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## Welcome to Your Group Benefit Program

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

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

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

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# Benefit Summary

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

## Employee Life Insurance

**The Employee Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.**

*Employee Life  
Insurance*

**Benefit Amount** - 3 times your annual earnings, to a maximum of \$800,000

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates at age 65 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

## Accidental Death and Dismemberment

**The Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.**

*Accidental Death and  
Dismemberment*

**Benefit Amount** - 3 times your annual earnings, to a maximum of \$800,000

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates at age 65 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

## Extended Health Care

***The Benefit***

*Extended Health Care  
Extended Health Care -  
The Benefit*

**Overall Benefit Maximum** - Unlimited

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

Not applicable to:

Vision

Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment

**Note:** *The deductible is not applicable to Emergency Travel Assistance.*

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

80% of the first \$1,000 of paid expenses and 100% thereafter for

- Hospital Care
- Drugs
- Medical Services & Supplies
- Professional Services

100% for

- Vision

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**Note:**

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

*The Benefit Percentage for Emergency Travel Assistance is 100%.*

**Termination Age** - the last day of the month following the month of the employee's retirement

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

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

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

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

life-sustaining drugs

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

non-prescription iron supplements

sclerotherapy

oral contraceptives for reasons other than prevention of pregnancy

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

*Charges for the following expenses are not covered:*

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

fertility drugs

anti-smoking drugs

drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction

intrauterine devices and diaphragms

preventative vaccines and medications (oral or injected)

### **- Drug Maximums**

Sclerotherapy - \$20 per visit

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited

**- Drug Maximums**

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## **- Payment of Covered Expenses**

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

Covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lowest cost generic equivalent product that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary.

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

## **- No Substitution Prescriptions**

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

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

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

## **Payment of Drug Claims**

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

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

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

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

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

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

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

*- Payment of Covered Expenses*

*- No Substitution Prescriptions*

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## ***Vision Care***

### ***Extended Health Care - Vision Care***

eye exams, \$75 per 24 consecutive months

purchase and fitting of prescription glasses (excluding prescription sunglasses or safety goggles) or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a maximum of \$425 per 24 consecutive months

if contact lenses are required to treat a severe condition, or if vision in the better eye can be improved to a 20/40 level with contact lenses but not with glasses, the maximum payable will be \$150 per lifetime

## ***Professional Services***

### ***Extended Health Care - Professional Services***

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

Chiropractor - \$200 per calendar year, limited to a maximum of \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, combined with naturopath, subject to an overall maximum of \$500 per family per calendar year, combined with naturopath. Charges for x-rays are not eligible.

Podiatrist/Chiropodist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited. Charges for x-rays are not eligible.

Massage Therapist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited

Naturopath - \$200 per calendar year, limited to a maximum of \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, combined with chiropractor, subject to an overall maximum of \$500 per family per calendar year, combined with chiropractor. Lab fees are not subject to the per visit maximum.

Physiotherapist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited

Recommendation by a physician for Professional Services is not required, except for services of a massage therapist, which requires a recommendation once every 6 months.

## **Dental Care**

### ***Dental Care Dental Care - The Benefit***

### ***The Benefit***

**Deductible** - Nil

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

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

- 100% for Level I - Basic Services
- 100% for Level II - Supplementary Basic Services
- 60% for Level III - Dentures

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- 60% for Level IV - Major Restorative Services

- 50% for Level V - Orthodontics

## **Benefit Maximums**

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

- \$2,000 per lifetime for Level V

**Termination Age** - the last day of the month following the month of the employee's retirement

## **Long Term Disability**

**The Long Term Disability Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.**

*Long Term Disability*

**Benefit Amount** - 60% of monthly earnings, to a maximum of \$12,000

**Qualifying Period** - 3 months prior to the attainment of age 65

**Maximum Benefit Period** - to age 65

**Termination Age** - age 65 less the Qualifying Period, or retirement, whichever is earlier

# How to Use Your Benefit Booklet

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## ***Designed with Your Needs in Mind***

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

***Your Benefit Booklet includes...***

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

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

a clear, concise explanation of your Group Benefits,

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

## ***Important Note***

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

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

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

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

the Group Policy and/or Plan Document,

your application for group benefits, and

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



# How to Use Your Benefit Booklet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Your Group Benefit  
Card***

# Explanation of Commonly Used Terms

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

## **Administrator**

**Administrator**

Manulife Financial

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

**Benefit Percentage  
(Co-insurance)**

the percentage of Covered Expenses which is payable by Manulife Financial, on behalf of your employer.

## **Covered Expenses**

**Covered Expenses**

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

## **Deductible**

**Deductible**

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

## **Dependent**

**Dependent**

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

### **- Spouse**

your legal spouse, or a person continuously living with you in a role like that of a marriage partner for at least 12 months.

### **- Child**

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

- unmarried
- under age 21, or under age 25 if a full-time student
- not employed on a full-time basis, and
- not eligible for coverage as an employee under this or any other Group Benefit Program

# Explanation of Commonly Used Terms

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

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

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

a stepchild must be living with you to be eligible

a newborn child shall become eligible from the moment of birth

## ***Drug***

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

***Drug***

## ***Earnings***

your regular rate of pay from your employer (prior to deductions), excluding regular bonuses, regular overtime pay, regular commissions, retroactive adjustments or other additional compensation.

***Earnings***

For the purposes of determining the amount of your benefit at the time of claim, your earnings will be the lesser of:

the amount reported on your claim form, or

the amount reported by your employer to Manulife Financial and for which premiums have been paid.

## ***Experimental or Investigational***

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

***Experimental or Investigational***

## ***Immediate Family Member***

for the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, a person who is at least 18 years of age who is your son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law (all of the above include natural, adopted or step relationships), spouse, grandson, granddaughter, grandmother or grandfather.

