joint;
- with respect to speech, entire and irrecoverable loss of ability to speak intelligibly; and
- with respect to hearing, entire and irrecoverable loss of hearing.

**"Loss of Use"** will mean with respect to arms, hands, legs and feet, total loss of the ability to perform each and every action and service the arm, hand, leg or foot was able to perform before the Accident occurred. Loss of Use must be entire and irrecoverable.

The amount of insurance payable as a result of loss of sight, speech or hearing and/or Loss of Use of a limb or appendage thereof will be payable only after such loss has been continuous for 12 months and is determined to be permanent and beyond remedy by surgical or other means.

**"Motorized Vehicle"** will mean a vehicle that is drawn, propelled or driven by any means other than muscular power, including but not limited to an automobile, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, all terrain vehicle, personal watercraft or farm equipment.

**"Substance Abuse"** includes, but is not limited to: (i) the abuse of medication (prescribed or non-prescribed), drugs or alcohol; (ii) the use of illegal or experimental drugs or products; (iii) any other drug addiction or substance abuse disorder; and (iv) any condition arising from the abuse of such medication, drugs or alcohol.

### **Exposure and Disappearance**

If you are unavoidably exposed to the elements due to an Accident, and as a result of such exposure, you suffer a Loss for which a benefit would otherwise have been payable, such Loss will be covered by this benefit provision.

Where you disappear and your body is not found within 365 days of the disappearance, forced landing, stranding, sinking or wrecking of a vehicle in which you were an occupant, it will be presumed, subject to there being no evidence to the contrary and subject to all other terms and conditions of this benefit provision, that you suffered Loss of Life caused by Accident.

**Payment of Benefit**

While insured under this Provision, if you suffer a Loss, a benefit as set out in the Schedule of Losses will be paid. Where more than one Loss results from an Accident, only one benefit will be payable. The benefit payable will be for the single Loss which provides the highest amount of benefit.

The benefit payable as a result of Loss of sight, speech or hearing, and/or Loss of Use of a limb or appendage thereof will be payable only after such Loss has been continuous for 12 months and is determined to be permanent and beyond remedy by surgical or other means.

**Waiver of Premium**

The premium payable under this Provision will be waived during the period for which your Life Insurance premium is waived due to Total Disability.

**Schedule of Losses and Benefit Payable**

For any one accident, the amount payable will be for the Loss which provides the highest amount of benefit.

**For Loss of:**

Life	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Both feet	100% of the Amount of Insurance
One hand and one foot	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Both hands	100% of the Amount of Insurance
One hand and sight of one eye	100% of the Amount of Insurance
One foot and sight of one eye	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Both legs	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Both arms	100% of the Amount of Insurance
One arm	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One foot	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One hand	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One leg	75% of the Amount of Insurance
4 fingers on the same hand	33% of the Amount of Insurance
Thumb and index finger on the same hand	33% of the Amount of Insurance
4 toes on the same foot	33% of the Amount of Insurance

**For Loss of Use of:**

Both upper and lower limbs (Quadriplegia)	200% of the Amount of Insurance
Both legs (Paraplegia)	200% of the Amount of Insurance
Upper and lower limbs on one side of body (Hemiplegia)	200% of the Amount of Insurance
Both arms (Paraplegia Superior)	200% of the Amount of Insurance
Both feet	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Both hands	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Sight of both eyes	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Speech and hearing in both ears	100% of the Amount of Insurance
Hearing in both ears	75% of the Amount of Insurance
Sight of one eye	75% of the Amount of Insurance
Speech	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One arm	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One leg	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One foot	75% of the Amount of Insurance
One hand	75% of the Amount of Insurance
Hearing in one ear	25% of the Amount of Insurance

**Additional Benefits****Seat Belt Benefit**

In the event that you suffer a Loss which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, Empire Life will pay an additional Seat Belt Benefit if you die or are injured while a passenger or driver in an automobile while wearing a properly fastened seat belt. The verification of the use of the seat belt must be part of the official report of the Accident which resulted in the Loss, for this benefit to be payable. The Seat Belt Benefit amount payable, as well as any limit on the amount payable, is set out in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision.

**Child Benefit**

In the event you die as a direct result of an Accident which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, in addition to the Amount of Insurance payable, Empire Life will pay a lump sum Child Benefit (subject to the limitations below) to your beneficiary for each of your Dependant Children.

This Child Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) If this Child Benefit is payable, no Child Benefit is payable under the Dependant Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit or Spousal Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit provisions of this Policy; and
- (2) The amount payable is set out in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision and is subject to any maximum set out in that Schedule.

**Repatriation Benefit**

In the event you die as a direct result of an Accident 100 kilometres or more from your normal place of residence, which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, Empire Life will pay (subject to the limitations below) for 1) the preparation of your body for burial or cremation, and 2) the transportation of your body to the first resting place (including, but not limited to, a funeral home) in reasonable proximity to your normal place of residence.

This Repatriation Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) In order to be eligible for payment, the expenses must be incurred within one year of the date of the Accident which resulted in the Loss;
- (2) The benefit is subject to the Repatriation Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision; and
- (3) The benefit will be paid only to the extent that the benefit is not covered under another provision of this Policy.

### **Family Transportation Benefit**

If, as a direct result of an Accident, you suffer a Loss which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, and you are confined in a Hospital which is located 100 kilometres or more from your normal place of residence, Empire Life will pay the hotel, meals and travel expenses incurred (subject to the limitations below) for an immediate family member (your parent, spouse, child, brother or sister) provided the expenses are:

- a) reasonable and necessary, as determined by the Company,
- b) for hotel accommodations in the vicinity of the Hospital,
- c) incurred within one year of the date of the Accident which resulted in the Loss, and
- d) for transportation by the most direct and cost-effective route to and from the Hospital.

This Family Transportation Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) An immediate family member is defined to be your parent, spouse, child, brother or sister;
- (2) If transportation is by means other than a conveyance which is licensed to transport fare-paying passengers, expenses incurred will be reimbursed at a rate per kilometre travelled, as determined by Empire Life;
- (3) Empire Life will pay this benefit only to the extent the eligible hotel, meals and travel expenses are not covered under another provision of this Policy; and
- (4) The amount payable is subject to the Family Transportation Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision.

### **Employee Rehabilitation/Training Benefit**

In the event you suffer a Loss which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, you may apply to receive an Employee Rehabilitation/Training Benefit to cover expenses incurred (subject to the limitations below) as a result of participation in a rehabilitation program, provided:

- a) the Loss resulted in your inability to substantially perform all of the essential duties of your own occupation,
- b) the Loss requires that you undergo specialized training to be qualified to engage in an occupation in which you would not have engaged in except for such Loss,
- c) the rehabilitation program has been approved, in advance, by Empire Life,
- d) the expenses related to the rehabilitation program are incurred within three years of the date of the Accident which resulted in the Loss, and
- e) the expenses related to the rehabilitation program are deemed by Empire Life to be reasonable and necessary.

This Employee Rehabilitation/Training Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Incidental expenses (including, without limitation, expenses for room and board, ordinary living, travelling or clothing) are not eligible for payment under this benefit; and
- (2) The amount payable is subject to the Employee Rehabilitation/Training Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision.

### **Spousal Occupational Training Benefit**

If you suffer a Loss payable at 100% or more of the Amount of Insurance or die as a direct result of an Accident which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, and your Spouse must participate in a formal occupational training program to become qualified for active employment in an occupation for which he/she would not otherwise have sufficient qualifications, Empire Life will pay for tuition and/or expenses for book purchases incurred by your Spouse (subject to the limitations below) for such program, provided the expenses are:

- a) reasonable and necessary, as determined by Empire Life, and
- b) incurred within the three year period from the date of the Accident.

This Spousal Occupational Training Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) Incidental expenses (including without limitation, expenses for room and board, ordinary living, travelling or clothing) are not eligible for payment under this benefit;
- (2) This benefit is payable only to your Spouse; and
- (3) The amount payable is subject to the Spousal Occupational Training Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision.

### **Child Post-Secondary Education Benefit**

If during the twelve month period from the date of an Accident, you die as a direct result of the Accident which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision, Empire Life will pay tuition expenses for an accredited post-secondary school for a Dependent Child (subject to the limitations below) provided the Dependant Child was:

- a) enrolled as a full-time student on the date of the Accident,
- b) enrolls as a full-time student within one year of the date of your death, and
- c) continues to be enrolled on a full-time basis in an accredited post-secondary school for the entire school year period commencing on the enrolment date in (b).

This Child Post-Secondary Education Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) The amount payable for each Dependant Child will be equal to the actual tuition expenses incurred;
- (2) The amount payable is subject to the Child Post-Secondary Education Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision;
- (3) No payment is payable for tuition expenses incurred prior to the Insured Employee's death; and
- (4) Incidental expenses (including without limitation, expenses for room and board, ordinary living, travelling or clothing) are not eligible for payment under this benefit.

Any amount payable under this benefit will be paid to (i) the Dependant Child if they are of legal age, (ii) the Insured Employee's Spouse in trust if the Dependant Child is a minor, or (iii) the trustee for the Dependant Child, if there is no Spouse.

### **Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit**

If you suffer a Loss which results in a Payment of Benefit under this Provision and as a result of such Loss require the use of a wheelchair to be ambulatory, you may apply to receive an additional benefit (subject to the limitations below) to cover the expenses incurred for:

- a) the one time cost of alterations to your principal residence to make it wheelchair accessible and habitable, and
- b) the one time cost of modifications necessary to a motor vehicle utilized by you to make it wheelchair accessible or drivable.



The Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit is subject to the following limitations:

- (1) The expenses related to the alterations of your residence or modifications of your motor vehicle must be reasonable and necessary, as determined by Empire Life;
- (2) The expenses must be incurred within two years of the Accident which caused the Loss; and
- (3) The amount payable is subject to the Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for this Provision.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

The benefits of this Provision will not be payable if the Loss results directly or indirectly from:

- suicide, attempted suicide, or intentional self-inflicted injury;
- the participation in, or attempt to participate in, a criminal offence, under any applicable law, whether or not convicted of such offence;
- illness, virus, infection, pathogen, or disease of any kind, or medical or surgical treatment for illness, virus, infection, pathogen, or disease;
- injuries of which there is no visible contusion or wound on the exterior of the body other than drowning or internal injuries revealed by autopsy;
- the voluntary or intentional inhalation or administration of drugs, poison, poisonous substances, gas or fumes;
- insurrection, war, invasion, enemy acts, civil war, rebellion, revolution, military power, usurped power or hostilities of any kind, whether war is declared or not;
- any armed conflict or service in the armed forces;
- voluntary participation in a riot or any disturbance of the public order;
- service, travel or flight in or descent from any type of aircraft, for the purposes of aeronautical instruction, instruction or participating in sky-diving or any duties whatsoever in relation to the aircraft or flight;
- bodily injury suffered prior to the effective date of this Provision; or
- the operation of a Motorized Vehicle while a Person Insured's ability to drive is impaired as a direct result of Substance Abuse or while having drug or alcohol levels that exceed the maximum levels allowable by law in the jurisdiction where the Accident occurred.

