

Group Benefit Plan



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Plan B

BENEFIT DETAILS

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

Great-West Life Online

Visit our website at www.greatwestlife.com for:

- information and details on Great-West Life's corporate profile and our products and services
- investor information
- news releases
- contact information
- claim forms and the ability to submit certain claims online

Great-West Life Online Services for Plan Members

As a Great-West Life plan member, you can also register for GroupNet™ for Plan Members at www.greatwestlife.com. To access this service, click on the GroupNet for Plan Members link. Follow the instructions to register. Make sure to have your plan and ID numbers available before accessing the website.

This service enables you to access the following and much more, within a user friendly environment twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week:

- your benefit details and claims history
- personalized claim forms and cards
- online claim submission for many of your claims, as outlined in the Healthcare and Dentalcare sections of this booklet
- extensive health and wellness content

Using our GroupNet Mobile app, you can access certain features of GroupNet for Plan Members to:

- submit many of your claims online – part of our industry-leading GroupNet online services
- access personalized coverage information about benefits, claims and more – quickly and easily, any time
- view card information
- locate the nearest provider who has access to Provider eClaims, through a built-in GPS mapping tool

In addition, by using GroupNet Text, you can get immediate information that is specific to your benefits. GroupNet Text allows you to use your mobile device to access detailed plan information, including:

- plan and member identification numbers
- coverage details (details available depend on your plan design)
- reimbursement amounts
- benefit maximums, balances and more

You can sign up for GroupNet Text on GroupNet for Plan Members under the Your Profile tab.

To use GroupNet Text, go to GroupNet for Plan Members and select the Your Profile tab, then text certain keywords to 204-289-1667. You will receive an instant text back providing information on your coverage. For a complete list of keywords, text Help. For a brief description of the type of information that a keyword provides, text Help along with the specific keyword.

Compatibility of GroupNet Text may vary by mobile device or operating system.

Great-West Life's Toll-Free Number

To contact a customer service representative at Great-West Life for assistance with your medical and dental coverage, please call 1-800-957-9777.

This booklet describes the principal features of the group benefit plan sponsored by your employer, but **Group Policy Nos. 165729 and 165755 (Optional Life Insurance)** issued by Great-West Life are the governing documents. If there are variations between the information in the booklet and the provisions of the policies, the policies will prevail.

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

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Access to Documents

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

Legal Actions

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

Appeals

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

Benefit Limitation for Overpayment

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

Protecting Your Personal Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Benefit Summary

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

Employee Basic Life Insurance \$25,000, reducing by 50% at age 65

Dependent Basic Life Insurance

Spouse \$5,000
Child \$2,500

Optional Life Insurance Available in \$10,000 units to a maximum of \$500,000, for you or your spouse, subject to approval of evidence of insurability

If you are covered under this plan as both an employee and a spouse, you are limited to the \$500,000 maximum

Employee Accidental Death, Dismemberment and Specific Loss (Principal Sum) An amount equal to your Basic Life Insurance

Long Term Disability Income Benefits

Waiting Period	119 days
Amount	66 2/3% of your monthly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$4,300 or 85% of your pre-disability take-home pay, whichever is less
Maximum Benefit Period	5 years or to age 65, whichever comes first

Healthcare

Covered expenses will not exceed customary charges

Deductibles

In-Canada Prescription Drug Expenses	
- individual	\$25 each calendar year
- family	\$25 each calendar year
All Other Expenses	Nil

Reimbursement Levels

In-Canada Hospital and Global Medical Assistance Expenses	100%
All Other Expenses	80%

Out-of-Pocket Maximum for Quebec Residents

An out-of-pocket maximum is applied to in-province expenses for drugs listed in the *Liste de médicaments* published by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec* if you live in Quebec (provincial formulary drug expenses). If the sum of the non-reimbursable amounts you are required to pay for provincial formulary drug expenses incurred for you and your dependent children or for your spouse in a calendar year reaches the maximum out-of-pocket level established by law, the amount payable for provincial formulary drug expenses incurred for the same individuals for the rest of the calendar year will be adjusted as follows:

1. reimbursement will be made at 100%
2. no further out-of-pocket amounts will apply

The out-of-pocket maximum does not apply to drug expenses incurred outside Quebec

Basic Expense Maximums

Hospital	Semi-private room
Convalescent Home	\$20 per day to a maximum of 180 days each calendar year
Detoxification Center	\$80 per day to a lifetime maximum of \$2,500
Home Nursing Care	\$300 per day to a maximum of \$10,000 each calendar year
In-Canada Prescription Drugs	Included
Smoking Cessation Products	\$665 lifetime or as otherwise required by law
Fertility Drugs	\$5,000 lifetime or as otherwise required by law
Preventative Vaccines	\$250 each calendar year