***Immediate Family Member***

for Extended Health Care and Dental Care Benefits, you, your spouse or child, your parent or your spouse's parent, your brother or sister, or your spouse's brother or sister.

# Explanation of Commonly Used Terms

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

***Licensed, Certified,  
Registered***

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

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

***Life-Sustaining Drugs***

drugs which are necessary for the survival of the patient.

## ***Medically Necessary***

***Medically Necessary***

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

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

***Non-Evidence Limit***

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

## ***Provincial Plan***

***Provincial Plan***

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

## ***Qualifying Period***

***Qualifying Period***

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

## ***Reasonable and Customary***

***Reasonable and  
Customary***

the lowest of:

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

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

the maximum price established by law.

## ***Take Home Pay (Net Earnings)***

***Take Home Pay (Net  
Earnings)***

your earnings, less deductions normally made for federal and provincial income tax.

## ***Waiting Period***

***Waiting Period***

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

## ***Ward***

***Ward***

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

# Why Group Benefits?

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

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

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

## **Your Employer's Representative**

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

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

Your Employer's Representative is _____
Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

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

## **Applying for Group Benefits**

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

## **Making Changes**

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

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

*Why Group Benefits?*

*Your Employer's Representative*

*Applying for Group Benefits*

*Making Changes*

# The Claims Process

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## ***Naming a Beneficiary***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Claim Payment***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# The Claims Process

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Plan means:

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

Plan does not include school insurance or Provincial Plans.

## Order of Benefit Payment

### *Order of Benefit Payment*

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

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

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

- For Claims incurred by you or your Dependent Spouse:

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

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

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

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- For Claims incurred by your Dependent Child:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

# Who Qualifies for Coverage?

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## **Eligibility**

### **Eligibility**

You are eligible for Group Benefits if you:

are an employee of Vancouver Island University,

are a regular member of CUPE local 1858 (including probationary employees) who:

- works at least 35 hours bi-weekly for Employee Life benefits, Extended Health and Dental benefits
- works at least 40 hours bi-weekly and has an appointment of at least 8 months per year for Long Term Disability benefits

are a temporary CUPE employee who

- has an appointment of at least five months for Extended Health and Dental benefits
- works at least 40 hours bi-weekly for Extended Health and Dental benefits

for Extended Health Care benefits, are covered under the Provincial Plan,

for Long Term Disability, are employed on a continuing basis of at least a 4 month period with 50% or more of a full-time workload as defined by local provisions,

are a member of an eligible class,

are younger than the Termination Age,

are residing in Canada, and

have completed the Waiting Period.

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

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

## **Medical Evidence**

### **Medical Evidence**

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

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

## **Effective Date of Coverage**

### **Effective Date of Coverage**

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

## Who Qualifies for Coverage?

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

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

Your dependent's coverage becomes effective on the date the dependent becomes eligible.

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

### ***Termination of Coverage***

Your Group Benefit coverage will terminate on the earliest of:

the date you cease to be an eligible employee

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

the date your employer terminates coverage

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

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

the date you reach the Termination Age

the date of your death

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

### ***Termination of Coverage***

# Your Group Benefits

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## Employee Life Insurance

### *Employee Life Insurance*

The Employee Life Insurance Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.

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

### *The Benefit*

### *Employee Life - The Benefit*

**Benefit Amount** - 3 times your annual earnings, to a maximum of \$800,000

**Non-Evidence Limit** - \$800,000

**Qualifying Period for Waiver of Premium** - 3 months prior to attainment of age 65

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates at age 65 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

**Waiting Period** - first day of the month coincident with or next following 1 month of employment

### *Naming a Beneficiary*

### *Employee Life Insurance - Naming a Beneficiary*

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

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

### *Submitting a Claim*

### *Employee Life Insurance - Submitting a Claim*

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

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

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

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

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

# Your Group Benefits

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## **Waiver of Premium**

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

**Employee Life  
Insurance - Waiver of  
Premium**

## **Definition of Totally Disabled**

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

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

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

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

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

**Employee Life  
Insurance - Totally  
Disabled**

## **Entitlement Criteria**

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

you must be continuously Totally Disabled throughout the Qualifying Period. If you cease to be Totally Disabled during this period and then become disabled again within 3 weeks due to the same or related illness or injury, your Qualifying Period will be extended by the number of days during which you ceased to be Totally Disabled

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

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

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

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

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

**Employee Life  
Insurance - Entitlement  
Criteria**

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## ***Termination of Waiver of Premium***

### ***Employee Life Insurance - Termination of Waiver of Premium***

Your Waiver of Premium will cease on the earliest of:

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

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

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

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

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

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

the date of your death

the date of your 65th birthday

## ***Recurrent Disability***

### ***Employee Life Insurance - Recurrent Disability***

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

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

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

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

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## ***Conversion Privilege***

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

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

***Employee Life  
Insurance - Conversion  
Privilege***

## **Accidental Death and Dismemberment**

**The Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.**

If you sustain an accidental injury while insured and suffer a loss specified in the Schedule of Losses below, this benefit provides financial assistance to you or your beneficiary. In the event of your death, the benefit is payable to your beneficiary. If your beneficiary dies before you or if there is no designated beneficiary, this benefit is payable to your estate. For losses other than Loss of Life, the benefit is payable to you.

***Accidental Death and  
Dismemberment***

### ***The Benefit***

**Aggregate Limit** - \$5,000,000

**Benefit Amount** - 3 times your annual earnings, to a maximum of \$800,000

**Qualifying Period for Waiver of Premium** - 3 months prior to attainment of age 65

**Termination Age** - your benefit amount terminates at age 65 or retirement, whichever is earlier.

**Waiting Period** - first day of the month coincident with or next following 1 month of employment

***AD&D - The Benefit***

### ***Schedule of Losses***

A loss shown in this schedule is covered provided it:

is a direct result of the accidental injury

occurs within 365 days from the date of the accidental injury

is total and irreversible or irrecoverable

***AD&D - Schedule of  
Losses***

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In the case of loss of speech or hearing, or loss of use of an arm, hand or leg, the loss must be continuous for 12 months and determined to be permanent, after which time the benefit is payable.