## **DEPENDANT LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT**

### **DEATH BENEFIT**

This benefit insures your spouse and children for the amount of coverage shown on the Schedule of Benefits. If your spouse or one of your children die you will receive this amount.

### **ELIGIBLE DEPENDANTS**

Dependants eligible for this benefit include your spouse or common-law spouse (1 year(s) cohabitation) and your unmarried dependent children under the age of 22 years (26 years if attending school on a full time basis).

Upon written request, your common-law spouse will be eligible immediately if a child is born to you and your common-law Spouse.

### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

The premium payable under this Provision will be waived during the period for which the Life Insurance premium is waived due to your becoming Totally Disabled.

### **CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

If your Dependant Life Insurance coverage under this benefit ceases because you are no longer eligible for insurance under this Policy, your Spouse (and Insured Dependents, as required by provincial legislation, if applicable) may convert the amount of the Dependant Life Insurance benefit terminated without medical evidence, to an individual policy. This individual policy may be issued on any one of the standard level premium Life plans then being issued by Empire Life. Application for the individual policy must be made while the group policy is in force and within 31 days after the earlier of:

- the date you die, or
- the date you cease to be insured, or
- your Spouse's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Insured Dependant conversion privilege applies only where required by provincial legislation. The spousal conversion privilege applies in all provinces and territories.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT

### AMOUNT OF MONTHLY BENEFIT AND COVERAGE

Long Term Disability Insurance provides you with regular income to replace salary or wages lost because of a lengthy disability due to an injury or sickness. The amount of your Long Term Disability Benefit, the date that benefits commence, and the maximum duration of benefits, are as indicated on the Schedule of Benefits page.

If you become disabled due to Injury or Sickness, Empire Life will pay you in accordance with the foregoing or until you recover, whichever occurs first. Benefits will be directly reduced by (i) the amount of any benefits you are entitled to under the Canada/Quebec Pension Plan as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits page (ii) any disability benefit you are entitled to under an automobile insurance plan deemed to be first payor of benefits, and, (iii) any disability payment you are entitled to under any workplace safety legislation (e.g. Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997) or similar legislation. Benefits may be further reduced to the extent that your income from all sources exceeds 85% of either:

- a) your pre-disability earnings if benefits are taxable as stated on the Schedule of Benefits; or
- b) your pre-disability Take-Home pay (i.e. income less income tax) if benefits are not taxable as stated on the Schedule of Benefits.

Other sources include CPP/QPP, any other group or franchise insurance plan providing benefits for disability, any salary continuation, retirement or disability plan of the employer, any workplace safety legislation (e.g. Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997, or similar legislation), any other government-sponsored insurance or pension plan, or any salary replacement cash dividend income received from the employer while receiving Long Term Disability benefits from Empire Life, if your Monthly Earnings includes salary replacement cash dividend income.

### DEFINITION OF DISABILITY AND EARNINGS

Benefits paid under this Plan are taxable if your employer pays any portion of the premium for this benefit.

**"Total Disability"** means during the Elimination Period and the Own Occupation Period shown on the Schedule of Benefits page, such a continuous state of incapacity resulting from Injury or Sickness that you will be completely prevented from performing the essential duties of your own occupation, at your own or any workplace. After the expiration of the Own Occupation Period, if any, it means such a continuous state of incapacity resulting from Injury or Sickness that you will be completely prevented from engaging in any gainful occupation or from performing any work for remuneration or profit for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience. In no event will any benefits be paid for any period in which you are not under the continuing care of an appropriate licensed physician qualified to treat the specific ailment or if you fail to cooperate and participate in an appropriate treatment program satisfactory to Empire Life, unless the payment of benefits in such circumstances has been pre-arranged by Empire Life.

The availability of work will not be considered by Empire Life in assessing your Total Disability.

If you must hold a permit or licence, including a driver's licence, to perform your duties you will not be considered Totally Disabled solely because such a permit or licence has been withdrawn or not renewed.

**"Accident"** shall mean a single, sudden, violent, unintended, unexpected, external event that causes a disability, independent of any other cause.

**"Injury"** means accidental bodily injury sustained by you, while this Provision is in force, which directly and independently of all other causes results, within 90 days of the date of the Accident, in Total Disability as hereinafter defined.

**"Sickness"** means any illness or disease not specifically excluded elsewhere in this Provision, which causes Total Disability as defined below, while this Provision is in force. Any disability which is caused by, or is contributed to by, accidental bodily injury and which commences more than 90 days after the date such Injury is sustained, will be deemed to be resulting from Sickness. Any infection, other than a pyogenic infection, occurring through and at the time of an accidental cut or wound, will also be deemed to be as resulting from Sickness.

**"Medical Care"** will mean any necessary medical investigation, tests, diagnosis, treatment, services, care, attendance, consultation, medical advice, planned or pending surgery, drugs and medicines (either prescription or non-prescription), or referral to another health care professional, as a result of a diagnosed or undiagnosed medical condition. Medical Care must be ordered by a Physician or other authorized health care professional in the treatment of the Sickness or Injury.

**"Motorized Vehicle"** means a vehicle that is drawn, propelled or driven by any means other than muscular power, including but not limited to an automobile, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, all terrain vehicle, personal watercraft or farm equipment.

**"Substance Abuse"** includes, but is not limited to: (i) the abuse of medication (prescribed or non-prescribed), drugs or alcohol; (ii) the use of illegal or experimental drugs or products; (iii) any other drug addiction or substance abuse disorder; and (iv) any condition arising from the abuse of such medication, drugs or alcohol.

**"Earnings"** mean your regular monthly rate of income received from your employer excluding commissions, overtime pay, bonuses, dividends or other special allowances.

Subject to approval by Empire Life, Earnings will also include the average monthly commission and/or bonus received from your employer over the preceding 2 calendar year(s). If applicable, commission and/or bonus will be verified by your employer and Empire Life will be provided with satisfactory T4 and/or T4A forms.

Any changes in Earnings must be submitted in writing by your Employer to our Head Office as your insured benefit is based on Earnings reported to our Head Office prior to the date of disability, and will determine the amount of disability benefit you will receive if you become disabled.

**"Take-home Pay"** means your Earnings less the federal and provincial income taxes payable on such income.

**"Elimination Period"** means the initial period of your continuous Total Disability during which no Long Term Disability Benefit is payable. The duration of the Elimination Period is shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

## **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

If you are receiving benefits, premiums for the Long Term Disability Benefit will be waived.

## **YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

During any period of Total or Partial Disability, you must make reasonable efforts to:

- a) facilitate recovery from the Injury or Sickness that caused the Total Disability,
- b) participate in any reasonable Medical Care and/or rehabilitation program,
- c) accept any reasonable offer of modified duties from your employer,
- d) return to your own occupation, or prepare to return to work in another occupation if it becomes apparent that you will not be able to return to your own occupation, and
- e) obtain any benefits that may be available from other sources.

If you fail to comply with any of these responsibilities, Empire Life may withhold or discontinue benefits.

## **RECURRENCE OF DISABILITY**

If you return to active full-time employment, and while the Policy is in force you again become disabled within 180 days due to the same cause, the benefits will commence immediately without any further waiting period. If such disability commences after 180 days of active full-time employment, the second disability will be subject to a new waiting period before you can again receive benefits.

## **REHABILITATION**

If you receive Long Term Disability benefits you may be required to participate in a rehabilitation program to assist you in returning to gainful employment, either to your pre-disability occupation or to another occupation. Benefit payments will only be reduced by half of the income received from the program.

The decision to approve or discontinue a rehabilitation program will be made solely by Empire Life, which is under no obligation to approve or continue rehabilitation.

Any Long Term Disability Benefit payable may be further reduced so that the income received from such rehabilitation program together with the total income received from all sources does not exceed 100% of your Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings.

Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings means:

- a) In the first year of your disability the average of:
  - Monthly Earnings, if the Long Term Disability Benefit is taxable, or
  - Take-home Pay if the Long Term Disability Benefit is non-taxable,

during the 12 month period immediately prior to commencement of Total Disability.

- b) After the first year of your disability:
  - the previous year's Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings will be increased on each anniversary of the date of disability only if you are participating in a paid return to work program approved by Empire Life.

The amount of each annual increase will equal the lesser of (a) the rate of the annual increase in the annual Consumer Price Index as published by Statistics Canada (or similar index published by a government agency succeeding Statistics Canada) for the preceding calendar year or (b) 10 percent.

Any expenses associated with a rehabilitation program approved by Empire Life, other than normal employment expenses such as transportation, will be paid by Empire Life as long as Empire Life approves the expenses in advance. Expenses will not be covered if Empire Life notifies you that the rehabilitation program is no longer approved or that it will no longer accept previously approved expenses

If you cease to be available, co-operate or participate in a rehabilitation program approved by Empire Life, you will no longer be entitled to Long Term Disability Benefits. If you are not participating in a rehabilitation program because of a change in your medical status, Empire Life will require medical evidence documenting how your inability to continue with the rehabilitation program is due to a covered Injury or Sickness.

## **PARTIAL DISABILITY**

Partial Disability occurs when, as a result of your Total Disability, you:

- a) are able to perform one or more, but not all of the essential duties of your own occupation on a full-time or part-time basis; or  
are able to perform all of the essential duties of your own occupation on a part-time basis; and
- b) still require the regular attendance of a Physician; and
- c) earn greater than 15% of your Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings.

### **Payment and Duration of the Partial Disability Benefit**

Payment of a Partial Disability Benefit will be made if (i) Partial Disability (for the same or related cause) follows a period of Total Disability equal to the Elimination Period shown on the Schedule of Benefits, plus one day or more, and (ii) you earn more than 15% of your Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings.

The Partial Disability Benefit will be equal to the Long Term Disability Benefit less 50% of the income earned during the same period and is payable only during the Own Occupation Period shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

Any Long Term Disability Benefit payable may be further reduced so that the income received from all sources does not exceed 100% of your Indexed Pre-Disability Earnings.

## **LIMITATIONS**

- 1) No Long Term Disability Benefit is payable for disabilities that result from Substance Abuse, unless you are receiving and complying with continuous treatment for such Total Disability from a rehabilitation centre, a provincially designated institution, or you are actively involved in and following a program of rehabilitation which is supervised by a Physician and approved by Empire Life.
- 2) No Long Term Disability Benefit is payable for any period during which you are serving a sentence for a criminal offence and are confined in a prison or other place of detention including but not limited to, a hospital, mental institution, a halfway facility or private residence (under house arrest).

## **PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS**

No benefit is payable if, during the first 12 months of Long Term Disability coverage under this Policy, total disability results from a pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition is one for which you received Medical Care by a Physician or other health care professional, or for which medication (either prescription or non prescription) was recommended by a Physician or other authorized health care professional, during the 90 day period immediately prior to the effective date of your insurance.

