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General Information

About this booklet

The information in this employee benefits booklet is important to you. It provides the information you need about the group benefits available through your employer's group contract with Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (*Sun Life*), a member of the Sun Life Financial group of companies.

Your group benefits may be modified after the effective date of this booklet. You will receive written notification of changes to your group plan. The notification will supplement your group benefits booklet and should be kept in a safe place together with this booklet.

If you have any questions about the information in this employee benefits booklet, or you need additional information about your group benefits, please contact your employer.

Eligibility

To be eligible for group benefits, you must be a resident of Canada and meet the following conditions:

- you were covered under your employer's group plan on the day preceding your retirement.
- for Extended Health Care and Dental Care, you retired prior to age 65.
- you are receiving the Hospital's pension plan benefits.

Your dependents become eligible for coverage on the date you become eligible or the date they first become your dependent, whichever is later.

Who qualifies as your dependent

Your dependent must be your spouse or your child and a resident of Canada.

Your spouse by marriage or under any other formal union recognized by law, or your partner of the opposite sex or of the same sex who is

publicly represented as your spouse, is an eligible dependent. You can only cover one spouse at a time.

Your children and your spouse's children (other than foster children) are eligible dependents if they are not married or in any other formal union recognized by law, and are under age 21.

A child who is a full-time student attending an educational institution recognized under the Income Tax Act (Canada) is also considered an eligible dependent until the age of 25 as long as the child is entirely dependent on you for financial support.

If a child becomes handicapped before the limiting age, we will continue coverage as long as:

- the child is incapable of financial self-support because of a physical or mental disability, and
- the child depends on you for financial support, and is not married nor in any other formal union recognized by law.

In these cases, you must notify Sun Life within 31 days of the date the child attains the limiting age. Your employer can give you more information about this.

When coverage begins

Your coverage will begin on the date you become eligible for coverage.

Dependent coverage begins on the date your coverage begins or the date you first have an eligible dependent, whichever is later.

However, for a dependent, other than a newborn child, who is hospitalized, coverage will begin when the dependent is discharged from hospital and is actively pursuing normal activities.

Once you have dependent coverage, any subsequent dependents will be covered automatically. However, for claims paying purposes, you must advise your employer of the name of any subsequent dependent.

Updating your records

To ensure that coverage is kept up-to-date, it is important that you report any of the following changes to your employer:

- change of dependents.
- change of name.
- change of beneficiary.

Accessing your records

For insured benefits, you may obtain copies of the following documents:

- your enrolment form or application for insurance.
- any written statements or other record, not otherwise part of the application, that you provided to Sun Life as evidence of insurability.

For insured benefits, on reasonable notice, you may also request a copy of the contract.

The first copy will be provided at no cost to you but a fee may be charged for subsequent copies.

All requests for copies of documents should be directed to one of the following sources:

- our website at www.mysunlife.ca.
- our Customer Care centre by calling toll-free at 1-800-361-6212.

When coverage ends

Your coverage will end on the earlier of the following dates:

- the end of the period for which premiums have been paid to Sun Life for your coverage.
- the date the group contract ends.
- the date you die.

A dependent's coverage terminates on the earlier of the following dates:

- the date your coverage ends.

- the date the dependent is no longer an eligible dependent.
- the end of the period for which premiums have been paid for dependent coverage.

The termination of coverage may vary from benefit to benefit. For information about the termination of a specific benefit, please refer to the appropriate section of this employee benefits booklet.

Replacement coverage

The group contract will be interpreted and administered according to all applicable legislation and the guidelines of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association concerning the continuation of insurance following contract termination and the replacement of group insurance.

Sun Life will not be responsible for paying benefits if an insurer under a previous group contract is responsible for paying similar benefits.

Making claims

Sun Life is dedicated to processing your claims promptly and efficiently. You can get the proper form to make a claim on the Sun Life website at www.mysunlife.ca.

There are time limits for making claims. These limits are discussed in the appropriate sections of this employee benefits booklet. If you fail to abide by these time limits, you may not be entitled to some or all benefit payments.

All claims must be made in writing on forms approved by Sun Life, or electronically if indicated in the appropriate section of this booklet.

For the assessment of a claim, Sun Life may require medical records or reports, proof of payment, itemized bills, or other information Sun Life considers necessary. Proof of claim is at your expense.