The amount payable for each loss is a percentage of your Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit amount which was in effect as of the date of the injury.

Loss of Life - 100%

Loss of or Loss of Use of Both Hands or Both Feet - 100%

Loss of Sight of Both Eyes - 100%

Loss of One Hand and One Foot - 100%

Loss of One Hand and Sight of One Eye - 100%

Loss of One Foot and Sight of One Eye - 100%

Loss of Hearing in Both Ears and Speech - 100%

Loss of or Loss of Use of One Arm or One Leg - 75%

Loss of or Loss of Use of One Hand or One Foot - 75%

Loss of Sight of One Eye - 75%

Loss of Speech or Hearing in Both Ears - 75%

Loss of Thumb and Index Finger or at least Four Fingers of One Hand - 33.33%

Loss of All Toes of One Foot - 25%

Loss of Hearing in One Ear - 25%

Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia - 200%

Only one percentage, the largest, will be paid for multiple losses to the same limb due to any one accident.

No more than 100% will be paid for all losses due to any one accidental Injury, except in the case of hemiplegia, paraplegia or quadriplegia, where the total amount paid will not exceed 200% (provided the benefit is paid while you are living).

## ***Exposure and Disappearance***

### ***AD&D - Exposure and Disappearance***

If a loss occurs due to unavoidable exposure to the elements, after a conveyance in which you were travelling made a forced landing, or was lost, wrecked, stranded or sank, a benefit will be payable for that loss. The amount payable will be determined in accordance with the Schedule of Losses.

If you disappear after a conveyance in which you were travelling made a forced landing, or was lost, wrecked, stranded or sank, a benefit for loss of life will be payable if your body is not found within 365 days after the incident occurred.



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## **Aggregate Limit**

*In no event will the amount paid for total lives exceed \$5,000,000.*

**AD&D - Aggregate  
Limit**

## **Rehabilitation Expenses**

If, as a direct result of an accidental injury, you suffer a loss specified in the Schedule of Losses and require participation in a formal rehabilitation program in order to return to gainful employment, Manulife Financial will pay incurred expenses, provided the expenses are:

**AD&D - Rehabilitation  
Expenses**

reasonable and necessary, as determined by Manulife Financial

incurred within a period of 3 years from the date of the accidental injury

The amount payable is subject to a maximum of \$15,000.

No amount will be paid for room and board expenses, or other living, travelling or clothing expenses.

## **Repatriation Expenses**

If you die as a direct result of an accidental injury which occurs while travelling, Manulife Financial will pay for expenses incurred for the preparation and transportation of your body to your place of residence.

**AD&D - Repatriation  
Expenses**

The amount payable is subject to a maximum of \$15,000.

## **Family Transportation Expenses**

If, as a direct result of an accidental injury, you suffer a loss specified in the Schedule of Losses and are confined to a hospital located within 150 kilometres from your normal place of residence, Manulife Financial will pay the hotel and travel expenses incurred by an immediate family member, provided the expenses are:

**AD&D - Family  
Transportation  
Expenses**

reasonable and necessary, as determined by Manulife Financial

for hotel accommodations in the vicinity of the hospital

for transportation by the most direct route to the hospital, including return fare

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 of \$0.20 per kilometre travelled.

The amount payable is subject to a maximum of \$10,000 per accident.

## **Dependent Education Expenses**

If you die as a direct result of an accidental injury, Manulife Financial will pay the tuition for each child who is enrolled as a full-time student:

**AD&D - Dependent  
Education Expenses**

in a school for higher learning above the secondary school level, or

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at the secondary school level, but who enrolls as a full-time student in a school for higher learning within 365 days after your death

A school for higher learning means any accredited university, private college, collèges d'enseignement général et professionnel (CEGEP), community college or trade school.

The maximum payable each year for each child is the lesser of:

5% of your Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit amount, or

\$5,000

The benefit is payable for up to a maximum of 4 years. If there are no children, an additional \$2,500 will be paid to your designated beneficiary.

No payment will be made for:

tuition expenses incurred prior to your death

room and board expenses, or other living, travelling or clothing expenses

## ***Spousal Occupational Training Expenses***

If you die as a direct result of an accidental injury and your spouse must participate in a formal occupational training program to become qualified for employment for which he or she would not otherwise have sufficient qualifications, Manulife Financial will pay for expenses incurred by your spouse, provided the expenses are:

reasonable and necessary, as determined by Manulife Financial

incurred within a period of 3 years from the date of the accidental injury

The amount payable is subject to a maximum of \$10,000.

No amount will be paid for room and board expenses, or other living, travelling or clothing expenses.

## ***Seat Belt Benefit***

If you die as a direct result of an accidental injury sustained while driving or riding in an automobile, Manulife Financial will pay an additional amount equal to 10% of your Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit, to a maximum of \$25,000, provided you were wearing your seat belt and it was properly fastened at the time of the accidental injury.

## ***Day-Care Expenses***

If you die as a direct result of an accidental injury, Manulife Financial will pay day-care expenses for each child under 13 years of age who is enrolled in a legally licensed day-care centre at the time of the accidental injury, or who becomes enrolled within 12 months from the date of your death.

### ***AD&D - Spousal Occupational Training Expenses***

### ***AD&D - Seat Belt Benefit***

### ***AD&D - Day-Care Expenses***

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The maximum payable each year for each child is the lesser of:

- 5% of your Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit amount, or
- \$10,000

The benefit is payable for up to a maximum of 4 years.