Empire Life reserves the right to request clinical notes and records from your primary care Physician or any other health care professional who provided Medical Care to you.

Generally, the twelve month period will have to be fully satisfied from the reinstatement date upon reinstatement of coverage. However, if the reinstatement immediately follows a leave of absence or lay-off of which Empire Life has been notified in advance, then the periods before and after the leave of absence or lay-off will be combined to satisfy the twelve month requirement.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

No benefit is payable if your disability results directly or indirectly from:

- suicide, attempted suicide, or intentional self-inflicted injury;
- the voluntary or intentional inhalation or administration of drugs, poison, poisonous substances, gas or fumes;
- insurrection, war, invasion, enemy acts, civil war, rebellion, revolution, military power, usurped power or hostilities of any kind, whether war is declared or not;
- any armed conflict or service in the armed forces;
- voluntary participation in a riot or any disturbance of the public order;
- the participation in, or attempt to participate in, a criminal offence, under any applicable law whether or not convicted with such offence;
- treatments rendered for cosmetic purposes (as determined by Empire Life) except when such treatment is necessitated by accidental Injury; or
- the operation of a Motorized Vehicle while your ability to drive is impaired as a direct result of Substance Abuse or while your drug or alcohol levels exceed the maximum levels allowable by law in the jurisdiction where the Accident occurred.

For any disability incurred prior to or during a Pregnancy/Parental Leave of Absence, the Elimination Period may commence or continue during the period:

- of formal Pregnancy or Parental Leave taken pursuant to Provincial or Federal law or pursuant to mutual agreement between you and your Employer; or
- for which Employment Insurance pregnancy or parental benefits are paid; or
- commencing on the earlier of the elected date of a formal Pregnancy or Parental Leave or the delivery date; however,

no payment will commence or continue until the later of the completion of the Elimination Period and the scheduled return to work date.

No benefits commence or continue during any period you are not a resident of Canada for a minimum of 6 months in any 12 month period.

## EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFIT

### Definitions

Where used in this Provision,

**"Sickness"** will mean illness or disease.

**"Accident"** for the purpose of the Extended Health Benefit provision means a single, sudden, violent, unintended, unexpected, external event that causes an injury or Sickness, independent of any other cause.

**"Motorized Vehicle"** means a vehicle that is drawn, propelled or driven by any means other than muscular power, including but not limited to an automobile, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, all terrain vehicle, personal watercraft or farm equipment.

**"Paramedical Practitioners"** shall mean providers currently licensed or certified to practise their profession by the appropriate licensing or registration authority of the jurisdiction in which the services of such practitioners are rendered, and who are not insured for benefits under this Policy. If no such licensing or registration authority exists in any jurisdiction, each such practitioner practising in such jurisdiction must have a certificate of competency from the professional body which establishes standards of competency for such practitioner's profession and is deemed valid by Empire Life. A Social Worker is required to hold a Master of Social Work degree. In no event will benefits provided under the terms of this Provision be paid for services rendered by any practitioner which are not within the scope of such practitioner's profession.

**"Reasonable and Customary"** means, with respect to charges for medical or dental services, supplies or treatment incurred by a Person Insured, not in excess of the general level of charges made by other providers of similar standing in the locality or geographical area where the charge is incurred, when furnishing comparable medical or dental services, supplies or treatment, with due consideration given to the nature and severity of the condition involved.

**"Government Health Insurance Plan"** means the provincial or federal legislation and the regulations pursuant to such legislation, as amended from time to time, which provide government sponsored hospital, drug, dental or other medical care benefits for Residents of Canada, including but not limited to provincial Dental Care Plans, provincial Health Insurance Plans, provincial Hospital Insurance Plans, provincial Medicare Plans, federal or provincial medical or dental care and services Acts, and the Canada Health Act.

**"Medical Care"** will mean any necessary medical investigation, tests, diagnosis, treatment, services, care, attendance, consultation, medical advice, planned or pending surgery, drugs and medicines (either prescription or non-prescription), or referral to another health care professional, as a result of a diagnosed or undiagnosed medical condition. Medical Care must be ordered by a Physician or other authorized health care professional in the treatment of the Sickness or Injury.

**"Medically Necessary"** will mean a treatment, service or supply which is generally accepted by the medical profession as essential, effective and appropriate in the diagnosis of, care or treatment of a specific medical condition.

**"Eligible Expense"** will mean any charge for Medical Care actually incurred by a Person Insured while this Provision is in effect. Such Medical Care must be an insured benefit (as determined in this provision), and such charge must be Reasonable and Customary as determined by Empire Life for the insured benefit.



**"Emergency"** will mean a sudden, unexpected Accident which occurs or an unforeseen Sickness or Injury which begins while the Person Insured is traveling outside of his province of residence and requires immediate medical attention. Emergency includes non-elective Medical Care for immediate relief of severe pain, suffering or disease which cannot be delayed until the Person Insured returns to his province of residence. Such Emergency no longer exists when, in the opinion of the attending Physician, the Person Insured is able to return to his province of residence. Emergency does not include medical attention for the monitoring of a chronic or stabilized condition while the Person Insured is traveling outside of his province of residence (e.g. blood tests to monitor the thickness of the blood while taking blood thinning medications).

**"Specialty Drug Program"** will mean a drug management and supply service that is provided by Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy in relation to Specialty Drugs and Medicines.

**"Retail Pharmacy"** will mean a pharmacy that sells drugs to patients, and excludes the Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy. A Retail Pharmacy is also known as a community pharmacy.

**"Maintenance Drugs and Medicines"** will mean drugs and medicines that are prescribed for chronic medical conditions (as determined by Empire Life). Maintenance Drugs and Medicines are required on an ongoing basis for a prolonged period of time. Examples of chronic medical conditions that may require Maintenance Drugs and Medicines are high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

**"Specialty Drugs and Medicines"** will mean drugs and medicines prescribed to treat chronic and complex medical conditions (as determined by Empire Life). Specialty Drugs and Medicines are usually costly, require frequent dosing adjustments, intensive clinical monitoring, patient training and compliance assistance. Specialty Drugs and Medicines have a limited or exclusive product availability and distribution, and/or have specialized product handling or administration requirements. Examples of medical conditions that may require Specialty Drugs and Medicines are multiple sclerosis and cancer.

**"Other Drugs and Medicines"** will mean prescribed drugs and medicines that are not available through Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy and prescribed drugs that are not deemed Maintenance or Specialty Drugs and Medicines (as determined by Empire Life). Other Drugs and Medicines are usually only required for short term use.

**"Generic Drugs and Medicines"** if any, will mean the lower cost drugs and medicines, that contain the same amount of the same active ingredients in the same dosage form as that directed in a Physician's prescription.

**"Lower Cost Interchangeable Drugs and Medicines"** if any, will mean the lower cost interchangeable drugs and medicines (whether generic or brand name), that contain the same amount of the same active ingredients in the same dosage form as that directed in a Physician's prescription.

**"Dispensing Fee"** if any, will mean the fee charged by a pharmacist for the preparation and dispensing of drugs.

**"Benefit Card"** if any, will mean an identification type card issued by the Company, for the purpose of participating in a pay direct drug reimbursement program or Dental Benefits. Benefit Card will also mean a card issued by the Company to provide medical and financial assistance for travel emergencies occurring outside of the Person Insured's province of residence for the purpose of Out of Province of Residence - Emergency Coverage under the Extended Health Benefit Provision.

**"Stable"** will mean that during the three month period before the departure date the Person Insured has not:

- received Medical Care or been under evaluation for new symptoms or conditions uncovered in a medical examination;
- experienced a worsening or increased frequency of symptoms or examination findings related to the medical condition, disease or illness – diagnosed or undiagnosed if the Person Insured has been seen by a Physician or other health care professional in relation to the symptoms;
- been prescribed medication or recommended a change in Medical Care related to the medical condition by a Physician or other healthcare professional, including changes in medication that are made as part of an ongoing Medical Care but not including a reduction in medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) due to an improvement in the medical condition;
- been admitted to or received Medical Care at a hospital for the medical condition; or
- been advised of future non-routine tests, investigations, surgery or new Medical Care planned for a previously identified medical condition or future medical appointment planned with respect to an undiagnosed medical condition.

## **ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

The Extended Health Benefit under this Policy covers all eligible expenses described on the following pages which are not covered by your Government Health Insurance Plan.

The eligible expenses:

- must be incurred while you are insured under the Policy,
- must be Reasonable and Customary and Medically Necessary in the treatment of Sickness or Injury,
- must be ordered by a qualified doctor who is neither insured for benefits under the policy nor related to the Person Insured's family by blood or marriage,
- must be submitted within 365 days after the date the expense was incurred or within 90 days of the termination of insurance, whichever is earlier.

All eligible expenses may be subject to a Deductible Amount, a Coinsurance Amount and a Maximum benefit amount.

Example: If your Plan has a \$500 Diagnostic Laboratory Maximum with 80% Coinsurance and a \$50 Deductible

\$1,000 claim is submitted for a CAT scan

The eligible amount is \$1,000

\$50 Deductible is applied - reduces amount to \$950

80% Coinsurance is applied - reduces amount to \$760

Benefit Maximum is \$500

Amount payable is \$500

Eligible drug expenses will not include any costs in excess of the Reasonable and Customary amount for that drug. Any Dispensing Fee, if applicable, which exceeds the maximum Dispensing Fee will not be covered. Such excess is not considered an eligible drug expense under the Policy. Please refer to **NOTE** on the Drug Component page.

## **DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT**

The Benefit Period Deductible Amount, if any, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits Page, is the amount that you are responsible for, in each Benefit Period, before health benefits are payable under this Plan.

The Per Prescription Deductible Amount, if any, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits Page, will be applicable to each prescription for eligible expenses for drugs and neither the Single nor the Family Deductible Amount will be applicable to such eligible expenses.

## **COINSURANCE AMOUNT**

The Coinsurance Amount, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits page, is the percentage of eligible expenses paid by your Plan less the Deductible Amount, if any.

## **LIFETIME MAXIMUM**

The Lifetime Maximum, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits, is the total aggregate amount payable per person, for eligible expenses incurred inside or, if insured, outside of your Province of Residence, for all periods in which you have been insured under this Benefit, whether consecutive or not.

## **PUBLIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN**

The Extended Health Benefits provided under this Provision to any Person Insured who is a resident of a province that offers a public prescription drug plan will be administered in accordance with the requirements of applicable provincial prescription drug insurance legislation (e.g. *An Act Respecting Prescription Drug Insurance* in Quebec) and will meet any applicable minimum coverage standard, as determined by Empire Life.