Hearing Aids	\$600 every 48 months
Insulin Infusion Pumps	\$7,500 every 5 years
Custom-fitted Orthopedic Shoes	\$500 each calendar year
Deep Shoes	\$100 each calendar year
Custom-made Foot Orthotics	\$350 each calendar year
Myoelectric Arms	\$10,000 per prosthesis
External Breast Prosthesis	\$1,000 every 24 months
Surgical Brassieres	2 every 12 months
Mechanical or Hydraulic Patient Lifters	\$2,000 per lifter once every 5 years
Outdoor Wheelchair Ramps	\$2,000 lifetime
Blood-glucose Monitoring Machines	\$300 every 36 months
Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulators	\$1,000 every 5 years
Extremity Pumps for Lymphedema	\$1,500 lifetime
Custom-made Compression Hose	3 pairs each calendar year
Respirator (breathing apparatus)	\$10,000 lifetime
Cat Scans	\$1,000 each calendar year
Sclerosing Injections	\$20 per day
Intraocular Lenses after Cataract Surgery	\$1,000 lifetime
Wigs for Cancer Patients	\$300 each calendar year

Paramedical Expense Maximums

Acupuncturists	\$500 each calendar year
Chiropractors	\$500 each calendar year
Massage Therapists/Kinesitherapists/Orthotherapists	\$500 each calendar year
Naturopaths	\$500 each calendar year
Osteopaths	\$500 each calendar year
Physiotherapists/Physical Readaptation	\$500 each calendar year
Podiatrists	\$500 each calendar year
Psychologists/Psychoanalysts/Social Workers	\$500 each calendar year
Speech Therapists	\$500 each calendar year

Visioncare Expense Maximums

Eye Examinations	
- dependent children	
under age 18	\$50 every 12 months
- all others	\$50 every 24 months
Glasses, Contact Lenses and Laser Eye Surgery	
- dependent children	
under age 18	\$200 every 12 months
- all others	\$200 every 24 months

Lifetime Healthcare Maximum Unlimited

Dentalcare

Covered expenses will not exceed customary charges

Payment Basis The dental fee guide in effect
 on the date treatment is
 rendered for the province in
 which treatment is rendered

Deductibles

Individual	\$25 each calendar year
Family	\$25 each calendar year

The individual and family deductibles do not apply to Accidental Dental Injury expenses

Reimbursement Levels

Basic Coverage	80%
Accidental Dental Injury Coverage	80%

Plan Maximums

Basic Treatment	\$1,500 each calendar year
Accidental Dental Injury Treatment	Unlimited

COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

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

- You and your dependents will be covered as soon as you become eligible.

You may waive health and/or dental coverage if you are already covered for these benefits under your spouse's plan. If you lose spousal coverage you must apply for coverage under this plan. If you do not apply within 31 days of loss of such coverage, or you were previously declined for coverage by Great-West Life, you and your dependents may be required to provide evidence of insurability acceptable to Great-West Life to be covered for health benefits, and may be declined for or offered limited dental benefits.

- You must be actively at work when coverage takes effect, otherwise the coverage will not be effective until you return to work.

Increases in your benefits while you are covered by this plan will not become effective unless you are actively at work.

- Temporary, part-time and seasonal employees may not join the plan.
- All permanent employees working 20 hours or more per week in a participating childcare center are eligible for coverage.
- A permanent employee is defined as an employee who signed a contract for an indeterminate duration.
- An employee who signed a contract for a non-renewable fixed duration is NOT eligible to participate in the plan.

- Dependent healthcare and dental care coverage is not compulsory, however, if the employee chooses not to cover his dependents at enrollment for healthcare and dental care, the dependents will be considered late applicants and Evidence of Insurability will be required.
- **Employees residing in Quebec:** If an employee resides in the province of Quebec, it is mandatory for the employee and his dependents to be covered under this plan, unless covered elsewhere.

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

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

Survivor Benefits

If you die while your coverage is still in force, the health and dental benefits for your dependents will be continued on a premium-free basis for a period of 2 years or until they no longer qualify, whichever happens first.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Dependent means:

- Your spouse, legal or common-law.
- Your unmarried children under age 22, or under age 26 if they are full-time students.

Children under age 22 are not covered if they are working more than 30 hours a week, unless they are full-time students.

Children who are incapable of supporting themselves because of physical or mental disorder are covered without age limit if the disorder begins before they turn 22, or while they are students under 26, and the disorder has been continuous since that time.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

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

EMPLOYEE BASIC LIFE INSURANCE

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

- Your life insurance terminates when you reach age 70.
- You are entitled to waiver of premium benefits after you have been continuously disabled for 119 days. You will be considered disabled during the period you are entitled to receive Long Term Disability benefits.
- If any or all of your insurance terminates on or before your 65th birthday, you may be eligible to apply for an individual conversion policy without providing proof of your insurability. You must apply and pay the first premium no later than 31 days after your group insurance terminates. See your employer for details.

DEPENDENT BASIC LIFE INSURANCE

If one of your dependents dies, Great-West Life will pay you the dependent life insurance benefit. Your employer will explain the claim requirements.

- Your dependent life insurance terminates when you reach age 70 or when you no longer have eligible dependents, whichever comes first.
- If you are disabled and the premiums for your employee life insurance are waived, your dependent life insurance will also continue without premium payment until your own coverage terminates or your dependents no longer qualify.
- If your spouse's insurance terminates on or before his or her 65th birthday, he or she may be eligible for an individual conversion policy without providing proof of insurability. You or your spouse must apply and pay the first premium no later than 31 days after the group insurance terminates. See your employer for details.