No payment will be made for:

- expenses incurred prior to your death
- room and board expenses, or other living, travelling or clothing expenses

## ***Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Expenses***

If, as a direct result of an accidental injury, you:

- suffer a loss of, or loss of use of, both feet or both legs, or
- become a hemiplegic, paraplegic, or quadriplegic

and require the use of a wheelchair to be ambulatory, Manulife Financial will pay for incurred expenses, provided the expenses are:

- reasonable and necessary, as determined by Manulife Financial
- incurred within 3 years from the date of the accidental injury
- for alterations to your home for the purpose of making it wheelchair accessible
- for modifications to one motor vehicle for the purpose of making it wheelchair accessible

The amount payable is subject to a maximum of \$10,000.

## ***Non-Duplication of Expenses***

Expenses which are eligible under this benefit and for which you are also eligible under any other benefit, policy, or plan providing similar coverage will be paid first under such other benefit, policy or plan. Any expenses not paid will then be considered under this benefit, subject to any stated maximum.

The total amount of payments from all coverages combined will not exceed 100% of the eligible expenses incurred.

## ***Naming a Beneficiary***

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

***AD&D - Home  
Alteration and Vehicle  
Modification Expenses***

***AD&D -  
Non-Duplication of  
Expenses***

***AD&D - Naming a  
Beneficiary***

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If you have not appointed a beneficiary under this policy, but you had appointed a beneficiary under a prior policy where you were covered prior to becoming covered under this policy, then the most recently appointed beneficiary under that prior policy is considered your beneficiary under this policy.

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

## ***Submitting a Claim***

### ***AD& D - Submitting a Claim***

To submit an Accidental Death Claim, your beneficiary must complete a Life Claim form.

To submit a Dismemberment Claim, you must complete an Accidental Dismemberment Claim form.

Both forms are available from your Plan Administrator, and require a physician's statement.

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

## ***Waiver of Premium***

### ***AD& D - Waiver of Premium***

If, while the Group Policy is in force, your Employee Life Insurance premium is waived because you are totally disabled, the premium for this benefit will also be waived. (See Employee Life Insurance...Waiver of Premium). Waiver of Premium for this benefit ceases if the benefit terminates.

## ***Exclusions***

### ***AD& D - Exclusions***

*No Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefits are payable if the loss results from:*

suicide or self-inflicted injuries

war or insurrection, the hostile actions of any armed forces, or participation in a riot or civil commotion

riding in, boarding or leaving, or descending from, any aircraft as a pilot, operator or member of the crew

riding in, boarding or leaving, or descending from, any aircraft which is owned, operated or leased by or on behalf of your employer

# Extended Health Care

### ***Extended Health Care***

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

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

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

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

## Drug Benefit for Quebec Residents

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

### *The Benefit*

**Overall Benefit Maximum** - Unlimited

*Extended Health Care -  
The Benefit*

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

Not applicable to:

Vision

Out-of-Province/Canada Emergency Medical Treatment

**Note:** *The deductible is not applicable to Emergency Travel Assistance.*

### **- Deductible Carry-Forward**

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

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

80% of the first \$1,000 of paid expenses and 100% thereafter for

- Hospital Care

- Drugs

- Medical Services & Supplies

- Professional Services

100% for

- Vision

### **Note:**

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

*The Benefit Percentage for Emergency Travel Assistance is 100%.*

**Termination Age** - the last day of the month following the month of the employee's retirement

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## **Waiting Period**

first day of the month following date of hire for employees hired on or prior to the Plan Document Effective Date

first day of the month following date of hire for all other employees

## **Covered Expenses**

### **Extended Health Care - Covered Expenses**

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

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

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

reasonable taking all factors into account

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

legally insurable

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

## **Advance Supply Limitation**

### **Extended Health Care - Advance Supply Limitation**

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

## **- Drug Expenses**

### **- Drug Expenses**

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

- a) the quantity prescribed by your physician or dentist, or
- b) a 90 day supply.

## **Hospital Care**

### **Extended Health Care - Hospital Care**

charges, in excess of the hospital's public ward charge, for private accommodation, provided:

- the person was confined to hospital on an in-patient basis, and
- the accommodation was specifically elected in writing by the patient

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

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

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

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

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

life-sustaining drugs

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

non-prescription iron supplements

sclerotherapy

oral contraceptives for reasons other than prevention of pregnancy

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

*Charges for the following expenses are not covered:*

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

fertility drugs

anti-smoking drugs

drugs used in the treatment of a sexual dysfunction

intrauterine devices and diaphragms

preventative vaccines and medications (oral or injected)

### **- Drug Maximums**

***- Drug Maximums***

Sclerotherapy - \$20 per visit

All other covered drug expenses - Unlimited

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

***- Payment of Covered  
Expenses***

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

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Covered expenses for any prescribed drug will not exceed the price of the lowest cost generic equivalent product that can legally be used to fill the prescription, as listed in the Provincial Drug Benefit Formulary.

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

## **- No Substitution Prescriptions**

### **- No Substitution Prescriptions**

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

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

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

## **Payment of Drug Claims**

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

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

To fill a prescription for covered drug expenses:

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

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

you cannot locate a participating Pay Direct Drug pharmacy

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

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

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



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## ***Vision Care***

eye exams, \$75 per 24 consecutive months

purchase and fitting of prescription glasses (excluding prescription sunglasses or safety goggles) or elective contact lenses, as well as repairs, or elective laser vision correction procedures, to a maximum of \$425 per 24 consecutive months

if contact lenses are required to treat a severe condition, or if vision in the better eye can be improved to a 20/40 level with contact lenses but not with glasses, the maximum payable will be \$150 per lifetime

***Extended Health Care -  
Vision Care***

## ***Professional Services***

Services provided by the following licensed practitioners:

Chiropractor - \$200 per calendar year, limited to a maximum of \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, combined with naturopath, subject to an overall maximum of \$500 per family per calendar year, combined with naturopath. Charges for x-rays are not eligible.