## **EXTENSION OF BENEFITS**

If you (or your dependant, if applicable) are totally disabled when your Extended Health Benefit terminates, eligible expenses that you incur as a result of the disability will be paid for up to 90 days following termination during the continuation of disability or to the date you become eligible for benefits under another plan, if earlier.

## **SURVIVORS' HEALTH BENEFITS**

In the event of your death while you are insured for health benefits under this Plan, the insurance for your surviving insured dependants at your death will continue in force without premium payment but not beyond the earliest of:

- a) the date of remarriage of the surviving spouse,
- b) the period indicated on the Schedule of Benefits from your death,
- c) the date of death of the survivor, or
- d) the date that the survivor no longer qualifies as a dependant, if a child.

This coverage will be provided even if the group Policy should terminate after your death.

## **DEPENDANTS**

Dependants eligible for Extended Health Benefits are your spouse or common-law spouse, and unmarried wholly dependent children not yet 22 (or 26 if full-time students) or unmarried wholly dependent children of any age who are mentally or physically handicapped (please see your Plan Administrator for details to extend coverage for handicapped dependants).

There must be a minimum and continuous cohabitation period of 1 year(s) before a common-law spouse is recognized. Upon written request, your common-law spouse will be eligible immediately if a child is born to you and your common-law spouse.

Dependants must reside in Canada to qualify for benefits. However, children who are temporarily residing in the United States because they are attending an accredited academic institution will also be eligible for benefits provided they are insured under a Government of Canada Health Insurance Plan.

## **CHARGES NOT COVERED**

Payment will not be made for charges for:

- Medical Care resulting from suicide, attempted suicide, or intentional self-inflicted injury;
- Medical Care resulting from the voluntary or intentional inhalation or administration of drugs, poison, poisonous substances, gas or fumes;
- Medical Care for which benefits are payable under any other Benefit Provision of this Policy;
- Medical Care resulting from insurrection, war, invasion, enemy acts, civil war, rebellion, revolution, military power, usurped power, or hostilities of any kind, whether war is declared or not;
- Medical Care resulting from any armed conflict or service in the armed forces;
- Medical Care resulting from voluntary participation in a riot or any disturbance of the public order;
- Medical Care for which the Person Insured is entitled to indemnity or compensation in accordance with the provisions of any provincial workplace safety legislation (e.g. Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997) or similar legislation, unless prohibited by any Government Legislation;
- Medical Care payable in whole or in part by a government under any Government Health Insurance Plan or which would have been payable had the Person Insured been insured thereunder or had proper application been made;
- Medical Care to the extent that the applicable government jurisdiction prohibits the payment of any benefits;
- Medical Care resulting from the participation in, or attempt to participate in, a criminal offence, under any applicable law, whether or not convicted of such offence;
- Medical Care provided by a medical or dental department maintained by an employer, an association, labour union, trustee or similar type of group;
- medical screening or examinations required for the use of a third party;
- broken appointments, transportation costs (including travelling time) of the practitioner, advice received by telephone or other means of telecommunication, or the completion of claim forms required by this Provision;
- Medical Care, the charge for which the Person Insured is not legally required to pay, or for which there is no charge, or for which there would have been no charge but for the existence of insurance;
- Medical Care which is not necessary according to generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- Medical Care rendered for cosmetic purposes (as determined by Empire Life), except when such Medical Care is necessitated by accidental injury;
- Medical Care for the replacement of an appliance which has been lost, mislaid or stolen or to provide any duplicate appliance;
- supplies ordered or services rendered prior to the date the person became a Person Insured;
- shipping and handling charges;
- infant formulas or caloric supplements, regardless of whether such formula or supplement contains vitamins or minerals; or
- services or supplies that were received or purchased from a provider that is not approved by Empire Life.

## **HOSPITALIZATION COMPONENT**

Inpatient hospital confinement, in your province of residence, for room and board and other hospital services in a semi-private and/or private room accommodation as shown on the Schedule of Benefits page with no limit on the number of days of confinement.

Coverage will be provided for the difference between the hospital's ward and semi-private rates, including Government imposed hospital deterrent charges (where legislation permits insurance of such charges), with no limit on the number of days of confinement.

## **DRUG COMPONENT - Generic Prescription Drugs**

Coverage will include generic drugs and medicines dispensed by a Physician or Pharmacist only available on the prescription of a Physician, pharmacist or other authorized healthcare professional, where applicable based on provincial legislation to the extent that they are generally recognized as being effective in the treatment of the injury or Sickness being treated and are not excessive or unwarranted as judged by the generally accepted therapy for such Sickness or injury as determined by Empire Life. To be considered an Eligible Expense under this Provision, drugs and medicines must have a valid Drug Identification Number (DIN) assigned under the Food and Drugs Act. Payment for certain drugs and medicines is subject to prior approval through the prior authorization process, as determined by Empire Life.

The prior authorization process applies mainly to high cost drugs and is based on various factors, including, clinical criteria, directions for use, appropriate government authorities approvals and the information provided by the Person Insured's Physician. The Prior Authorization Drug Program List of Special Authorization Drugs as may be updated from time to time by Empire Life, includes the list of drugs that are subject to the prior authorization process and sets out the most relevant guidelines. Current forms and guidelines are accessible on the Empire Life website at [www.empire.ca](http://www.empire.ca).

"Generic drugs and medicines" are the lowest cost drugs and medicines that contain the same amount of the same active ingredients in the same dosage form as that directed in a prescription.

Such drugs and medicines may include but are not limited to:

- drugs and medicines that do not require a prescription by law, provided they have a valid Drug Identification Number (DIN) and are prescribed by a Physician, pharmacist or other authorized healthcare professional, where applicable based on provincial legislation. Such drugs and medicines include but are not limited to the following categories: antimalarials, fibrinolytics, nitroglycerin, potassium replacements, single entity iron salts, single entity fluorides, topical enzymatic debriding agents, thyroid agents,
- insulin and insulin supplies (e.g. needles, syringes and diagnostic tests), but excludes swabs and rubbing alcohol,
- all injectables including injectable vitamins, unless used as part of a weight reduction program, serums, and vaccines, and
- extemporaneous compounds prepared by a pharmacist, provided the principal active ingredient is an Eligible Expense under this Provision.

The inclusion of such drugs and medicines is subject to changing medical developments and Company adjudication practices.

## Specialty Drug Program

Your Plan includes the Specialty Drug Program for eligible Specialty Drugs and Medicines. The Specialty Drug Program requires the Person Insured to purchase Specialty Drugs and Medicines through Express Scripts Canada Pharmacy's supply service in order to receive the highest level of reimbursement. If a Person Insured purchases Specialty Drugs and Medicines from a Retail Pharmacy, eligible drugs will be reimbursed at a lower level of reimbursement, as set out in the Schedule of Benefits. A Person Insured may purchase all eligible Maintenance and Other Drugs and Medicines through a Retail Pharmacy of their choice and receive the highest level of reimbursement. The Specialty Drug Program does not apply to residents of Quebec.

The Specialty Drug Program is delivered by a service provider. Empire Life shall have no liability or responsibility for such service provider's services.

The availability of the Specialty Drug Program is subject to the service provider's capacity to offer such services and/or the continuance of an agreement between Empire Life and a service provider. Empire Life may at its sole discretion change or cancel the Specialty Drug Program at any time without prior notice.

### Exclusions

- any drugs and medicines that do not have a valid Drug Identification Number (DIN) assigned under the Food and Drugs Act,
- any drug medication which may be purchased without a prescription. This further excludes over-the-counter (OTC) products whether prescribed or not, unless the drug or medicine is included in one of the categories listed in the section above,
- anabolic steroids and items deemed cosmetic,
- drugs and treatments, including but not limited to intravenous or intrathecal injections on an in-patient, out-patient or emergency basis, that require Hospital or medical professional monitoring (e.g. Physician, nurse, or other authorized healthcare professional where applicable, based on provincial legislation), regardless of whether the drug or treatment is administered in a Hospital, in a government or privately funded clinic or treatment facility, or in a private residence.

This Plan also excludes in part:

- vitamins (except injectable and not used as part of a weight reduction program),
- patent medicines and natural health products,
- first aid and surgical supplies,
- atomizers and vaporizers,
- salt and sugar substitutes,
- infant formula, dietary foods and aids,
- contact lens care products,
- diagnostic aids and laboratory tests,
- contraceptives other than oral,
- lozenges, mouthwash, toothpastes and cosmetics,
- non-medicated shampoos, skin cleansers, skin protectors, emollients and soaps, and
- any benefit covered by your Government Health Insurance Plan.

**NOTE: The Dispensing Fee varies by province of residence and is capped based on a reasonable and customary charge in each province.**

## Fertility Drugs, Anti-Smoking Agents & Sexual Dysfunction Drugs

### a) Fertility Drugs

Fertility drugs dispensed by a Physician or pharmacist and only available on the prescription of a Physician, pharmacist or other authorized healthcare professional, where applicable based on provincial legislation, are eligible under this Plan as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits.

### b) Anti-Smoking Agents

Anti-smoking agents are not insured under this Plan.

### c) Sexual Dysfunction Drugs

Sexual Dysfunction Drugs are not insured under this Plan.

## MAJOR MEDICAL COMPONENT

Payment will be made for the following eligible expenses that you incur in your province of residence.

### Medical Supplies and Appliances

- Medical Supplies and Appliances **require a separate Physician's referral for each supply or appliance prescribed**. The date of the Physician's referral and diagnosis must be within a six month period of submission of any claim. Only **Medically Necessary** supplies and appliances are covered under this Plan. Medical Supplies and Appliances prescribed solely for comfort, sports or recreational activities are not an Eligible Expense under this Plan. Empire Life reserves the right to request additional information for any Medical Supply or Appliance prescribed.
- Empire Life will pay for Eligible Expenses (up to the maximum outlined on the Schedule of Benefits or the **Reasonable and Customary charge**, whichever is less), for a Person Insured, that are **Medically Necessary** for the treatment of a Sickness or injury.
- Prior to making a purchase for a supply or appliance, a Person Insured should contact Empire Life to obtain the Reasonable and Customary charge for a supply or appliance and a confirmation that such supply or appliance is covered under this Plan.

This Plan will rent or purchase at the option of Empire life, the following **durable medical equipment**, subject to any applicable deductible, coinsurance and maximum as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits:

- aerosol equipment, mist tents and nebulizers for cystic fibrosis, acute emphysema, chronic obstructive bronchitis or chronic asthma,
- apnea monitors for respiratory dysrhythmias,
- artificial eyes, including repair and replacement,
- artificial limbs, including the repair and replacement of basic cosmetic prostheses but excluding prostheses equipped with or requiring battery-power, electronics, motors or computers (e.g. myoelectrical limbs),
- bed rail,
- braces with rigid supports, fitted at a medical supply facility duly authorized under provincial regulations, if applicable,
- diabetic monitoring and administration equipment,
- external breast prosthesis, and two surgical brassieres per Benefit Period, post mastectomy,
- apnea machine (CPAP), intermittent positive pressure breathing machine,
- head halter,
- standard hospital beds, excluding electric hospital beds,

- custom-made foot orthotics, made from plaster cast models, foam moulds or 3D scans of the Person Insured's foot,
- shoulder harnesses,
- sphygmomanometers (blood pressure cuff),
- traction apparatus,
- transcutaneous electronic nerve stimulator (TENS),
- trapeze bars,
- standard wheelchairs, or where medically necessary, electrical wheelchairs

Under no circumstances will maintenance of any **durable medical equipment** be an eligible expense.