OPTIONAL LIFE INSURANCE

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

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

- If you are approved for waiver of premium on your basic life insurance, any optional life insurance for yourself or your spouse will also continue without premium payment as long as your basic life insurance continues but not beyond the date your optional insurance would otherwise terminate.
- If your or your spouse's optional life insurance terminates, you or your spouse may be eligible to apply for an individual conversion policy without providing proof of insurability. You must apply and pay the first premium no later than 31 days after your group insurance terminates. See your employer for details.
- Your optional life insurance terminates when you reach age 65. Your spouse's coverage terminates at the same time, or when he or she reaches age 65 or is no longer your spouse, whichever comes first.

Limitation

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

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

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

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

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

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

Loss of Use

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

Your AD&D insurance terminates when you reach age 70.

AD&D Insurance will be continued without further premium payment during any period your Life Insurance is being continued under the waiver of premium benefit. Your insurance under this waiver of premium will terminate automatically when this benefit terminates.

Surgical Reattachment

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

Repatriation

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

Educational Benefit for Dependent Children

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

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

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

Family Transportation Benefit

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

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

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

Occupational Training Benefit for Spouses

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

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

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

Educational Benefit

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

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

Wheelchair Benefit

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

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

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

Great-West Life will pay the actual expense incurred less any amount paid for the same expenses under this plan's healthcare benefit, up to \$10,000 for all home and vehicle modifications combined.

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

Limitations

No benefits are paid for injury or death resulting from:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injury or suicide
- Viral or bacterial infections, except pyogenic infections occurring through the injury for which loss is being claimed
- Any form of illness or physical or mental infirmity
- Medical or surgical treatment, except surgical reattachment

- War, insurrection or voluntary participation in a riot
- Service in the armed forces of any country
- Air travel serving as a crew member, or in aircraft owned, leased or rented by your employer, or air travel where the aircraft is not licensed or the pilot is not certified to operate the aircraft

How to Make a Claim

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

LONG TERM DISABILITY (LTD) INCOME BENEFITS

The plan provides you with regular income to replace income lost because of a lengthy disability due to disease or injury. Benefits begin after the waiting period is over and continue as long as you are disabled **as defined by the policy** but not longer than 5 years or until you reach age 65, whichever comes first. Check the **Benefit Summary** for the benefit amount and waiting period.

- If disability is not continuous, the days you are disabled can be accumulated to satisfy the waiting period as long as no interruption is longer than 2 weeks and the disabilities arise from the same disease or injury.
- LTD benefits are payable for the first 24 months following the waiting period if disease or injury prevents you from performing the essential duties of your regular occupation, **and**, except for any employment under an approved rehabilitation plan, you are **not** employed in any occupation that is providing you with income equal to or greater than your amount of LTD insurance under this plan, as shown in the Benefit Summary.
- After 24 months, LTD benefits will continue only if your disability prevents you from being gainfully employed in any job. Gainful employment is work you are medically able to perform, for which you have at least the minimum qualifications, and which provides you with an income of at least 50% of your indexed monthly earnings before you became disabled.
- Loss of any license required for work will not be considered in assessing disability.
- After the waiting period, separate periods of disability arising from the same disease or injury are considered to be one period of disability unless they are separated by at least 6 months.

- Because you pay the entire cost of LTD coverage, benefits are not taxable.
- Your LTD insurance terminates when you reach age 65.

Other Income

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

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

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

- your income under this plan
- loss of income benefits available through legislation, except for Employment Insurance benefits and automobile insurance benefits, which you or another member of your family is entitled to on the basis of your disability
- the wage loss portion of any criminal injury award

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

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

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

Vocational Rehabilitation

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

Medical Coordination

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

Limitations

No benefits are paid for:

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

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

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

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

- The scheduled duration of a leave of absence.

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

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

How to Make a Claim

- To submit claims online, go to www.greatwestlife.com / Client Services / Forms for Group Benefits Plan Members / Standard Claim Forms. Click Apply for Disability Income Benefits and follow the instructions provided under Online claim submission.
- To submit paper claims, obtain an Employee Claim Submission Guide (form M4307B) and follow the guide's instructions.

You can get this form from your employer, or online from the Great-West Life corporate website. To access the form online, go to www.greatwestlife.com / Client Services / Forms for Group Benefits Plan Members / Standard Claim Forms / Apply for Disability Income Benefits. Under Paper claim submission, click Long Term Disability Income Benefits – Guide.

Please ensure that your claim is submitted to Great-West Life as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months after proof of your claim has been requested.

HEALTHCARE

A deductible may be applied before you are reimbursed. All expenses will be reimbursed at the level shown in the **Benefit Summary**. Benefits may be subject to plan maximums and frequency limits. Check the **Benefit Summary** for this information.

The plan covers customary charges for the following services and supplies. All covered services and supplies must represent reasonable treatment. Treatment is considered reasonable if it is accepted by the Canadian medical profession, it is proven to be effective, and it is of a form, intensity, frequency and duration essential to diagnosis or management of the disease or injury.

Except to the extent otherwise required by law, your healthcare coverage terminates when you reach age 70.