Legal actions

Limitation period for Ontario:

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 *Limitations Act, 2002*.

Limitation period for any other province:

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 of your province or territory.

Coordination of benefits

If you or your dependents are covered for Extended Health Care or Dental Care under this plan and another plan, our benefits will be coordinated with the other plan following insurance industry standards. These standards determine which plan you should claim from first.

The plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits clause is considered to be the first payer and therefore pays benefits before a plan which includes a coordination of benefits clause.

For dental accidents, health plans with dental accident coverage pay benefits before dental plans.

The maximum amount that you can receive from all plans for eligible expenses is 100% of actual expenses.

Where both plans contain a coordination of benefits clause, claims must be submitted in the order described below.

Claims for you and your spouse should be submitted in the following order:

- the plan where the person is covered as an employee. If the person is an employee under two plans, the following order applies:
    - the plan where the person is covered as an active full-time employee.
    - the plan where the person is covered as an active part-time employee.
    - the plan where the person is covered as a retiree.
- the plan where the person is covered as a dependent.

Claims for a child should be submitted in the following order:

- the plan where the child is covered as an employee.
- the plan where the child is covered under a student health or dental plan provided through an educational institution.
- the plan of the parent with the earlier birth date (month and day) in the calendar year. For example, if your birthday is May 1 and your spouse's birthday is June 5, you must claim under your plan first.
- the plan of the parent whose first name begins with the earlier letter in the alphabet, if the parents have the same birth date.

The above order applies in all situations except when parents are separated/divorced and there is no joint custody of the child, in which case the following order applies:

- the plan of the parent with custody of the child.
- the plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child.
- the plan of the parent not having custody of the child.
- the plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.

When you submit a claim, you have an obligation to disclose to Sun Life all other equivalent coverage that you or your dependents have.

Your employer can help you determine which plan you should claim from first.

Medical examination

We can require you to have a medical examination if you make a claim for benefits. We will pay for the cost of the examination. If you fail or refuse to have this examination, we will not pay any benefit.

Recovering overpayments

We have the right to recover all overpayments of benefits either by deducting from other benefits or by any other available legal means.

Assignments

For Life benefits, no rights or interests can be assigned.
For all other benefits, we reserve the right to refuse assignments.

Definitions

Here is a list of definitions of some terms that appear in this employee benefits booklet. Other definitions appear in the benefit sections.

Accident An accident is a bodily injury that occurs solely as a direct result of a violent, sudden and unexpected action from an outside source.

Doctor A doctor is a physician or surgeon who is licensed to practice medicine where that practice is located.

Illness An illness is a bodily injury, disease, mental infirmity or sickness. Any surgery needed to donate a body part to another person which causes total disability is an illness.

We, our and us We, our and us mean Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Extended Health Care
(Medicare Supplement)

General description of the coverage

In this section, *you* means the employee and all dependents covered for Extended Health Care benefits.

Extended Health Care coverage pays for eligible services or supplies for you that are medically necessary for the treatment of an illness. However, there are additional eligibility requirements that apply to drugs (see *Prior authorization program* for details).

Medically necessary means generally recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate and required in the treatment of an illness in accordance with Canadian medical standards.

To qualify for this coverage you must be entitled to benefits under a provincial medicare plan or federal government plan that provides similar benefits.

Reference to Doctor may also include a nurse practitioner – If the applicable provincial legislation permits nurse practitioners to prescribe or order certain supplies or services, Sun Life will reimburse those eligible services or supplies prescribed or ordered by a nurse practitioner the same way as if they were prescribed or ordered by a doctor. For drugs, refer to *Other health professionals allowed to prescribe drugs.*

An expense must be claimed for the benefit year in which the expense is incurred. You incur an expense on the date the service is received or the supplies are purchased or rented.

The benefit year is from January 1 to December 31.

Deductible

The deductible is the portion of claims that you are responsible for paying.

The deductible is $22.50 each benefit year for each person up to a maximum of $35 per family.

After the deductible has been paid, claims will be paid up to the percentage of coverage under this plan.

If 2 or more members of your family suffer injuries in the same accident, only one individual deductible is applied in each benefit year against all eligible expenses for those injuries.