Podiatrist/Chiropodist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited. Charges for x-rays are not eligible.

Massage Therapist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited

Naturopath - \$200 per calendar year, limited to a maximum of \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, combined with chiropractor, subject to an overall maximum of \$500 per family per calendar year, combined with chiropractor. Lab fees are not subject to the per visit maximum.

Physiotherapist - \$10 per visit for the first 12 visits during any calendar year, thereafter unlimited

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

Recommendation by a physician for Professional Services is not required, except for services of a massage therapist, which requires a recommendation once every 6 months.

***Extended Health Care -  
Professional Services***

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

**Note: All expenses listed below are also subject to Reasonable and Customary limitations.**

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

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Medical Services and  
Supplies***

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## **Private Duty Nursing**

### **- Private Duty Nursing**

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

a registered nurse, or

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

Covered Expenses are subject to a maximum of \$25,000 per lifetime.

*Charges for the following services are not covered:*

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

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

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

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

### *Pre-Determination of Benefits*

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

## **Ambulance**

### **- Ambulance**

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

## **Medical Equipment**

### **- Medical Equipment**

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

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

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

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

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

external prostheses

surgical stockings/support hose, up to a maximum of \$80 per calendar year

surgical brassieres, up to a maximum of \$150 per calendar year

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

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stock-item orthopaedic shoes and modifications or adjustments to stock-item orthopaedic shoes or regular footwear, up to a maximum of 2 pairs per calendar year. A recommendation annually by one of the following is required: physician, podiatrist (DPM), chiropodist (D CH or D Pod M) or Dr B.D. Mitchell (Prosthetist, Orthotist, Pedorthist). In addition, the shoes must be dispensed by a physician, podiatrist (DPM), chiropodist (D CH or D Pod M), Dr B.D. Mitchell (Prosthetist, Orthotist, Pedorthist), Orthotist (Co(c) or CPO (c)) or Pedorthist (C Ped (C) or C Ped (MC))

custom-made shoes which are required because of a medical abnormality that, based on medical evidence, cannot be accommodated in a stock-item orthopaedic shoe or a modified stock-item orthopaedic shoe, up to a maximum of 1 pair per calendar year (must be constructed by a certified orthopaedic footwear specialist)

casted, custom-made orthotics, up to a maximum of 1 pair per calendar year, to a maximum of \$500 per 3 calendar years. A recommendation annually by one of the following is required: physician, podiatrist (DPM), chiropodist (D CH or D Pod M) or Dr B.D. Mitchell (Prosthetist, Orthotist, Pedorthist). In addition, the orthotics must be dispensed by a physician, podiatrist (DPM), chiropodist (D CH or D Pod M), Dr B.D. Mitchell (Prosthetist, Orthotist, Pedorthist), Orthotist (Co(c) or CPO (c)) or Pedorthist (C Ped (C) or C Ped (MC))

cost, installation, repair and maintenance of hearing aids, (excluding charges for batteries) to a maximum of \$600 in any 5 consecutive years

## **Other Supplies and Services**

## **- Other Supplies and Services**

ileostomy, colostomy and incontinence supplies

medicated dressings and burn garments

stump socks, to a maximum of \$200 per calendar year

synvisc, to a maximum of 9 injections per 12 months

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

oxygen

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

charges for the treatment of accidental injuries to natural teeth or jaw, provided the treatment is rendered within 12 months of the accident, excluding injuries due to biting or chewing

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

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

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

A Medical Emergency is

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Charges for the following are payable under this expense:*

physician's services

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

the cost of special hospital services

hospital charges for out-patient treatment

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

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

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

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

## ***Emergency Travel Assistance***

## ***Extended Health Care - Emergency Travel Assistance***

Emergency Travel Assistance is a travel assistance program available for you and your covered dependents. The assistance services are delivered through an international organization, specializing in travel assistance. The following services are provided, when required as a result of a medical emergency during the first 365 days while travelling outside your province of residence.

Details on your Emergency Travel Assistance benefit are provided below, as well as in your Emergency Travel Assistance brochure.

## **Medical Emergency Assistance**

A Medical Emergency is:

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

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

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

been treated or tested for any new symptoms or conditions

had an increase or worsening of any existing symptoms

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

been admitted to the hospital for treatment of the condition

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

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

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

### **a) 24-Hour Access**

Multilingual assistance is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through telephone (toll-free or call collect), telex or fax.

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b) **Medical Referral**

Referral to the nearest physician, dentist, pharmacist or appropriate medical facility, and verification of coverage, is provided.

c) **Claims Payment Service**

If a hospital or other provider of medical services requires a deposit or payment in full for services rendered, and the expenses exceed \$200 (Canadian), payment of such expenses will be arranged and claims co-ordinated on behalf of the covered person.

Payment and co-ordination of expenses will take into account the coverage that the covered person is eligible for under a Provincial Plan and this benefit. If such payments are subsequently determined to be in excess of the amount of benefits to which the covered person is entitled, the administrator shall have the right to recover the excess amount by assignment of Provincial Plan benefits and/or refund from you.

d) **Medical Care Monitoring**

Medical care and services rendered to the covered person will be monitored by medical staff who will maintain contact, as frequently as necessary, with the covered person, the attending physician, the covered person's personal physician and family.

e) **Medical Transportation**

If medically necessary, arrangements will be made to transfer a covered person to and from the nearest medical facility or to a medical facility in the covered person's province of residence. Expenses incurred for the medical transportation will be paid, as described under Medical Services and Supplies - Out-of-Province or Out-of-Canada.

If medically necessary for a qualified medical attendant to accompany the covered person, expenses incurred for round-trip transportation will be paid.

f) **Return of Dependent Children**

If dependent children are left unattended due to the hospitalization of a covered person, arrangements will be made to return the children to their home. The extra costs over and above any allowance available under pre-paid travel arrangements will be paid.