Covered Expenses

- Ambulance transportation to the nearest centre where adequate treatment is available
- Semi-private room and board in a hospital or the government authorized co-payment for accommodation in a nursing home is covered when provided in Canada and the treatment received is acute, convalescent or palliative care.
 - Acute care is active intervention required to diagnose or manage a condition that would otherwise deteriorate.
 - Convalescent care is active treatment or rehabilitation for a condition that will significantly improve as a result of the care and follows a 3-day confinement for acute care.
 - Palliative care is treatment for the relief of pain in the final stages of a terminal condition.

Semi-private room and board in an out-of-province hospital is covered when the treatment received is acute, convalescent or palliative care. For out-of-province accommodation, any difference between the hospital's standard ward rate and the government authorized allowance in your home province is also covered.

The plan also covers the hospital facility fee related to dental surgery and any out-of-province hospital out-patient charges not covered by the government health plan in your home province.

- Residences established primarily for senior citizens or which provide personal rather than medical care are not covered.
- Treatment in a detoxification center.
- Home nursing services of a registered nurse, a registered practical nurse if you are a resident of Ontario or a licensed practical nurse if you are a resident of any other province, when services are provided in Canada. No benefits are paid for services provided by a member of your family or for services which do not require the specific skills of a registered or practical nurse

You should apply for a pre-care assessment before home nursing begins

- Drugs and drug supplies described below when prescribed by a person entitled by law to prescribe them, dispensed by a person entitled by law to dispense them, and provided in Canada. Benefits for drugs and drug supplies provided outside Canada are payable only as provided under the out-of-country emergency care provision.
 - Drugs which require a written prescription according to the Food and Drugs Act, Canada or provincial legislation in effect where the drug is dispensed, including contraceptive drugs and products containing a contraceptive drug
 - Injectable drugs including vitamins, insulins and allergy extracts. Syringes for self-administered injections are also covered
 - Disposable needles for use with non-disposable insulin injection devices, lancets and test strips

- Extemporaneous preparations or compounds if one of the ingredients is a covered drug
- Certain other drugs that do not require a prescription by law may be covered. If you have any questions, contact your plan administrator before incurring the expense.

The plan will also pay for preventative immunization vaccines and toxoids.

Unless medical evidence is provided to Great-West Life that indicates why a drug is not to be substituted, Great-West Life can limit the covered expense to the cost of the lowest priced interchangeable drug.

For drugs eligible under a provincial drug plan, coverage is limited to the deductible amount and coinsurance you are required to pay under that plan.

- Rental or, at Great-West Life's discretion, purchase of certain medical supplies, appliances and prosthetic devices prescribed by a physician
- Custom-made foot orthotics and custom-fitted orthopedic shoes, including modifications to orthopedic footwear, when prescribed by a physician
- Hearing aids, including batteries, tubing and ear molds provided at the time of purchase, when prescribed by a physician
- Diabetic supplies prescribed by a physician: Novolin-pens or similar insulin injection devices using a needle, blood-letting devices including platforms but not lancets. Lancets are covered under prescription drugs
- Blood-glucose monitoring machines prescribed by a physician
- External insulin infusion pumps prescribed by a physician

- Diagnostic x-rays and lab tests, when coverage is not available under your provincial government plan
- Out-of-hospital services of a qualified acupuncturist
- Out-of-hospital treatment of muscle and bone disorders, including diagnostic x-rays, by a licensed chiropractor
- Out-of-hospital services of a qualified massage therapist, kinesiologist or occupational therapist
- Out-of-hospital services of a licensed naturopath
- Out-of-hospital services of a licensed osteopath, including diagnostic x-rays
- Out-of-hospital treatment of movement disorders by a licensed physiotherapist and physical readaptation
- Out-of-hospital treatment of foot disorders, including diagnostic x-rays, by a licensed podiatrist
- Out-of-hospital treatment by a registered psychologist or psychoanalyst or qualified social worker
- Out-of-hospital treatment of speech impairments by a qualified speech therapist

Visioncare

- Eye examinations, including refractions, when they are performed by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist, and coverage is not available under your provincial government plan
- Glasses and contact lenses required to correct vision when provided by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist or optician
- Laser eye surgery required to correct vision when performed by a licensed ophthalmologist

For information on available discounts on eyewear and vision care services, refer to the Preferred Vision Services section of this booklet following the Healthcare benefit.

Global Medical Assistance Program

This program provides medical assistance through a worldwide communications network which operates 24 hours a day. The network locates medical services and obtains Great-West Life's approval of covered services, when required as a result of a medical emergency arising while you or your dependent is travelling for vacation, business or education. Coverage for travel within Canada is limited to emergencies arising more than 500 kilometres from home. You must be covered by the government health plan in your home province to be eligible for global medical assistance benefits. The following services are covered, subject to Great-West Life's prior approval:

- On-site hospital payment when required for admission, to a maximum of \$1,000
- If suitable local care is not available, medical evacuation to the nearest suitable hospital while travelling in Canada. If travel is outside Canada, transportation will be provided to a hospital in Canada or to the nearest hospital outside Canada equipped to provide treatment

When services are covered under this provision, they are not covered under other provisions described in this booklet

- Transportation and lodging for one family member joining a patient hospitalized for more than 7 days while travelling alone. Benefits will be paid for moderate quality lodgings up to \$1,500 and for a round trip economy class ticket
- If you or a dependent is hospitalized while travelling with a companion, extra costs for moderate quality lodgings for the companion when the return trip is delayed due to your or your dependent's medical condition, to a maximum of \$1,500