If all or part of the deductible is satisfied within the last 3 months of the benefit year, your deductible for the next benefit year will be reduced by this amount.

Prescription drugs

Drugs covered under this plan must have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and be approved under *Drug evaluation*.

After you pay the deductible, we will cover 100% of the cost of the following drugs and supplies that are prescribed by a doctor or dentist and are obtained from a pharmacist:

- drugs that legally require a prescription.
- life-sustaining drugs that may not legally require a prescription.
- injectable drugs and vitamins.
- compounded preparations, provided that the principal active ingredient is an eligible expense and has a DIN.
- diabetic supplies.
- drugs for the treatment of infertility.
- vaccines.
- intrauterine devices (IUDs) and diaphragms.
- colostomy supplies.
- varicose vein injections.

Payments for any single purchase are limited to quantities that can reasonably be used in a 34 day period or, in the case of certain

maintenance drugs, in a 100 day period as ordered by a doctor.

We will not pay for the following, even when prescribed:

- infant formulas (milk and milk substitutes), minerals, proteins, vitamins and collagen treatments.
- the cost of giving injections, serums and vaccines.
- treatments for weight loss, including drugs, proteins and food or dietary supplements.
- hair growth stimulants.
- products to help you quit smoking.
- drugs for the treatment of sexual dysfunction.
- drugs that are used for cosmetic purposes.
- natural health products, whether or not they have a Natural Product Number (NPN).
- drugs and treatments, and any services and supplies relating to the administration of the drug and treatment, administered in a hospital, on an in-patient or out-patient basis, or in a government-funded clinic or treatment facility.

Drug evaluation

The following drugs will be evaluated and must be approved by us to be eligible for coverage:

- drugs that receive Health Canada Notice of Compliance for an initial or a new indication on or after November 1, 2017.
- drugs covered under this plan and subject to a significant increase in cost.

Drug expenses are eligible for reimbursement only if incurred on or after the date of our approval.

We will assess the eligibility of the drug based on factors such as:

- comparative analysis of the drug cost and its clinical effectiveness.
- recommendations by health technology assessment organizations and provinces.
- availability of other drugs treating the same or similar conditions(s).
- plan sustainability.

Dispensing fee

Eligible expenses for the dispensing fee are limited to $9 for each prescription or refill.

Drug substitution limit

Charges in excess of the lowest priced equivalent drug are not covered unless specifically approved by Sun Life. To assess the medical necessity of a higher priced drug, Sun Life will require you and your doctor to complete and submit an exception form.

Prior authorization program

The prior authorization (PA) program applies to a limited number of drugs and, as its name suggests, prior approval is required for coverage under the program. If you submit a claim for a drug included in the PA program and you have not been pre-approved, your claim will be declined.

In order for drugs in the PA program to be covered, you need to provide medical information. Please use our PA form to submit this information. Both you and your doctor need to complete parts of the form.

You will be eligible for coverage for these drugs if the information you and your doctor provide meets our clinical criteria based on factors such as:

- Health Canada Product Monograph.
- recognized clinical guidelines.
- comparative analysis of the drug cost and its clinical effectiveness.

- recommendations by health technology assessment organizations and provinces.
- your response to preferred drug therapy.

If not, your claim will be declined.

Our prior authorization forms are available from the following sources:

- our website at www.mysunlife.ca/priorauthorization
- our Customer Care centre by calling toll-free 1-800-361-6212

Reference Drug Program

The Reference Drug Program (RDP) applies to select drugs determined by Sun Life. Under RDP, Sun Life will:

- group together a set of drugs that are used to treat the same condition(s) in the same or similar way (a *therapeutic category*).
- determine the most cost-effective drug within a *therapeutic category* (the *Reference Drug*), considering such factors as cost to the plan, provincial programs, safety and clinical effectiveness.
- limit the eligible cost of drugs in a particular *therapeutic category* to the eligible cost of the *Reference Drug* (the *Reference Drug Limit*).
- apply the *Reference Drug Limit* to select province(s), excluding Québec. The selected province(s) may vary with each *therapeutic* category.

For all *therapeutic categories*, the *Reference Drug Limit* applies to covered persons in the selected provinces having no previous claims for a non-*Reference Drug*. The *Reference Drug Limit* may also apply to covered persons with previous claims for a non-*Reference Drug* depending upon the *therapeutic category* and such factors as:

- clinical support for switching to the *Reference Drug*.
- expected duration of treatment.