If necessary for a qualified escort to accompany the dependent children, expenses incurred for round-trip transportation will be paid.

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## g) **Trip Interruption/Delay**

If a trip is interrupted or delayed due to an illness or injury of a covered person, one-way economy transportation will be arranged to enable each covered person and a Travelling Companion (if applicable) to rejoin the trip or return home. Expenses incurred, over and above any allowance available under pre-paid travel arrangements will be paid.

A Travelling Companion is any one person travelling with the covered person, and whose fare for transportation and accommodation was pre-paid at the same time as the covered person's fare.

If the covered person chooses to rejoin the trip, further expenses incurred which are related directly or indirectly to the same illness or injury, will not be paid.

## h) **After Hospital Convalescence**

If a covered person is unable to travel due to medical reasons following discharge from a hospital, expenses incurred for meals and accommodation after the originally scheduled departure date will be paid, subject to the maximum shown in part l) of this provision.

## i) **Visit of Family Member**

Expenses incurred for round-trip economy transportation will be paid for an immediate family member to visit a covered person who, while travelling alone, becomes hospitalized and is expected to be hospitalized for longer than 7 days. The visit must be approved in advance by the administrator.

## j) **Vehicle Return**

If a covered person is unable to operate his owned or rented vehicle due to illness, injury or death, expenses incurred for a commercial agency to return the vehicle to the covered person's home or nearest appropriate rental agency will be paid, up to a maximum of \$1,000 (Canadian).

## k) **Identification of Deceased**

If a covered person dies while travelling alone, expenses incurred for round-trip economy transportation will be paid for an immediate family member to travel, if necessary, to identify the deceased prior to release of the body.

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## l) **Meals and Accommodation**

Under the circumstances described in parts f), g), h), i), and k) of this provision, expenses incurred for meals and accommodation will be paid, subject to a combined maximum of \$2,000 (Canadian) per medical emergency.

## **Non-Medical Assistance**

### a) **Return of Deceased to Province of Residence**

In the event of the death of a covered person, the necessary authorizations will be obtained and arrangements made for the return of the deceased to his province of residence. Expenses incurred for the preparation and transportation of the body will be paid, up to a maximum of \$5,000 (Canadian). Expenses related to the burial, such as a casket or an urn, will not be paid.

### b) **Lost Document and Ticket Replacement**

Assistance in contacting the local authorities is provided, to help a covered person in replacing lost or stolen passports, visas, tickets or other travel documents.

### c) **Legal Referral**

Referral to a local legal advisor, and if necessary, arrangement for cash advances from the covered person's credit cards, family or friends, is provided.

### d) **Interpretation Service**

Telephone interpretation service in most major languages is provided.

### e) **Message Service**

Telephone message service is provided for messages to or from family, friends or business associates. Messages will be held for up to 15 days.

### f) **Pre-trip Assistance Service**

Up-to-date information is provided on passport and visa, vaccination and inoculation requirements for the country where the covered person plans to travel.

## **Exceptions**

The administrator, and the company contracted by the administrator to provide the travel assistance services described in this benefit, will not be responsible for the availability, quality, or results of any medical treatment, or the failure of a covered person to obtain medical treatment or emergency assistance services for any reason.



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Emergency assistance services may not be available in all countries due to conditions such as war, political unrest or other circumstances which interfere with or prevent the provision of any services.

## **How to Access Emergency Travel Assistance - Your Emergency Travel Assistance Card**

Your Emergency Travel Assistance card lists the toll-free numbers to call in case of an emergency, while travelling outside your province. The toll-free number will put you in touch with the international travel assistance organization.

Your Emergency Travel Assistance card also lists your I.D. number and plan document number, which the travel assistance organization needs to confirm that you are covered by Emergency Travel Assistance.

If you do not have an Emergency Travel Assistance Card, please contact your employer.

## ***Submitting a Claim***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Extended Health Care -  
Submitting a Claim***

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

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## **Exclusions**

### **Extended Health Care - Exclusions**

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

charges which are considered an insured service of any provincial government plan

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

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

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

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

charges for medical treatment or surgical procedure by a physician other than as specifically provided under the Out-of-Province or Out-of-Canada benefit

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

charge not specified in the foregoing list of eligible expenses

charges for services or supplies which are furnished without the recommendation and approval of a physician acting with the scope of his license

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

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

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

charges which Manulife Financial is not permitted, by any law or regulation to cover

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

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

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

charges for drugs, sera, injectable drugs or supplies which are not approved by Health and Welfare Canada or are experimental or limited in use whether or not so approved

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

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

services or supplies which are not specified as a covered expense under this benefit

## ***Drug Benefit For Persons Who Reside In Quebec***

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

### ***Covered Drug Expenses***

The following expenses are covered:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- i) For any drug on the RAMQ List which is not otherwise covered under the terms of this Benefit, the percentage payable is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation
- ii) For any drug on the RAMQ List which is covered under the terms of this Benefit, the percentage payable is the greater of:
  - the benefit percentage stated under The Benefit; and
  - the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### c) **Deductible**

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

### d) **Lifetime Maximums**

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

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

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## e) **Eligible Dependent Children**

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

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

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

- only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered, and
- the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as set out by the then applicable Legislation.

## f) **Termination Age**

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

- i) only drugs that are on the RAMQ List are covered,
- ii) the percentage payable by the Administrator for covered expenses is the percentage as stipulated in the then applicable Legislation
- iii) the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum is as stipulated in the then applicable Legislation
- iv) the cost required for the drug coverage is the cost of the Extended Health Care benefit.