- The cost of comparable return transportation home for you or a dependent and one travelling companion if prearranged, prepaid return transportation is missed because you or your dependent is hospitalized. Coverage is provided only when the return fare is not refundable. A rental vehicle is not considered prearranged, prepaid return transportation
- In case of death, preparation and transportation of the deceased home
- Return transportation home for minor children travelling with you or a dependent who are left unaccompanied because of your or your dependent's hospitalization or death. Return or round trip transportation for an escort for the children is also covered when considered necessary
- Costs of returning your or your dependent's vehicle home or to the nearest rental agency when illness or injury prevents you or your dependent from driving, to a maximum of \$1,000. Benefits will not be paid for vehicle return if transportation reimbursement benefits are paid for the cost of comparable return transportation home

Benefits payable for moderate quality accommodation include telephone expenses as well as taxicab and car rental charges. Meal expenses are not covered.

Out-Of-Country Emergency Care

The plan covers medical expenses incurred as a result of a medical emergency arising while you or your dependent is outside Canada for vacation, business or education purposes. To qualify for benefits, you must be covered by the government health plan in your home province.

A medical emergency is a sudden, unexpected injury or an acute episode of disease.

- The following services and supplies are covered when related to the initial medical treatment:
 - treatment by a physician
 - diagnostic x-ray and laboratory services
 - hospital accommodation in a standard or semi-private ward or intensive care unit, if the confinement begins while you or your dependent is covered
 - medical supplies provided during a covered hospital confinement
 - paramedical services provided during a covered hospital confinement
 - hospital out-patient services and supplies
 - medical supplies provided out-of-hospital if they would have been covered in Canada
 - drugs
 - out-of-hospital services of a professional nurse
 - ambulance services by a licensed ambulance company to the nearest centre where essential treatment is available

If your medical condition permits you to return to Canada, benefits will be limited to the amount payable under this plan for continued treatment outside Canada or the amount payable under this plan for comparable treatment in Canada, plus return transportation, whichever is less.

Other Services and Supplies

Great-West Life can, on such terms as it determines, cover services or supplies under this plan where the service or supply represents reasonable treatment.

Limitations

Great-West Life can decline a claim for services or supplies that were purchased from a provider that is not approved by Great-West Life.

Great-West Life can limit the covered expense for a service or supply to that of a lower cost alternative service or supply that represents reasonable treatment.

Except to the extent otherwise required by law, no benefits are paid for:

- Expenses private insurers are not permitted to cover by law
- Services or supplies for which a charge is made only because you have insurance coverage
- The portion of the expense for services or supplies that is payable by the government health plan in your home province, whether or not you are actually covered under the government health plan
- Any portion of services or supplies which you are entitled to receive, or for which you are entitled to a benefit or reimbursement, by law or under a plan that is legislated, funded, or administered in whole or in part by a government ("government plan"), without regard to whether coverage would have otherwise been available under this plan

In this limitation, government plan does not include a group plan for government employees

- Services or supplies that do not represent reasonable treatment
- Services or supplies associated with:
 - treatment performed only for cosmetic purposes
 - recreation or sports rather than with other daily living activities

- the diagnosis or treatment of infertility, other than drugs
- contraception, other than contraceptive drugs, intrauterine devices (IUDs) and products containing a contraceptive drug
- Services or supplies associated with a covered service or supply, unless specifically listed as a covered service or supply or determined by Great-West Life to be a covered service or supply
- Extra medical supplies that are spares or alternates
- Services or supplies received outside Canada except as listed under Out-of-Country Emergency Care and Global Medical Assistance
- Services or supplies received out-of-province in Canada unless you are covered by the government health plan in your home province and Great-West Life would have paid benefits for the same services or supplies if they had been received in your home province

This limitation does not apply to Global Medical Assistance

- Expenses arising from war, insurrection, or voluntary participation in a riot
- Chronic care
- Visioncare services and supplies required by an employer as a condition of employment

In addition under the prescription drug coverage, no benefits are paid for:

- Atomizers, appliances, prosthetic devices, colostomy supplies, first aid supplies, diagnostic supplies or testing equipment
- Non-disposable insulin delivery devices or spring loaded devices used to hold blood letting devices
- Delivery or extension devices for inhaled medications

- Oral vitamins, minerals, dietary supplements, homeopathic preparations, infant formulas or injectable total parenteral nutrition solutions
- Diaphragms, condoms, contraceptive jellies, foams, sponges, suppositories, contraceptive implants or appliances
- Any drug that does not have a drug identification number as defined by the Food and Drugs Act, Canada
- Any single purchase of drugs which would not reasonably be used within 34 days. In the case of certain maintenance drugs, a 100-day supply will be covered
- Drugs administered during treatment in an emergency room of a hospital, or as an in-patient in a hospital
- Non-injectable allergy extracts
- Drugs that are considered cosmetic, such as topical minoxidil or sunscreens, whether or not prescribed for a medical reason
- Drugs used to treat erectile dysfunction

Note: If you are age 65 or older and reside in Quebec, you cease to be covered under this plan for basic prescription drug coverage and are covered under the basic plan provided by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*, unless you elect to be covered under this plan as set out below.