This Plan will lend or provide at the option of Empire Life, for the rental or purchase of the following supplies and appliances, subject to any applicable deductible, coinsurance and maximum as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits:

- casts,
- canes and walkers,
- cervical collar,
- Clinitest, Dextrostix, or similar home chemical testing supplies for diabetics, if excluded under Drug Component,
- colostomy apparatus and supplies,
- crutches,
- ileostomy apparatus and supplies,
- insulin, if excluded under Drug Component,
- insulin syringe, monojet type, if excluded under Drug Component,
- pressure garments for burns,
- compression sleeves for lymphoedema following surgery,
- lancet, if excluded under Drug Component,
- orthopaedic shoes individually designed and constructed to medical specifications, or adjustments only made to stock shoes for orthopaedic purposes
- oxygen and oxygen supplies,
- splints, excluding dental splints,
- compression stockings with a strength of 20 mmHg or higher,
- stump socks,
- urethral catheters,
- Viscosupplementation prescribed by a Physician and limited to two sets of three injections to the maximum as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits per knee,
- wigs following chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer.

### **Ambulance Service**

This Plan will cover the cost of emergency transportation to and from hospital by a licensed ambulance. In addition, when the circumstances dictate, coverage is provided for licensed air ambulance or by commercial air fare to the nearest hospital qualified to render the necessary emergency medical care.



**Private Duty Nursing Care**

This Plan will cover the cost of services of a registered graduate nurse, registered nursing assistant, a certified nursing assistant, or a licensed practical nurse who is duly qualified and who is not related to the Person Insured or a member of the Person Insured's family and who is not a resident in the Person Insured's home. The services must:

- be provided in a Person Insured's home, and such home is not an Institution,
- be recommended in writing by a Physician,
- be approved in advance by Empire Life,
- be for short-term treatment for a severe injury or acute illness or to promote recovery from surgery. For clarity, no benefits will be paid for chronic care and/or long-term medical conditions, and
- be limited to the minimum number of hours and level of skill needed to provide each essential nursing service, as determined by the Company.

These services are payable up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits; however, no benefits will be paid for; homemaking, companionship or counselling services, supportive care (bathing, dressing, feeding), child-care duties or house-keeping duties.

The Company reserves the right to request additional information at the time of claim and in relation to an ongoing claim.

**Diagnostic Laboratory Procedures**

Payment will be made for eligible Diagnostic Laboratory Procedures, ordered by a Physician, and provided by a private medical laboratory. These services are payable up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Eligible procedures are:

- Blood Work,
- Colonoscopy,
- Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan),
- Electrocardiogram (ECG),
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI),
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET),
- Mammogram,
- Testing of Urine and other bodily fluids and tissues,
- Ultrasound.

Allergy testing performed by a laboratory is excluded.

**Paramedical Practitioners**

This Plan will include coverage for various Paramedical Practitioners, provided the services are not completed by a relative. These services are payable up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

Payment will be considered an eligible expense prior to reaching the maximum under any Government Health Insurance Plan, unless prohibited by law.

**Dental Benefits for Accidents**

This Plan will include coverage for the services of a dentist or oral surgeon to repair or replace sound natural teeth damaged as a result of a direct accidental blow to the mouth and not by an object wittingly or unwittingly placed in the mouth, including the setting of a fractured or dislocated jaw; however, no payment will be made for services, supplies or treatment rendered for a full mouth reconstruction, for vertical dimension correction, or for correction of temporomandibular joint dysfunction. Payment will be made for such accident provided (1) the accident occurs while you are insured under this benefit, and (2) the services are rendered within 365 days of such accident and while you are insured for this benefit.

**Hearing Aids**

This Plan will include the cost of the purchase and repairs of (excluding batteries or routine maintenance of) hearing aids. These services are payable up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

**Eye Exams**

In provinces where eye exams are covered under the applicable provincial Government Health Insurance Plan, no payment will be made for eye exams under this Policy.

In all other provinces, claim payment will be made for one eye exam, performed by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, up to the amount indicated on the Schedule of Benefits page.

**Convalescent Hospital - Covered Expenses**

The charges made by a convalescent hospital for room, board and other necessary services, in excess of the charge for ward accommodation, up to the daily amount indicated on the Schedule of Benefits Page, will be considered eligible expenses. However, the Person Insured must be admitted to the convalescent hospital within fourteen days following a period as a bedpatient of at least five days duration in a hospital. Expenses will be deemed as covered only where convalescent hospitalization is required by the attending Physician.

Benefits will be paid for the maximum period indicated on the Schedule of Benefits Page during any one period of disability.

All confinements in a convalescent hospital will be considered as one period of disability unless separated by at least ninety days.

In order to qualify under these covered expenses, a convalescent hospital must be approved by the appropriate Government Hospital Authority and be located in Canada.

Charges for custodial care in a convalescent hospital, nursing home or similar institution will not be considered eligible expenses.

A Convalescent Hospital is not a home for the aged, blind, or deaf, a domiciliary care home, a maternity home, or a home for alcoholics, drug addicts, or the mentally ill.

**Vision Care**

Payment will be made up to the Vision Care maximum as indicated on the Schedule of Benefits, for the purchase and replacement (but not repair) of frames and lenses, laser eye surgery or contact lenses, prescribed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist, and dispensed by a licensed Optician for a Person Insured.

A consecutive month period will commence on the purchase date of the initial Eligible Expense. Following this initial purchase date, the maximum will reset as indicated on the Schedule of Benefits.

If contact lenses are for severe corneal scarring, keratoconus or aphakia and can improve the visual acuity of such Person Insured to at least 20/40 where such improvement is not possible with eye glasses, then the Vision Care maximum will be paid up to the maximum as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

Notwithstanding the above, such benefit will not be payable for:

- cosmetic or other special purpose vision aids,
- visual training or remedial therapy,
- sunglasses or safety glasses that are not prescribed by an Ophthalmologist or Optometrist

#### **Out of Province of Residence**

(1) **Referral Coverage** - the following services will be included up to the Lifetime Maximum for Out of Province of Residence Referral Coverage as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits. The services must not be available in the Person Insured's province of residence and prior approval must be obtained from the Person Insured's Government Health Insurance Plan and Empire Life.

- (a) **Hospital Confinement** - This Plan will pay up to the maximum as shown on the Schedule of Benefits for each day of confinement for room and board and other hospital services for reasonable and customary semi-private accommodation outside of the Person Insured's province of residence less the amount payable for those days of confinement under the Government Health Insurance Plan for the Person Insured's province of residence.
- (b) **Doctors' Services** - This Plan will pay the actual charges rendered outside of the Person Insured's province of residence following referral by his doctor in his province of residence. The amount payable will be an amount equal to an amount paid by the Government Health Insurance Plan of the Person Insured's province of residence; however, the benefit payable from all plans will not exceed 100% of the actual incurred expense.
- (c) **Other Medical Care** - Payment will be made for other medical care listed as an Eligible Expense under the same conditions and limits as if incurred in the Person Insured's province of residence.
- (d) **Hospital Out-Patient Services** - No payment will be made for Hospital out-patient services under Referral Coverage.

(2) **Emergency Coverage** -the following services will apply to a Person Insured who is 1) travelling on business or vacation outside of his province of residence, and 2) insured for the duration of the travel period under a Government Health Insurance Plan, for the period as shown on the Schedule of Benefits. However, if the Person Insured is hospitalized as a result of a covered Emergency, during the period as shown on the Schedule of Benefits, coverage will continue until the date of discharge from the hospital, provided coverage has been extended under the Government Health Insurance Plan in the Person Insured's province of residence. Eligible Expenses will be allowed up to the Lifetime Maximum for Out of Province of Residence Emergency Coverage outlined on the Schedule of Benefits.

- (a) **Hospital In-Patient Confinement** - This Plan will pay for room and board and other hospital services for emergency treatment of a Sickness or injury. The amount payable will equal the daily charges for each day of confinement for Reasonable and Customary semi-private accommodation outside of the Person Insured's province of residence less the amount payable for those days of confinement under the Government Health Insurance Plan in the Person Insured's province of residence.
- (b) **Hospital Out-Patient Services** - Payment will be made for Hospital Out-Patient Services that are provided for an Emergency.

- (c) **Doctors' Services** - This Plan will pay an amount equal to the amount of Reasonable and Customary charges and fees in excess of the amount paid or payable under the Government Health Insurance Plan in the Person Insured's province of residence.
- (d) **Other Medical Care** - Payment will be made for other medical care listed as an Eligible Expense under the same conditions and limits as if incurred in the Person Insured's province of residence.
- (e) **Travel Emergency Assistance Program**

Your extended health benefits package already covers you for extensive and comprehensive benefits while you are travelling outside of your province of residence. The Travel Emergency Assistance Program provides you and your dependants (if applicable) with fast and easy accessibility to your health care benefits plus plenty of "extras".

Empire Life and Allianz Global Assistance have made an agreement to provide assist services and claim payment services for travel emergencies. If you have an Emergency while travelling, you can let us worry about paying the bills and arranging appropriate transportation home.

If you or one of your dependants (if applicable) suffer a travel Emergency, we offer 24 hour access to Allianz Global Assistance. Just call one of the numbers that appear on your Benefit Card and identify yourself by the information on the front of your card. A multilingual coordinator will assist in providing the following benefits:

- (i) **24 Hour Access** - Multilingual assistance by telephone, telex and facsimile services is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This includes interpretation services in most major languages.
- (ii) **Medical Referral** - Referral to a Physician, Dentist or appropriate medical facility will be provided for medical emergencies.
- (iii) **Medical Transportation** - Transportation to the nearest appropriate medical facility or to Canada will be provided if Medically Necessary to any maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits per Emergency.
- (iv) **On-Site Hospital Payment** - A verification of insurance coverage and arrangement for payments will be provided. Services that require the payment of \$200 or less are to be paid by the Person Insured and receipts kept for reimbursement.
- (v) **Repatriation of Remains** - In the event of the death of a Person Insured, arrangements approved by Allianz Global Assistance will be made for the preparation and transportation of the body back to the Person Insured's province of residence. Expenses will be reimbursed up to any maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.
- (vi) **Return of Dependent Children** - The return of unattended dependants under the age of 16 will be provided if a Person Insured is hospitalized. Payment arrangements for economy class transportation of these Dependants to their place of residence in Canada will be made if the original ticket is void. A qualified escort will be provided if necessary.
- (vii) **Trip Delay** - If a Person Insured's scheduled return trip has been missed due to the hospitalization of that Person Insured, economy class transportation will be provided to the place of departure if the original ticket is void and arrangements for changing the original ticket cannot be made with the carrier.