- provincial programs.

Any claim submitted under this plan within 120 days before the date that Sun Life applies the *Reference Drug* to the plan is a previous claim. Any drug other than the *Reference Drug* in a *therapeutic category* is a non-*Reference Drug*.

When the *Reference Drug Limit* applies, charges in excess of this limit are not covered, unless there is a medical reason for the covered person to take the non-*Reference Drug*. To assess medical necessity, Sun Life will require the covered person and the attending doctor to complete and submit an exception form.

Other health professionals allowed to prescribe drugs

We reimburse certain drugs prescribed by other qualified health professionals the same way as if the drugs were prescribed by a doctor or a dentist if the applicable provincial legislation permits them to prescribe those drugs.

Hospital expenses in your province

We will cover 100% of the costs for hospital care in the province where you live. The deductible does not apply to these expenses.

We will cover out-patient services in a hospital, except for any services explicitly excluded under this benefit, and the difference between the cost of a ward and a private hospital room.

We will also cover the cost of room and board in a convalescent hospital if this care has been ordered by a doctor as long as it is primarily for rehabilitation, and not for custodial care.

The maximum amount payable is $20 per day up to a maximum of 180 days for treatment of an illness due to the same or related causes.

In addition, we will cover the cost of room and board in a private hospital if this care has been ordered by a doctor.

The maximum amount payable is $10 per day up to a maximum of 120 days for treatment of an illness due to the same or related causes. This maximum is combined with Homewood Health Centre and The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

For purposes of this plan, a *convalescent hospital* is a facility licensed

to provide convalescent care and treatment for sick or injured patients on an in-patient basis. Nursing and medical care must be available 24 hours a day. It does not include a nursing home, rest home, home for the aged or chronically ill, sanatorium or a facility for treating alcohol or drug abuse.

A *hospital* is a facility licensed to provide care and treatment for sick or injured patients, primarily while they are acutely ill. It must have facilities for diagnostic treatment and major surgery. Nursing care must be available 24 hours a day. It does not include a nursing home, rest home, home for the aged or chronically ill, sanatorium, convalescent hospital or a facility for treating alcohol or drug abuse or beds set aside for any of these purposes in a hospital.

Chronic care hospital

We will cover 100% of the cost of room and board in a chronic care hospital.

The maximum amount payable is the difference between the cost of a ward and a semi-private room, up to a maximum of $3 per day and 120 days per person per benefit year. The deductible does not apply to these expenses.

A *chronic care hospital* is a licensed hospital that provides chronic care for patients who are chronically ill and/or have a functional disability (physical or mental), whose chronic care needs cannot be provided at home, whose potential for rehabilitation may be limited, and who require a range of therapeutic services, medical management and/or skilled nursing care not available elsewhere. It does not include a nursing home, rest home, home for the aged or chronically ill, sanatorium, convalescent hospital or a facility for treating alcohol or drug abuse.

Homewood Health Centre and The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

We will cover 100% of the cost of treatment received in Homewood Health Centre or The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health provided the provincial health care plan pays the equivalent of ward level accommodation.

The maximum amount payable is the difference between the cost of a ward and a private room, up to a maximum of $10 per day and 120 days for treatment of an illness due to the same or related causes. This maximum is combined with private hospital. The deductible does not apply to these expenses.

Medical services and equipment

We will cover 100% of the costs after you pay the deductible for the medical services listed below when ordered by a doctor (the services of a licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist or dentist do not require a doctor's order).

- out-of-hospital private duty nurse services when medically necessary. Services must be for nursing care, and not for custodial care. The private duty nurse must be a nurse, or nursing assistant who is licensed, certified or registered in the province where you live and who does not normally live with you. The services of a registered nurse are eligible only when someone with lesser qualifications can not perform the duties.
- transportation in a licensed ambulance, if medically necessary, that takes you to and from the nearest hospital that is able to provide the necessary medical services.
- transportation in a licensed air ambulance, if medically necessary, that takes you to the nearest hospital that provides the necessary emergency services.
- the following diagnostic services rendered outside of a hospital, except if the covered person's provincial plan prohibits payment of these expenses:
  - laboratory tests.
  - ultrasounds.
  - MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), CT (computed tomography) scans and other medical imaging services, up to a combined maximum of $1,000 per person per benefit year.
- dental services, including braces and splints, to repair damage to

natural teeth caused by an accidental blow to the mouth that occurs while you are covered. These services must be received within 12 months of the accident. We will not cover more than the fee stated in the Dental Association Fee Guide for a general practitioner in the province where the employee lives. The guide must be the current guide at the time that treatment is received.