A one-time election may be made to be covered under this plan. You must make this election and communicate it to your employer by the end of the 60-day period immediately following:

- the date you reach age 65; or
- the date you become a resident of Quebec, within the meaning of the Health Insurance Act, Quebec, if you are age 65 or over.

While your election to be covered under this plan is in effect, you will be deemed not to be entitled to the basic plan provided by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*.

“Basic prescription drug coverage” means the portion of drug expenses that is reimbursed by the *Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec*.

Prior Authorization

In order to determine whether coverage is provided for certain services or supplies, Great-West Life maintains a limited list of services and supplies that require prior authorization.

These services and supplies, including a listing of the prior authorization drugs, can be found on the Great-West Life website as follows:

http://greatwestlife.com/001/Client_Services/Group_Plan_Members/Forms/Prior_Authorizations_Forms/index.htm

Prior authorization is intended to help ensure that a service or supply represents a reasonable treatment.

If the use of a lower cost alternative service or supply represents reasonable treatment, Great-West Life may require you or your dependent to provide medical evidence why the lower cost alternative service or supply cannot be used before coverage may be provided for the service or supply.

Health Case Management

If you or one of your dependents apply for prior authorization of certain supplies or services, Great-West Life may contact you to participate in health case management. Health case management is a program recommended or approved by Great-West Life that may include but is not limited to:

- consultation with you or your dependent and the attending physician to gain understanding of the treatment plan recommended by the attending physician;
- comparison with the attending physician, of the recommended treatment plan with alternatives, if any, that represent reasonable treatment;
- identification to the attending physician of opportunities for education and support; and
- monitoring your or your dependent's adherence to the treatment plan recommended by the attending physician.

In determining whether to implement health case management, Great-West Life may assess such factors as the service or supply, the medical condition, and the existence of generally accepted medical guidelines for objectively measuring medical effectiveness of the treatment plan recommended by the attending physician.

Health Case Management Limitation

Great-West Life can, on such terms as it determines, limit the payment of benefits for a service or supply where:

- Great-West Life has implemented health case management and you or your dependent do not participate or cooperate; or
- you or your dependent have not adhered to the treatment plan recommended by the attending physician with respect to the use of the service or supply.

Health Case Management Expense Benefit

Expenses associated with health case management may be paid for by Great-West Life at its discretion. Expenses claimed under this provision must be pre-authorized by Great-West Life.

Designated Provider Limitation

For a service or supply to which prior authorization applies or where Great-West Life has recommended or approved health case management, Great-West Life can require that a service or supply be purchased from or administered by a provider designated by Great-West Life, and:

- limit the covered expense for a service or supply that was not purchased from or administered by a provider designated by Great-West Life to the cost of the service or supply had it been purchased from or administered by the provider designated by Great-West Life; or
- decline a claim for a service or supply that was not purchased from or administered by a provider designated by Great-West Life.

Patient Assistance Program

A patient assistance program may provide financial, educational or other assistance to you or your dependents with respect to certain services or supplies.

If you or your dependents are eligible for a patient assistance program, Great-West Life can require you or your dependent to apply to and participate in such a program. Where financial assistance is available from a patient assistance program in which Great-West Life requires participation in, Great-West Life can reduce the amount of a covered expense for a service or supply by the amount of financial assistance you or your dependent is entitled to receive for that service or supply.

How to Make a Claim

- Out-of-country claims (other than those for Global Medical Assistance expenses) should be submitted to Great-West Life as soon as possible after the expense is incurred. It is very important that you send your claims to the Great-West Life Out-of-Country Claims Department immediately as your Provincial Medical Plan has very strict time limitations.

Access GroupNet for Plan Members to obtain a personalized claim form or obtain form M5432 (Statement of Claim Out-of-Country Expenses form) from your employer. Unless you are a resident of the Territories you must also obtain the Government Assignment form, and residents of British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland & Labrador must also obtain the Special Government Claim form. The Great-West Life Out-of-Country Claims Department will forward the appropriate government forms to your attention when required.

If you are a resident of the Territories, you must submit your out-of-country claims to your territorial government for processing before submitting the claim to Great-West Life. When you receive your Explanation of Benefits back from the territory, please send the following to the Great-West Life Out-of-Country Claims Department (be sure to keep copies for your own records):

- a copy of the payment from your territory
- a completed Statement of Claim Out-of-Country Expenses form (form M5432)
- all required information
- copies of all original receipts

Residents of the provinces should complete all applicable forms, making sure all required information is included. Attach all original receipts and forward the claim to the Great-West Life Out-of-Country Claims Department. Be sure to keep a copy for your own records. The plan will pay all eligible claims including your Provincial Medical Plan portion. Your Provincial Medical Plan will then reimburse the plan for the government's share of the expenses.

Out-of-country claims must be submitted within a certain time period that varies by province. For the claims submission period applicable in your province or territory or for any other questions or for assistance in completing any of the forms, please contact Great-West Life's Out-of-Country Claims Department at 1-800-957-9777.

- Claims for expenses incurred in Canada, for paramedical services and visioncare, may be submitted online. To use this online service you will need to be registered for GroupNet for Plan Members and signed up for direct deposit of claim payments with eDetails. For online claim submissions, your Explanation of Benefits will only be available online.