- (viii) **Visit of a Family Member** - If a Person Insured, while travelling alone, is hospitalized and the expected period of hospitalization is more than 7 days, round-trip economy class transportation to the location for one member of the immediate family will be provided. For the purposes of this provision, "immediate family" constitutes a parent, spouse, child, brother or sister. Expenses for meals and accommodation for the visiting family member will also be reimbursed up to any maximum for travel, meals and accommodation shown on the Schedule of Benefits.
- (ix) **Return of Vehicle** - Assistance is provided in the return of a Person Insured's vehicle to the place of departure or to the nearest rental agency during a medical Emergency. Expenses for return of vehicle will be reimbursed up to any maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.
- (x) **Legal Referrals** - Legal referrals will be provided and assistance is available in arranging cash advances from credit cards or family and friends to enable the posting of bail and payment of legal fees if necessary.
- (xi) **Lost Document and Ticket Replacement** - Assistance will be provided in contacting local authorities and in the arrangement for the replacement of lost passports, travel tickets and visas.
- (xii) **Message Centre** - The use of a message centre will facilitate the exchange of messages between a Person Insured and his family, friends and business associates during a period of Emergency. The centre will hold messages for fifteen days.

**Services described in i) – xii) inclusive are subject to an overall combined lifetime maximum as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.**

A Person Insured must contact Allianz Global Assistance immediately following the occurrence of any medical Emergency and prior to receiving any Medical Care, except where advance notice cannot reasonably be provided due to medical or other exceptional circumstances. Failure to contact Allianz Global Assistance prior to receiving Medical Care may result in your claim being denied or reduced.

No coverage will be provided if a Person Insured experienced symptoms or sought Medical Care for a medical condition within the three month period immediately prior to the travel departure date, which results in a medical Emergency during the travel period.

Coverage may be provided for pre-existing medical conditions provided the medical condition is Stable prior to travel and medical attention is not anticipated or foreseen during the travel period.

Empire Life reserves the right to request clinical notes and records from the Person Insured's primary care Physician or any other health care professional who provided Medical Care to the Person Insured.

#### **Limitations and Exclusions – Out of Province of Residence Coverage**

Travel for the purpose of receiving Medical Care is excluded, even on the recommendation of a medical advisor, subject to the Out of Province of Residence – Referral Coverage section.

A Person Insured must be insured under a Government Health Insurance Plan for the duration of the travel period. It is the responsibility of the Person Insured to inquire prior to his departure whether his Government Health Insurance Plan coverage is extended for the duration of his travel period.

Coverage under this benefit is limited to amounts that are in excess of those covered by the Government Health Insurance Plan.

This Out of Province of Residence Coverage is a secondary plan which means coverage under this benefit is limited to amounts that are in excess of all other coverage provided under any other plan or insurance that provides similar benefits. Benefits will be coordinated with any other plans in

accordance with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Guideline G17, so claims paid do not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the allowable expenses paid.

The Travel Emergency Assistance Program services will apply only to designated countries which may change from time to time. It is the **responsibility of the Person Insured to inquire** prior to his departure whether services are provided in a specific country.

Empire Life assumes no responsibility for any medical or legal advice given to or for the benefit of a Person Insured; such advice includes, but is not limited to, medical or legal advice given by any Physician, health care professional, paralegal and/or lawyer.

Empire Life will not be liable for the negligence or wrongful acts or omissions of any other person or entity providing direct service to or for the benefit of a Person Insured in accordance with the above services, including but not limited to any Physician, health care professional, paralegal and/or lawyer.

No coverage is provided for any Emergency related to i) a pregnancy or delivery including infant care, after the 32<sup>nd</sup> week of pregnancy, or, ii) the deliberate inducement of a miscarriage.

No coverage is provided for any Emergency during a pregnancy if the Person Insured's medical history indicated a higher than normal risk of an early delivery or complications.

No coverage is provided for any Eligible Expense for continuing Medical Care, recurrence or complication relating to a condition or conditions incurred while a Person Insured is travelling outside their province of residence, if (i) it has been determined by a medical advisor that the Person Insured was deemed medically fit to return to his province of residence, and (ii) the Person Insured refuses to travel to their province of residence for Medical Care and/or chooses to continue with their travel plans.

There must be a minimum of 90 continuous days between the date a Person Insured returns to his province of residence before again travelling outside his province of residence; otherwise, no payment will be made for any Medical Care, recurrence, continuation or complication of any medical condition for which a claim payment was made for such medical condition, during the immediate previous trip out of province.

No coverage is provided for any medical condition for which symptoms were ignored or for which medical advice was not followed or the recommended Medical Care was not carried out.

No coverage is provided for Medical Care for any Accident sustained by a Person Insured while participating in a dangerous sport or activity. Dangerous sports and activities include, but are not limited to: off-trail skiing and snowboarding, bobsled, luge, skeleton, motor vehicle racing, obstacle jumping, rock climbing, mountain climbing, parachuting, gliding, hang-gliding, skydiving, bungee jumping, canyoning, scuba diving without certification, spelunking, any sport or activity for which remuneration is provided, any sport or activity for which money prizes are awarded, and any extreme sport or activity. This limitation does not apply to sports and activities normally offered to members of the general public without requiring any special qualifications or training.

No coverage is provided for Medical Care for any Accident that results from the operation of a Motorized Vehicle while a Person Insured's ability to drive is impaired as a direct result of Substance Abuse or while having drug or alcohol levels that exceed the maximum levels allowable by law in the jurisdiction where the Accident occurred. Substance Abuse includes, but is not limited to: (i) the abuse of medication (prescribed or non-prescribed), drugs or alcohol; (ii) the use of illegal or experimental drugs or products; (iii) any other drug addiction or substance abuse disorder; and (iv) any condition arising from the abuse of such medication, drugs or alcohol.

For clarity, the Limitations and Exclusions section of the general Extended Health Benefit Provision also apply to the Out of Province of Residence Coverage.

## DENTAL BENEFIT

### AMOUNTS AND LIMITS

You are not required to use a specific dentist or dental clinic; you are free to use the dentist of your choice provided the dentist and any person duly qualified to perform any of the services rendered (e.g. dental hygienist) is not insured for benefits under this Plan nor related by blood or marriage.

This benefit reimburses you for charges incurred by you or your dependants (if applicable) for dental services, subject to any deductible, coinsurance and maximum benefit that may apply as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits. To assist you in knowing exactly what dental procedures are covered by the Plan, the procedures are tabulated below according to the Canadian Dental Association Procedure Coding System, which is well known to any Dental Practitioner. To be eligible for reimbursement, the charges for these items must:

- be not in excess of the suggested Dental Fee Guide as shown on the Schedule of Benefits except if rendered by a Dental Mechanic or Dental Hygienist, then not in excess of the official Fee Guide for Dental Mechanics or Dental Hygienists, if applicable;
- be incurred while you are insured;
- be Reasonable and Customary;
- be recommended as necessary by a Physician, Dentist, or Oral Surgeon;
- be rendered by a Physician, Dentist, Oral Surgeon or Dental Assistant under the direct supervision of a Dentist, Oral Surgeon or Physician, or be rendered by a Dental Mechanic or Dental Hygienist.

All eligible charges **must be submitted** within the time period described in "Payment of Claims".

### TREATMENT PLAN

When the cost of a proposed treatment is expected to exceed \$300 or involves Orthodontic Services, we strongly recommend that a Treatment Plan be submitted before any treatment is started. The Treatment Plan is prepared by your dentist and outlines the treatment required as well as the cost of the proposed treatment. Empire Life will then identify any limitations, deductibles, coinsurance or maximum limits that may apply and thus avoid any misunderstanding as to the extent of your coverage. If you do not proceed with treatment within 90 days another Treatment Plan should be submitted.

### DEDUCTIBLE

The Benefit Period Deductible Amount, if any, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits page is the amount that you are responsible for, in each Benefit Period, before Dental Benefits are payable under this Plan. Orthodontic Services, if insured, do not require a Deductible amount.

### COINSURANCE

The Coinsurance Amount, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits page, is the percentage of eligible expenses paid by your Plan less the Deductible Amount, if any.

### MAXIMUM BENEFITS

The Schedule of Benefits describes the Maximum Benefit for each of the various levels of coverage. Maximums per Benefit Period are the maximum amounts payable per person for you and your Insured Dependants (if applicable) in each Benefit Period, except for Orthodontic Services if included, which has a Lifetime Maximum as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.



The maximum benefit payable for all benefits, excluding any Orthodontic benefits, will be limited to \$250 if you are late entering the Plan during the first 12 months of coverage. If Orthodontic Services are included in your Plan, the maximum benefit payable for these services will be \$300 during the first 3 years of coverage when you are late entering the Plan and when you are otherwise entitled to these benefits.

## **DEPENDANTS**

Dependants eligible for Dental Benefits are your spouse or common-law spouse, and unmarried wholly dependent children not yet 22 (or 26 if full-time students) or wholly dependent children of any age if mentally or physically handicapped (please see your Plan Administrator for details to extend coverage for handicapped dependants).

There must be a minimum and continuous cohabitation period of 1 year(s) before a common-law spouse is recognized. Upon written request, your common-law spouse will be eligible immediately if a child is born to you and your common-law spouse.

Dependants must reside in Canada to qualify for benefits. However, children who are temporarily residing in the United States because they are attending an accredited academic institution will also be eligible for benefits provided they are insured under a Government of Canada Health Insurance Plan.

## **OUTSIDE OF CANADA COVERAGE**

While travelling outside the country, this coverage will apply for the services of a duly qualified dentist, subject to the maximums and coinsurance factor, and/or deductibles as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits page. Non emergency dental care will be subject to the current Provincial Dental Association fee guide. Emergency dental care is not subject to this limitation. These benefits include coverage for pre-existing conditions.

## **SURVIVORS' DENTAL BENEFITS**

In the event of your death while you are insured for dental benefits under this Plan, the insurance for your surviving insured dependants at your death will continue in force without premium payment but not beyond the earliest of:

- a) the date of remarriage of the surviving spouse
- b) the period indicated on the Schedule of Benefits from your death
- c) the date of death of the survivor
- d) the date that the survivor no longer qualifies as a dependant, if a child.

This coverage will be provided even if the group Policy should terminate after your death.

## **LIMITATIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

When alternate courses of treatment are available to attain a desired result, the amount of eligible expense will be based on the least expensive course of treatment that will produce a professionally adequate result.