- services of an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist, up to a maximum of $100 per person over a period of 24 months.
- contact lenses or intraocular lenses following a cataract surgery, limited to a lifetime maximum of one lens per eye.
- wigs following chemotherapy, up to a maximum of $300 per person in a benefit year. Wigs do not require a doctor’s order.
- medically necessary equipment rented, or purchased at our request, that meets your basic medical needs. If alternate equipment is available, eligible expenses are limited to the cost of the least expensive equipment that meets your basic medical needs. For wheelchairs, eligible expenses are limited to the cost of a manual wheelchair, except if the person's medical condition warrants the use of an electric wheelchair.
- casts, splints, trusses, braces or crutches.
- breast prostheses required as a result of surgery, up to a maximum of $200 per person in a benefit year.
- surgical brassieres required as a result of surgery, up to a maximum of $150 per brassiere and 4 brassieres per person in a benefit year.
- artificial limbs and eyes.
- stump socks, up to a maximum of 5 pairs per person in a benefit year.
- elastic support stockings, including pressure gradient hose.
- custom-made orthotic inserts for shoes, when prescribed by a

doctor, podiatrist or chiropodist, up to a maximum of 2 pairs per person in a benefit year.

- custom-made orthopaedic shoes when prescribed by a doctor, podiatrist or chiropodist, up to a maximum of 1 pair and $3,000 per person in a benefit year.
- prefabricated orthopaedic shoes or modifications to prefabricated orthopaedic shoes when prescribed by a doctor, podiatrist or chiropodist, up to a maximum of 2 pairs per person in a benefit year.
- hearing aids prescribed by an ear, nose and throat specialist, up to a maximum of $300 per person over a period of 36 months. Repairs are included in this maximum.
- radiotherapy or coagulotherapy.
- oxygen, plasma and blood transfusions.
- glucometers prescribed by a diabetologist or a specialist in internal medicine, up to a lifetime maximum of $700 per person.
- insulin pumps.
- medicated dressings and burn garments.
- incontinence supplies such as diapers, pads and disposable briefs required as a result of an illness.

Paramedical services

We will cover 100% of the costs after you pay the deductible, up to a maximum of $300 per person per specialty in a benefit year for the paramedical specialists listed below:

- licensed massage therapists.
- licensed physiotherapists.
- licensed chiropractors, including a maximum of one x-ray examination each benefit year.

We will cover 100% of the costs after you pay the deductible, for the services of licensed psychologists or social workers, up to a maximum of $35 for the first visit and a maximum of $20 per hour for each subsequent visit and a combined maximum of $200 per person in a benefit year.

We will cover 100% of the costs after you pay the deductible, for the services of licensed speech therapists, up to a maximum of $200 per person in a benefit year.

Contact lenses, eyeglasses or laser eye correction surgery

We will cover the cost of contact lenses, eyeglasses or laser eye correction surgery. Contact lenses or eyeglasses must be prescribed by an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist and obtained from an ophthalmologist, licensed optometrist or optician. Laser eye correction surgery must be performed by an ophthalmologist.

We will cover 100% of these costs up to a maximum of $450 per person in any 24 month period.

The deductible does not apply to eyeglasses, contact lenses or laser eye correction surgery.

We will not pay for sunglasses, magnifying glasses, or safety glasses of any kind, unless they are prescription glasses needed for the correction of vision.

When coverage ends

Extended Health Care coverage will end on the last day of the month in which the employee reaches age 65.

Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in *General Information*.

What is not covered

We will not pay for the costs of:

- services or supplies payable or available (regardless of any waiting list) under any government-sponsored plan or program, except as described below under *Integration with government programs*.
- services or supplies to the extent that their costs exceed the reasonable and usual rates in the locality where the services or

supplies are provided.