Claims must be submitted to Great-West Life as soon as possible, but no later than 15 months after you incur the expense.

You must retain your receipt for 12 months from the date you submit your claim to Great-West Life as a record of the transaction, and you must submit it to Great-West Life on request.

- For all other Healthcare claims, access GroupNet for Plan Members to obtain a personalized claim form or obtain form M635D from your employer. Complete this form making sure it shows all required information.

Attach your receipts to the claim form and return it to the Great-West Life Benefit Payment Office as soon as possible, but no later than 15 months after you incur the expense.

- **For drug claims**, your employer will provide you with a prescription drug identification card. Present your card to the pharmacist with your prescription.

Before your prescription is filled, an Assure Claims check will be done. Assure Claims is a series of seven checks that are electronically done on your drug claim history for increased safety and compliance monitoring. This has been designed to improve the health and quality of life for you and your dependents. Checks done include drug interaction, therapeutic duplication and duration of therapy, allowing the pharmacist to react prior to the drug being dispensed. Depending on the outcome of the checks, the pharmacist may refuse to dispense the prescribed drug.

When your coverage ends, return your direct pay drug identification card to your employer.

PREFERRED VISION SERVICES (PVS)

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

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

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

You are eligible to receive the PVS discount through the network whether or not you are enrolled for the healthcare coverage described in this booklet. You can use the PVS network as often as you wish for yourself and your dependents.

Using PVS:

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

DENTALCARE

A deductible may be applied before you are reimbursed. All expenses will be reimbursed at the level shown in the **Benefit Summary**. Benefits may be subject to plan maximums and frequency limits. Check the **Benefit Summary** for this information.

The plan covers customary charges to the extent they do not exceed the dental fee guide level shown in the **Benefit Summary**. Denturist fee guides are applicable when services are provided by a denturist. Dental hygienist fee guides are applicable when services are provided by a dental hygienist practising independently.

All covered services and supplies must represent reasonable treatment. Treatment is considered reasonable if it is recognized by the Canadian Dental Association, it is proven to be effective, and it is of a form, frequency, and duration essential to the management of the person's dental health. To be considered reasonable, treatment must also be performed by a dentist or under a dentist's supervision, performed by a dental hygienist entitled by law to practise independently, or performed by a denturist.

Your dentalcare coverage terminates when you reach age 70.

Treatment Plan

- Before incurring any large dental expenses, ask your dental service provider to complete a treatment plan and submit it to Great-West Life. Great-West Life will calculate the benefits payable for the proposed treatment, so you will know in advance the approximate portion of the cost you will have to pay.

Basic Coverage

The following expenses will be covered:

- Diagnostic services including:
 - one complete oral examination every 36 months
 - limited oral examinations once every 5 months, except that only one limited oral examination is covered in any 12-month period that a complete oral examination is also performed
 - limited periodontal examinations once every 5 months
 - complete series of x-rays every 36 months
 - intra-oral x-rays to a maximum of 15 films every 36 months and a panoramic x-ray every 36 months. Services provided in the same 12 months as a complete series are not covered
- Preventive services including:
 - polishing and topical application of fluoride each once every 5 months
 - scaling, limited to a maximum combined with periodontal root planing of 15 time units each calendar year

A time unit is considered to be a 15-minute interval or any portion of a 15-minute interval
 - oral hygiene instruction once in a person's lifetime
 - pit and fissure sealants on bicuspid and permanent molars every 60 months
 - space maintainers including appliances for the control of harmful habits
 - finishing restorations

- interproximal diskling
- recontouring of teeth
- Minor restorative services including:
 - caries, trauma, and pain control
 - amalgam and tooth-coloured fillings. Replacement fillings are covered only if the existing filling is at least 2 years old or the existing filling was not covered under this plan
 - retentive pins and prefabricated posts for fillings
 - prefabricated crowns for primary teeth
- Endodontics. Root canal therapy for permanent teeth will be limited to one course of treatment per tooth. Repeat treatment is covered only if the original treatment fails after the first 18 months
- Periodontal services including:
 - root planing, limited to a maximum combined with preventive scaling of 15 time units each calendar year
 - occlusal adjustment and equilibration, limited to a combined maximum of 4 time units every 12 months

A time unit is considered to be a 15-minute interval or any portion of a 15-minute interval

- Denture maintenance, after the 3-month post-insertion care period, including:
 - denture relines for dentures at least 6 months old, once every 36 months
 - denture rebases for dentures at least 2 years old, once every 36 months
 - resilient liner in relined or rebased dentures, once every 36 months
- Oral surgery
- Adjunctive services

Accidental Dental Injury Coverage

- Treatment of injury to sound natural teeth. Treatment must start within 60 days after the accident unless delayed by a medical condition

A sound tooth is any tooth that did not require restorative treatment immediately before the accident. A natural tooth is any tooth that has not been artificially replaced

Limitations

If you do not apply for dentalcare coverage within one month after you become eligible, benefits are limited to \$100 during the first 12 months of your coverage, unless the expenses are incurred solely as a result of an accident occurring after the coverage takes effect.