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

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

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## Dental Care

### *Dental Care*

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

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

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

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

### ***The Benefit***

### *Dental Care - The Benefit*

**Deductible** - Nil

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

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

- 100% for Level I - Basic Services
- 100% for Level II - Supplementary Basic Services
- 60% for Level III - Dentures
- 60% for Level IV - Major Restorative Services
- 50% for Level V - Orthodontics

### **Benefit Maximums**

- unlimited for Level I, Level II, Level III and Level IV
- \$2,000 per lifetime for Level V

**Termination Age** - the last day of the month following the month of the employee's retirement

### **Waiting Period**

first day of the month following one month for employees hired on or prior to the Plan Document Effective Date

first day of the month following one month for all other employees

# Your Group Benefits

## **Covered Expenses**

The following expenses are covered if they:

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

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

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

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

**Dental Care - Covered Expenses**

## **Level I - Basic Services**

complete oral exam, two per lifetime

complete series x-rays, one per 36 months

panoramic x-rays, one per 60 months

diagnostic models, 2 per calendar year

one unit of light scaling and one unit of polishing once every 6 months for dependent children under age 19 and once every 9 months for any other person, when the service is performed outside Quebec, or prophylaxis (polishing) once every 6 months for dependent children under age 19 and once every 9 months for any other person, when the service is performed in Quebec

recall exams, bitewing x-rays, and fluoride treatments, once every 6 months for dependent children under age 19 and once every 9 months for any other person

routine diagnostic and laboratory procedures

initial oral hygiene instruction, plus one recall

fillings and retentive pins. Composite fillings on molar teeth are not eligible. Replacement fillings are covered provided:

- the existing filling is at least 24 months old and must be replaced either due to significant breakdown of the existing filling or recurrent decay, or
- the existing filling is amalgam and there is medical evidence indicating that the patient is allergic to amalgam

pit and fissure sealants, one per 24 months, limited to dependent children under age 19 only

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

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

**Dental Care - Level I - Basic Services**

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minor surgical procedures and post surgical care

extractions (including impacted and residual roots)

consultations, 2 units of time per calendar year

anaesthesia, and conscious sedation

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

prosthetic repairs

recementation or rebonding of inlays, onlays, crowns, veneers, posts or natural tooth fragments, up to two units of time

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

## ***Level II - Supplementary Basic Services***

### ***Dental Care - Level II - Supplementary Basic Services***

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

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

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

- provisional splinting

- occlusal equilibration

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

- root canals and therapy are limited to one initial treatment plus one re-treatment per tooth per lifetime

- re-treatment is covered only if the expense is incurred more than 12 months after the initial treatment



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## **Level III - Dentures**

initial provision of full or partial removable dentures

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

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

- the existing appliance is at least 5 years old and cannot be made serviceable,  
or

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

**Dental Care - Level III -  
Dentures**

## **Level IV - Major Restorative Services**

crowns and onlays, including porcelain crowns on molar teeth when the function of a tooth is impaired due to cuspal or incisal angle damage caused by trauma or decay. Onlays are limited to one per 60 months.

inlays, covering at least 3 surfaces, provided the tooth cusp is missing

veneers, limited to one per tooth per 60 months

initial provision of fixed bridgework

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

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

- the existing appliance is at least 5 years old and cannot be made serviceable,  
or

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

**Dental Care - Level IV -  
Major Restorative  
Services**

## **Level V - Orthodontics**

orthodontic services for dependent children only

**Dental Care - Level V -  
Orthodontics**

## **Pre-Determination of Benefits**

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

**Dental Care -  
Pre-Determination of  
Benefits**

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## ***Work in Progress When Coverage Terminates***

***Dental Care - Work in Progress When Coverage Terminates***

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

## ***Submitting a Claim***

***Dental Care - Submitting a Claim***

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ***Exclusions***

***Dental Care - Exclusions***

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

services or supplies that are primarily for cosmetic dentistry

service or supplies which are not furnished by a legally qualified dentist or denturist acting within the scope of his or her license

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

miscellaneous charge such as for counselling, (instruction, except if included as eligible expense in the Group Benefits Schedule), travel, broken appointments, communication costs or filling of forms

any services which are covered by an government plan or program, or for which no charge is made; or which Manulife Financial is not permitted by law to cover

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

any hospital charge for board and room and related services and supplies

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any dental examinations required by a third party

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

any charges which would not normally have been made but for the presence of this coverage or for which you or your dependent are not legally obligated to pay or furnished while you or your dependent were not covered under this plan

services or supplies in connection with any procedures excluded as eligible expenses

services or supplies for or in connection with a procedure which is not listed as an eligible expense

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

## Survivor Extended Benefit

### *Survivor Extended Benefit*

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

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

the date similar coverage is obtained elsewhere

the last day of the month following your death, or

the date the Plan Document terminates

## Long Term Disability

### *Long Term Disability*

**The Long Term Disability Benefit is insured under Manulife Financial's Policy G0039957.**

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

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

### ***Long Term Disability - Definition of Totally Disabled***

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

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

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

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

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

## ***The Benefit***

### ***Long Term Disability - The Benefit***

**Benefit Amount** - 60% of monthly earnings, to a maximum of \$12,000

**Non-Evidence Limit** - \$10,000

**Qualifying Period** - 3 months prior to attainment of age 65

Benefits are payable from the end of the Qualifying Period. Benefits are not payable for or during the Qualifying Period.

You must be receiving regular, ongoing care and treatment from a physician during the Qualifying Period in order for benefits to be payable at the end of the Qualifying Period.

**Maximum Benefit Period** - to age 65

**Termination Age** - age 65 less the Qualifying Period, or retirement, whichever is earlier

## ***Waiting Period***

first day of the month coincident with or following one month for employees hired on or prior to the Group Policy Effective Date  
first day of the month coincident with or following one month for all other employees

## ***Entitlement Criteria***

### ***Long Term Disability - Entitlement Criteria***

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

you must be continuously Totally Disabled throughout the Qualifying Period. If you cease to be Totally Disabled during this period and then become disabled again within 3 weeks due to the same or related illness or injury, your Qualifying Period will be extended by the number of days during which you ceased to be Totally Disabled.