No payment will be made for dental care expenses resulting from:

- suicide, attempted suicide, or intentional self-inflicted injury;
- the voluntary or intentional inhalation or administration of drugs, poison, poisonous substances, gas or fumes;
- services, supplies or treatment for which benefits are payable under any other Benefit Provision of this Policy;

- services, supplies or treatment resulting from insurrection, war, invasion, enemy acts, civil war, rebellion, revolution, military power, usurped power or hostilities of any kind, whether war is declared or not;
- services, supplies or treatment resulting from any armed conflict or service in the armed forces;
- services, supplies or treatment resulting from voluntary participation in a riot or any disturbance of the public order; or
- services, supplies or treatment for which the person insured is entitled to indemnity or compensation in accordance with the provisions of any workplace safety legislation (e.g. Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997) or similar legislation;
- services, supplies or treatment payable in whole or in part by a government under any Government Health Insurance Plan (or which would have been payable had the person insured been insured thereunder or had proper application been made);
- services, supplies or treatment to the extent that the applicable government jurisdiction prohibits the payment of any benefits;
- services, supplies or treatment resulting from participation in or attempt to participate in, a criminal offence, under any applicable law, whether or not convicted of such offence;
- services, supplies or treatment provided by a dental or medical department maintained by an employer, an association, labour union, trustee or similar type of group;
- dental screening or examinations required for the use of a third party;
- broken appointments, transportation costs (including travelling time) of the practitioner, advice received by telephone or other means of telecommunication or the completion of claim forms required by this Provision;
- services, supplies or treatment, the charge for which the person insured is not legally required to pay or for which there is no charge or for which there would have been no charge but for the existence of insurance;
- services, supplies or treatment rendered for dietary or nutritional counselling for the control of dental caries or for dental plaque control;
- services, supplies or treatment which is not yet approved by the Canadian Dental Association or which is clearly experimental in nature;
- services, supplies or treatment which are not necessary according to generally accepted standards of dental practice;
- laboratory charges exceeding 50% of the fixed fee for the procedure in the Dental Association Fee Guide specified in the Schedule of Benefits;
- services, supplies or treatment of the type normally intended for sport or home use (i.e. mouthguards);
- services, supplies or treatment rendered for cosmetic purposes (as determined by Empire Life) including, but not limited to, facing or veneers on crowns, or pontics posterior to the second bicuspid and alterations, extractions or replacement of sound teeth to change appearance except when such services, supplies or treatment are necessitated by Accidental Dental Injury and are incurred within 365 days after the date of the injury;
- services, supplies or treatment rendered for the correction of any congenital or developmental malformation which is not a Class I, II or III malocclusion (including the replacement of congenital missing teeth);
- services, supplies or treatment rendered for a full mouth reconstruction, for a vertical dimension correction or for correction of a temporal mandibular joint dysfunction;
- services, supplies or treatment for the replacement of an existing prosthetic device or other appliance which has been lost, mislaid or stolen, including, but not limited to, fixed bridgework and removable partial or complete dentures;
- services, supplies or treatment to provide any duplicate prosthetic device or any other duplicate appliance;
- services, supplies or treatment performed in conjunction with a procedure that is not eligible for payment; or

- services, supplies or treatment that were received or purchased from a provider that is not approved by Empire Life

## **ELIGIBLE CHARGES**

This Plan will cover the dental procedures outlined on the following pages up to the level of the Provincial Dental Association fee guide as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits. To assist you in knowing exactly what dental procedures are covered by the Plan, the following procedures are for a Plan with a current year fee guide.

## **TABLE OF DENTAL CODES**

The following is a brief explanation of the Dental Code Table which follows. Please read before proceeding to the next page.

The number of procedure codes listed will vary from the right side to the left side of the page. This does not indicate that there are fewer procedures eligible under any specific heading. It simply means, that the various Provincial Dental Associations have chosen to use several codes whereas the Quebec Dental Association has chosen to use only one code to indicate the same procedure.

Certain benefits have upper limits. These limitations are indicated by a number located in the centre of the page opposite the code(s) with an upper limit. All codes within the asterisk are subject to the limitation as indicated in the Legend. An explanation of the number is in the Legend.

LEGEND:

1. Once in 24 months.
2. Two during a Benefit Period separated by the number of months as indicated under Dental Recall Frequency on the Schedule of Benefits.
- 2a. Any combination of two Exams during a benefit period.
3. Only as a diagnostic aid.
4. Limited to dependant children (if applicable) under age 15, one application only per tooth while insured.
5. Maximum 8 units during a Benefit Period.
6. Only in conjunction with oral surgery, periodontal surgery, fractures and dislocations.
7. Only Insured Dependants age 15 or under (if applicable), or in conjunction with oral or periodontal surgery, fractures and dislocations.
9. Reimbursement for only one surgical procedure in the same area of the mouth on the same day.
- 10a. Reimbursement up to the cost of an uncomplicated root canal if incurred more than 1 year from initial treatment and if procedure is not performed by original Dentist.
- 10b. Reimbursement up to the cost of an uncomplicated apicoectomy/apical curettage if incurred more than 1 year from initial treatment and if procedure is not performed by original Dentist.
- 10c. Eligible on permanent teeth only.
11. Once during a Benefit Period.
12. Only Insured Dependants age 15 or under (if applicable).
13. Reimbursement up to the cost of non-bonded amalgams.
14. Maximum units during a Benefit Period.
- 14b. Maximum of \$300 per Benefit Period.
15. Reimbursement up to the cost of non-bonded amalgam/composite core.
16. Reimbursement up to the cost of a standard denture.
17. One occurrence twice per Benefit Period, separated by the number of months as indicated under Dental Recall Frequency on the Schedule of Benefits.
18. Reimbursement up to the cost of an apicoectomy and retro-filling.
19. Once during any 3 year period.
20. Some restrictions apply to the following procedures. **Prior approval strongly recommended.**
21. Only eligible in PEI.
22. Follow up visits restricted to 3 in the 3 months post insertion, eligible in British Columbia only.
23. Restricted to 1 visit in the 3 months post insertion, eligible in British Columbia only.
24. Two per lifetime.
25. Two per 12 month period.
26. One upper reline/rebase and one lower reline/rebase OR one combined upper/lower reline/rebase per 12 month period.
27. If a full mouth series has been performed, bitewing and occlusal x-rays are not eligible within 1 year for Insured Dependants (if applicable) up to the age of 15, or within 2 years per Person Insured age 15 and over.
28. Only one restoration per tooth surface is eligible during a 12 month period.

**ALL OTHER PROVINCES****QUEBEC****BASIC RESTORATIVE****DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

## Examinations

- a) 00011, 01011, 01101-01103 incl,  
01201
- b) 01202
- c) 01204, 01205, 01301, 01401,  
01501, 01601, 01701, 01801,  
01901, 49101, 49102, 49109
- d) 94101, 94102, 94301, 94302

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2.

2a.

- a) 01110, 01120,  
01130
- b) 01200, 01250
- c) 01300, 01400,  
01500, 01504,  
01600, 01902
- d) 94100, 94200,  
94400

Notwithstanding the above, if more than one of the codes listed in a), b) and c) above are incurred on any given date, then the suggested fee, as listed in the Dental Fee Guide, for the most expensive procedure will be the Maximum Insured Benefit for such examination codes.

## Consultations

- 05101-05104 incl, 05109,  
05201, 05202, 05209,  
93111, 93112, 93119

- 05101, 05200

## X-rays

- a) 02101, 02102, 02601
- b) 02141-02144 incl,
- c) \*02111-02125 incl,  
02131-02134 incl,  
02201-02204 incl,  
02301-02304 incl,  
02309, 02401, 02402, 02409,  
02411, 02412, 02419,  
02501-02504 incl, 02509,  
02701-02704 incl, 02751, 02752,  
02759, 02801, 02802, 02809\*\*

1.

2., 27

3. (\*to\*\* incl)

27.

- a) 02600
- b) 02141-02144 incl,
- c) \*02111-02116 incl,  
02131, 02132,  
02201, 02202,  
02304, 02400,  
02430, 02504,  
02701, 02702\*\*

## Tests &amp; Laboratory Examinations

- \*04101, 04201\*\*
- 04311, 04312, 04321, 04322,  
04501, 04507, 04509, 04602

11 (\*to\*\* incl)

- \*04100, 04201\*\*
- 03100, 04302,  
04311

**PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

## Polishing

- \*11101-11103 incl,  
11107, 11109\*\*

17 (\*to\*\* incl)

- \*11100, 11200,  
11300\*\*

## Scaling and / or Root Planing

- \*11111-11117 incl, 11119
- 43421-43427 incl, 43429\*\*

14. (\*to\*\* incl)

14b.

- \*43411-43414 incl,  
43417, 43419\*\*
- 42000, 42001

12103, 12110, 12111 12112, 12113	Fluoride Treatment 2.	12400, 12410
*13211-13214 incl, 13217, 13219, 13231, 13232, 13237, 13239**	Oral Hygiene Instruction 24. (*to** incl)	13200, 13210
13401, 13409	Pit and Fissure Sealants 4.	13401, 13404
20111, 20119, 20121, 20129, 20131, 20139	Caries/Pain Control	20111, 20121, 20131
13701-13704 incl, 13709, 16201-16204 incl, 16209	Interproximal Discing of Teeth	13700
*15101-15105 incl, 15201, 15202, 15301, 15302, 15401, 15403, 15601**	Space Maintainers 12. (*to** incl)	*15108 -15111 incl, 15120, 15200, 15210, 15400**
*16511-16514 incl, 16519, 43311-43314 incl, 43317, 43319**	Occlusal Equilibration 5. (*to** incl)	*43300, 43310**
<b>MINOR RESTORATIVE SERVICES</b>		
21111-21115 incl, 21211-21215 incl, 21221-21225 incl	Amalgam Restorations 28. (*to** incl)	21101-21105 incl, 21211-21215 incl, 21221-21225 incl
*21121-21125 incl, 21231-21235 incl, 21241-21245 incl**	Bonded Amalgams 13. (*to** incl) 28. (*to** incl)	*21121-21125 incl, 21231-21235 incl, 21241-21245 incl**
21401-21405 incl	Retentive Pins	21301-21304 incl
22201, 22211, 22401, 22411, 22601, 22611	Stainless Steel, Plastic & Porcelain Crowns on Primary Teeth	22201, 22211, 22401, 22411

## Acrylic or Composite Restorations

23101-23105 incl,  
23111-23115 incl  
23211-23215 incl, 23221-23225 incl,  
23311-23315 incl, 23321-23325 incl,  
23401-23405 incl, 23411-23415 incl,  
23501-23505 incl, 23511-23515 incl

28. (\*to\*\* incl)

23111-23115 incl,  
23118,  
23211-23215 incl,  
23221-23225 incl,  
23311-23315 incl,  
23411-23415 incl

## MINOR SURGICAL SERVICES

### Extractions

71101, 71109, 71201, 71209,  
71210, 71211, 71219, 72111,  
72119, 72211, 72219, 72221,  
72229, 72231, 72239

71101, 71111,  
72100, 72110,  
72210, 72220,  
72230, 72240  
72350

### Residual Root Removal

72311, 72319, 72321,  
72329, 72331, 72339

72300, 72310,  
72320

### Miscellaneous surgical services

72801, 72802, 72809

### Anaesthesia

6. (\*to\*\* incl)

\*92212-92219 incl,  
92221-92229 incl,  
92302-92309 incl,  
92441-92449 incl,  
92451-92459 incl,\*\*  
92431-92439 incl

92224, 92229,  
\*92331-92339 incl,\*\*

21.