No benefits are paid for:

- Duplicate x-rays, custom fluoride appliances, audio-visual oral hygiene instruction and nutritional counselling
- The following endodontic services - root canal therapy for primary teeth, isolation of teeth, enlargement of pulp chambers and endosseous intra coronal implants
- The following periodontal services - desensitization, topical application of antimicrobial agents, subgingival periodontal irrigation, charges for post surgical treatment and periodontal re-evaluations
- The following oral surgery services - implantology, surgical movement of teeth, services performed to remodel or recontour oral tissues (other than minor alveoloplasty, gingivoplasty and stomatoplasty) and alveoloplasty or gingivoplasty performed in conjunction with extractions
- Hypnosis or acupuncture
- Crowns (other than prefabricated crowns), bridgework, dentures or repairs to bridgework or dentures

- Orthodontic treatment
- Accidental dental injury expenses for treatment performed more than 12 months after the accident, denture repair or replacement, or any orthodontic services
- Expenses private plans are not permitted to cover by law
- Services and supplies you are entitled to without charge by law or for which a charge is made only because you have insurance coverage
- Services or supplies that do not represent reasonable treatment
- Treatment performed for cosmetic purposes only
- Congenital defects or developmental malformations in people 19 years of age or over
- Temporomandibular joint disorders, vertical dimension correction or myofacial pain
- Expenses arising from war, insurrection, or voluntary participation in a riot

How to Make a Claim

- Claims for expenses incurred in Canada may be submitted online. Access GroupNet for Plan Members to obtain a personalized claim form or obtain form M445D from your employer and have your dental service provider complete the form. The completed claim form will contain the information necessary to enter the claim online. To use the online service you will need to be registered for GroupNet for Plan Members and signed up for direct deposit of claim payments with eDetails. For online claim submissions, your Explanation of Benefits will only be available online.

Claims must be submitted to Great-West Life as soon as possible, but no later than 15 months after the dental treatment.

You must retain your receipt for 12 months from the date you submit your claim to Great-West Life as a record of the transaction, and you must submit it to Great-West Life on request.

- For all other Dentalcare claims, access GroupNet for Plan Members to obtain a personalized claim form or obtain form M445D from your employer. Have your dental service provider complete the form and return it to the Great-West Life Benefit Payment Office as soon as possible, but no later than 15 months after the dental treatment.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

- Benefits for you or a dependent will be directly reduced by any amount payable under a government plan. If you or a dependent are entitled to benefits for the same expenses under another group plan or as both an employee and dependent under this plan or as a dependent of both parents under this plan, benefits will be co-ordinated so that the total benefits from all plans will not exceed expenses.
- You and your spouse should first submit your own claims through your own group plan. Claims for dependent children should be submitted to the plan of the parent who has the earlier birth date in the calendar year (the year of birth is not considered). If you are separated or divorced, the plan which will pay benefits for your children will be determined in the following order:
 1. the plan of the parent with custody of the child;
 2. the plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
 3. the plan of the parent without custody of the child;
 4. the plan of the spouse of the parent without custody of the child

You may submit a claim to the plan of the other spouse for any amount which is not paid by the first plan.

DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SUPPORT SERVICES (BEST DOCTORS[®] SERVICE)

This service is designed to allow access to the expertise of specialists, resources, information and clinical guidance.

You, your dependents and your and your dependent's physician can access this service if the physician has made a diagnosis of a serious physical illness or condition for which there is objective evidence, or if the covered person or his or her physician suspects that the person has this condition. This service is made up of a unique step-by-step process that may help address questions or concerns about a serious physical illness or condition. This may include confirming the diagnosis and suggesting the most effective treatment plan by drawing on a global database of up to 50,000 peer-ranked specialists.

How it works

- Access diagnostic and treatment support services by calling 1-877-419-BEST (2378) toll-free.
- The person accessing the service will be connected with a member advocate who will be dedicated to his or her case and will provide support through the process. The member advocate will take the necessary medical history and answer the person's questions. Any information provided is not shared with either your employer or the administrator of your health plan.
- Based on the information provided, the member advocate determines the optimal level of service required.
- The member advocate may provide information, resources, guidance and advice individually tailored to meet the covered person's health needs, and can help identify individual community supports and resources available.

- If it is appropriate, the member advocate may arrange for an in-depth review of the covered person's medical file to assist in confirming the diagnosis and help develop a treatment plan. This review may include collecting, deconstructing and reconstructing medical records, pathology retesting and analyzing test results. A written report outlining the conclusions and recommendations of the specialists will be forwarded to the person accessing the service. Generally, this process takes 6 to 8 weeks. Timeframes may vary depending on the complexity of the case and amount of medical records to collect.
- If the covered person decides to seek treatment by a different physician, the member advocate can help identify a specialist qualified to meet his or her specific medical needs. Expenses incurred for travel and treatment are not covered by this service.
- If the covered person decides to seek treatment outside Canada, the member advocate can arrange referrals and can help book accommodations. The member advocate can also assist in accessing hospital and physician discounts, arrange for the forwarding of medical information and monitor the treatment process. Expenses incurred for travel and treatment are not covered by this service.
- The member advocate may identify a Best Doctors specialist suited to answer basic questions about health concerns and treatment options. Answers will be provided in a written report sent by email to the person accessing the service.

Note: These services are not insured services. Great-West Life is not responsible for the provision of the services, their results, or any treatment received or requested in connection with the services.

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