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

- your own occupation, during the Qualifying Period and the following 24 months, and
- any occupation for which you are qualified, or may reasonably become qualified, by training, education or experience, after the 24 months specified above

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

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

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

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

not receiving from a physician, regular, ongoing care and treatment appropriate for your disabling condition, as determined by Manulife Financial

receiving treatment by a therapist unless such treatment is recommended by a physician deemed appropriate by Manulife Financial

on lay-off or strike during which you become Totally Disabled

on any leave of absence during which you become Totally Disabled (including maternity leave)

incarcerated in a prison or confined to a hospital or similar institution as a result of criminal proceedings

***Long Term Disability -  
Periods for Which You  
are Not Entitled to  
Benefits***

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

The amount of disability benefit payable to you is the Benefit Amount shown above reduced by any disability benefits you receive or are entitled to receive from the following sources for the same or related disability:

Workers' Compensation or similar coverage

Canada or Quebec Pension Plans, excluding dependent benefits

any government motor vehicle automobile insurance plan or policy, unless prohibited by law

50% of earnings or payments from any employer, for any work or occupation not related to rehabilitation assistance.

***Long Term Disability -  
Amount of Disability  
Benefit Payable***

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If necessary, the amount of your benefit will be further reduced so that your total income from all sources does not exceed 100% of your pre-disability gross earnings (net earnings, if your benefit is non-taxable). All sources include those sources stated above and any benefit you are entitled to receive from:

- any group, association or franchise plan
- any retirement or pension plan
- earnings or payments from any employer, including severance payments and vacation pay
- self-employment
- any government plan, excluding Employment Insurance Benefits
- Canada or Quebec Pension Plans' dependent benefits

Once benefits become payable, the amount of your benefit will not be affected by any subsequent cost of living increase in benefits you are receiving from other sources.

## **Benefit Calculation Rules**

### **Long Term Disability - Benefit Calculation Rules**

Manulife Financial will apply the following rules in determining your disability benefit:

benefits payable from other sources which began before the commencement of your current Disability will not be taken into account

benefits payable from other sources will not be adjusted to take into account any difference between the tax status of those benefits and the benefit payable by Manulife Financial

subsequent changes in benefits from other sources, other than cost of living increases, will be taken into consideration and a new benefit amount may be established

benefits payable under individual disability income insurance will not be taken into account

for benefits payable other than on a monthly basis, a monthly equivalent of such benefit will be estimated by Manulife Financial, and

if you do not apply for a benefit for which you are eligible, the amount of such benefit will be estimated by Manulife Financial and assumed to be paid

## **Subrogation**

### **Long Term Disability - Subrogation**

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

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

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## ***Tax Status of Benefits***

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

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

***Long Term Disability -  
Tax Status***

## ***Payment of Disability Benefits***

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

***Long Term Disability -  
Payment of Disability  
Benefits***

## ***Rehabilitation Assistance***

Once Manulife Financial determines that you are Totally Disabled, if appropriate, and at Manulife Financial's discretion, you may be offered rehabilitation to assist you in returning to gainful employment, either to your pre-disability occupation or to another occupation.

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

the nature, extent and expected duration of your disability

your level of education, training or experience

the nature, scope, objectives and cost of a Vocational Plan

Expenses incurred by yourself in connection with the Vocation Plan will be reimbursed by Manulife Financial provided such expenses are:

Reasonable and Customary

not payable through any government program or third-party insurer

***Long Term Disability -  
Rehabilitation  
Assistance***

## ***- Vocational Plan***

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

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

with your employer

with an alternate employer

in a self-employed capacity

***- Vocational Plan***

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## **- Disability Benefits During Rehabilitation**

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

You will continue to be entitled to disability benefits while participating in the Vocational Plan, but in no event for a period greater than 24 months. Your disability benefit will be reduced by 50% of your rehabilitation income. Your disability benefit will be further reduced by earnings received from any employment once your total income (your disability benefit plus your earnings) exceeds 100% of your pre-disability gross earnings; net earnings if your benefit is not taxable.

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

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

### **Termination of Benefit Payments**

Your disability benefit payments will cease on the earliest of:

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

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

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

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

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

the date on which benefits have been paid up to the Maximum Benefit Period for this benefit

the date of your death

### **Recurrent Disability**

If you become Totally Disabled again from the same or related causes within 6 months from the end of the period for which Long Term Disability benefits were paid, Manulife Financial will treat the disability as a continuation of your previous disability.

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

If the same disability recurs more than 6 months after the end of the period for which benefits were paid, such disability will be considered a separate disability.

## **Long Term Disability - Termination of Benefit Payments**

## **Long Term Disability - Recurrent Disability**



# Your Group Benefits

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

## ***Waiver of Premium***

The premium for your Long Term Disability benefit will be waived during any period you are entitled to receive Long Term Disability benefit payments.

***Long Term Disability -  
Waiver of Premium***

## ***Submitting a Claim***

To submit a claim, you must complete the Long Term Disability claim form which is available from your Plan Administrator. Your attending physician must also complete a portion of this form.

***Long Term Disability -  
Submitting a Claim***

A completed claim form must be submitted to Manulife Financial within 6 months from the end of the Qualifying Period.

## ***Exclusions***

*No benefits are payable for any disability related to:*

participation in the commission of a criminal offence

self-inflicted injuries, unless medical evidence establishes that the injuries are related to a mental health illness

war or act of war, whether declared or undeclared

injuries sustained while operating a motor vehicle, either while under the influence of any intoxicant or if your blood contained more than 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood at the time of injury

any portion of a period of Disability resulting from substance abuse, including alcoholism and drug addiction, unless you are participating in a recognized substance withdrawal program.

***Long Term Disability -  
Exclusions***