**Not Applicable  
in Quebec**

\*92411-92419 incl,  
92421-92429 incl,  
92431-92439 incl,  
92461-92469 incl\*\*

7. (\*to\*\* incl)

\*92311-92319 incl,  
92421-92429 incl\*\*

## DENTURE SERVICES

### Minor Adjustments

54201-54202 incl, 54209

54250, 54251

### Repairs

25.

55101, 55102, 55201-55203 incl,  
55301, 55302, 55401-55403 incl,  
55501, 55509, 56611, 56612,  
56619, 56621

55101-55104 incl,  
55201-55204 incl,  
55520, 55530,  
55700

Rebasing and/or Relining  
26.

56211-56213 incl,  
56221-56223 incl,  
56231-56233 incl,  
56241-56243 incl,  
56251-56253 incl,  
56261-56263 incl,  
56311-56313 incl,  
56321-56323 incl,  
56331-56333 incl,  
56511-56513 incl,  
56521-56523 incl

56200, 56201,  
56210, 56211,  
56220-56222 incl,  
56230-56232 incl,  
56260-56263 incl,  
56270-56273 incl,  
56280, 56290

**PERIODONTICS-ENDODONTICS**

**PERIODONTAL SERVICES**

Non-Surgical Services

41211-41214 incl, 41219,  
41231-41234 incl, 41239,  
41301, 41302, 41309

41200, 41300,  
42002

Surgical Services  
9. (\* to\*\* incl)

\*42111, 42201, 42311, 42411,  
42421, 42431, 42511, 42521,  
42531, 42551, 42552, 42591, 42592,  
42611, 42621, 42701-42703 incl,  
42711, 42712, 42811,  
42821-42823 incl, 42829, 73411\*\*

\*42003, 42010, 42100,  
42200, 42300, 42301,  
42400, 42560, 42561,  
42570, 42575, 42611,  
42711, 73381\*\*,  
42700

Adjunctive Services  
19. (\*to\*\* incl)

\*14611, 14612, 43611, 43612\*\*  
14621-14623 incl, 14629,  
14631, 14632, 43111,  
43211, 43281, 43289,  
43621-43623 incl,  
43629, 43631, 43632

\*43611, 43612\*\*  
43200, 43211, 43295,  
43300, 43622, 43631

**ENDODONTIC SERVICES**

Vital Pulpotomy

32231, 32232

32201, 32202, 32204,  
32205, 32210

Root Canal Therapy  
10c (\*to\*\* incl)

\*33111-33114 incl, 33116,  
33121-33124 incl, 33126,  
33131-33134 incl, 33136,  
33141-33144 incl, 33146\*\*

\*33100-33102 incl,  
33200-33202 incl,  
33300-33302 incl,  
33400-33402 incl,  
33475\*\*

\*33115, 33125,  
33135, 33145\*\*

\*33110, 33210,  
33310, 33410\*\*

Apexification  
12.

33601-33604 incl,  
33611-33614 incl

33521-33524 incl,  
33531-33534 incl,  
33541-33544 incl



33621-33624 incl	18.	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
	Periapical Services	
34111, 34112, 34121-34123 incl, 34131-34134 incl, 34141, 34142, 34151-34153 incl, 34161-34164 incl, 34211, 34212, 34221-34224 incl, 34231-34234 incl, 34241, 34242, 34251-34254 incl, 34261-34264 incl, 34411, 34412, 34511, 34521-34523 incl *34311, 34312, 34321-34324 incl, 34331-34334 incl, 34341, 34342, 34351-34354 incl, 34361-34364 incl**	10b. (*to** incl)	34101-34104 incl, 34111, 34112, 34114, 34115, 34201-34203 incl, 34212, 34215, 34401, 34402, 34511, 34524  *34171, 34172, 34174, 34175**
	Emergency Procedures	
32221, 32222, 32311-32314 incl, 32321, 32322, 34421-34423 incl, 39201, 39202, 39211, 39212, 76941, 76949, 76951, 76952, 76959		32101, 39201, 39202, 39901-39904 incl, 39970, 39981, 39985
	Other Procedures	
39101, 39311-39313 incl, 39319, 39411-39413 incl		39100, 39110, 39120, 39230, 39410
<b>MAJOR SURGICAL SERVICES</b>		
	Surgical Exposure	
72511, 72519, 72521, 72529, 72531, 72532, 72539		72410-72412 incl
	Transplantation	
72611, 72619		72430
	Repositioning	
72631, 72639		72440
	Enucleation	
72711, 72719		72450
	Alveoloplasty	
73111, 73121		73100, 73110
	Gingivoplasty and/or Stomatoplasty	
73211, 73221, 73222, 73223		73123
	Osteoplasty	
73152-73154 incl, 73161		73133-73135 incl, 73140

74111-74118 incl, 74121-74128 incl, 74211-74218 incl, 74221-74228 incl, 74621, 74631-74638 incl	Surgical Excision	74108, 74109, 74408, 74409, 74410
75111, 75112, 75121	Surgical Incision	75100, 75110
76201-76204 incl, 76301-76304 incl, 76911-76913 incl, 76961-76963 incl	Fractures	76210, 76310, 76910-76913 incl, 76950, 76951
77801-77806 incl, 78102	Frenectomy	77801-77803 incl, 78110
79111, 79311-79313 incl, 79321, 79322, 79331, 79342, 79343, 79402, 79601-79606 incl	Miscellaneous Surgical Services	79104, 79301, 79303-79308 incl, 79400, 79401, 79601, 79602
96201, 96202	Adjunctive Services (Drugs)	79651, 79652

## MAJOR RESTORATIVE

Initial appliances (e.g. dentures) are only covered if a permanent, functional natural tooth is extracted while you are insured for this level of coverage under this Plan (or under the plan which this Plan replaces). Replacement appliances are covered if:

- the existing appliance cannot be made serviceable and is at least five years old; or
- the transitional dentures/crown or bridgework are replaced by a permanent prosthesis within 12 months of installation, otherwise the temporary denture/crown or bridgework are considered a permanent prostheses subject to the Policy Limitations; or
- required because of an Accidental Dental Injury, after the date you become insured; or
- required due to the installation of an initial opposing denture after the date you become insured; or
- the extraction of an additional permanent, functional natural tooth makes the existing appliance unserviceable. If the existing appliance could have been made serviceable, only the expense for that portion of the replacement appliance which replaces the teeth extracted after the date you became insured will be deemed to be an Eligible Expense.

Procedures involving the use of gold will only be considered an eligible expense if treatment could not have been rendered at a lower cost by means of a reasonable substitute.

### ALL OTHER PROVINCES

### QUEBEC

25511, 25521, 25531, 25601-25605 incl**	Onlays	25300, 25521, 25601-25604 incl**
*22301, 22311, 22501, 22511, 25711-25713 incl, 25721-25723 incl, 25731-25733 incl, 27111, 27113, 27121, 27131, 27201, 27202, 27211-27213 incl, 27222, 27301, 27302, 27311, 27312, 27511, 27519, 42341, 42451** *25761-25766*	Crowns 20. (*to** incl)	22201, *22311, 22501, 22511, 27100, 27130, 27140, 27200, 27210, 27300, 27310, 27501, 27503, 27700, 27701, 27710, 42451**
	15. (*to** incl)	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
*51101-51103 incl, 51301-51303 incl, 51601-51603 incl, 51611-51613 incl**	Denture Complete - Standard 20. (*to** incl)	*51100, 51110, 51120, 51300, 51310, 51320, 51600, 51610, 51620**
*51201-51203 incl**	Equilibrated 16, 20 (*to** incl)	*51201-51203 incl**

*52101-52103 incl, 52111-52113 incl, 52121-52123 incl, 52201, 52202, 52211, 52212, 52301-52303 incl, 52311-52313 incl, 52401-52403 incl, 52511, 52512, 53101-53104 incl, 53111-53113 incl, 53201-53203 incl, 53301, 53302, 53304, 53401-53403 incl, 53611-53613 incl**	Denture Partial - Standard 20. (*to** incl)	*52101-52103 incl, 52120, 52121, 52129, 52230, 52231, 52232, 52400, 52410, 52420, 52500, 52510, 52520, 52531, 52542, 52600, 52610, , 52620, 59101, 59102**
*53131-53133 incl, 53221-53223 incl**	Equilibrated 16, 20. (*to** incl)	*52532, 52543, 53131-53133 incl, 53221-53223 incl**
73511, 73521	Dentures 20.	73360, 73361
*59201, 59202, 59211, 59212, 59301, 59302, 59511, 59512, 59521, 59522, 59531, 59532**	Partial Upper and Lower Dentures fabricated - in conjunction with a Denturist 22.	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
58411	Dentures, Complete and Partial in conjunction with a Denturist 22.	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
58901	Examination and Diagnosis 23.	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
*62101, 62102, 62103, 62107, 62108, 62501, 62502, 62701-62704 incl**	Bridges (Fixed) - pontics 20 (*to** incl)	*62100, 62502, 62510, 62700, 62701, 62702**
*67202, 67212, 67302, 67312, 67321, 67322, 67331, 67341**	Bridges (Fixed) - retainers - inlays and onlays 20 (*to** incl)	*65500, 65510**

66111-66113 incl, 66119, 66211-66214 incl, 66219, 66221-66225 incl, 66229, 66301-66304 incl, 66309	Bridges (Fixed) – repairs	66600, 66611, 66612, 66620
*67121, 67201, 67211, 67217, 67218, 67221, 67301, 67311, 67312, 67317, 67318, 67501, 67502**	Bridges (Fixed) – retainers 20 (*to** incl)	*67100, 67101, 67105, 67107, 67200, 67210, 67410, 67600, 67711-67713 incl, 67721-67723 incl, 69300**
69201, 69301-69305 incl, 69701, 69702	Bridges (Fixed) - other services	
*21302, 23602**	Bonded Core Buildup in Conjunction with Crown 15. (*to** incl)	<b>Not Applicable in Quebec</b>
21301, 23601, 25731-25733 incl, 25741-25743 incl, 25751-25756 incl, 25781-25784 incl, 25789, 29101-29103 incl, 29109, 29301-29303 incl	Other Restorative Services	20161, 27731-27734 incl, 27739, 29100, 29180, 29301, 29302, 29501-29503 incl, 29600

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