- equipment that Sun Life considers ineligible (examples of this equipment are orthopaedic mattresses, exercise equipment, air-conditioning or air-purifying equipment, whirlpools and humidifiers).
- any services or supplies that are not usually provided to treat an illness, including experimental or investigational treatments. *Experimental or investigational treatments* mean treatments that are not approved by Health Canada or other government regulatory body for the general public.
- services or supplies that do not qualify as medical expenses under the Income Tax Act (Canada).
- services or supplies for which no charge would have been made in the absence of this coverage.

We will not pay benefits when the claim is for an illness resulting from:

- the hostile action of any armed forces, insurrection or participation in a riot or civil commotion.
- any work for which you were compensated that was not done for the employer who is providing this plan.
- participation in a criminal offence.

Integration with government programs

This plan will integrate with benefits payable or available under the government-sponsored plan or program (the *government program*).

The covered expense under this plan is that portion of the expense that is not payable or available under the government program, regardless of:

- whether you have made an application to the government program,
- whether coverage under this plan affects your eligibility or entitlement to any benefits under the government program, or

- any waiting lists.

When and how to make a claim

To make a claim, complete the claim form that is available from your employer.

In order for you to receive benefits, we must receive the claim no later than:

- 365 days after the end of the benefit year during which you incur the expenses, or
- 90 days after the end of your Extended Health Care coverage, whichever is earlier.

Claims may be submitted electronically for some expenses. Please contact your employer for more information.

Dental Care

General description of the coverage

In this section, *you* means the employee and all dependents covered for Dental Care benefits.

Dental Care coverage pays for eligible expenses that you incur for dental procedures provided by a licensed dentist, denturist, dental hygienist and anaesthetist while you are covered by this group plan.

For each dental procedure, we will only cover reasonable and customary charges. We will not cover more than the fee stated in the Dental Association Fee Guide for general practitioners in the province where the employee lives, regardless of where the treatment is received. Payments will be based on the current guide at the time the treatment is received.

When a fee guide is not published for a given year, the term *fee guide* may also mean an adjusted fee guide established by Sun Life.

Reasonable and customary charges mean:

- charges considered necessary for the treatment and maintenance of a person’s oral health, according to standard Canadian dental procedures and practices, and
- charges of a reasonable frequency and duration, as determined by Sun Life.

When deciding what we will pay for a procedure, we will first find out if other or alternate procedures could have been done. These alternate procedures must be part of usual and accepted dental work and must obtain as adequate a result as the procedure that the dentist performed. We will not pay more than the reasonable cost of the least expensive alternate procedure.

For an implant related crown or prosthesis, we will pay the benefit that would have been payable under this plan for a tooth supported crown or

a non implant related prosthesis, respectively. We will take into account any limitations that would have applied if there had been no implant. All other expenses related to implants, including surgery charges, are not covered.

If you receive any temporary dental service, it will be included as part of the final dental procedure used to correct the problem and not as a separate procedure. The fee for the permanent service will be used to determine the reasonable and customary charge for the final dental service.

An expense must be claimed for the benefit year in which the expense is incurred. You incur an expense on the date your dentist performs a single appointment procedure or an orthodontic procedure. For other procedures which take more than one appointment, you incur an expense once the entire procedure is completed.

The benefit year is from January 1 to December 31.

Deductible

There is no deductible for this coverage.

Benefit year maximum

For Major dental procedures, we will not pay more than:

- $1,000 per person for each benefit year for the construction and insertion of standard dentures.
- $1,500 per person for each benefit year for all other procedures combined.

Lifetime maximum

The maximum amount we will pay for all Orthodontic procedures in a person's lifetime is $1,500.

Predetermination

We suggest that you send us an estimate, before the work is done, for any major treatment or any procedure that will cost more than $500. You should send us a completed dental claim form that shows the treatment that the dentist is planning and the cost. Both you and the dentist will have to complete parts of the claim form. We will tell you how much of the planned treatment is covered. This way you will know how much of the cost you will be responsible for before the work is done.

Preventive dental procedures

Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to help prevent dental problems. They are procedures that a dentist performs regularly to help maintain good dental health.

We will pay 100% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.

Oral examinations

1 complete examination every 36 months.

1 recall examination every 9 months.

Emergency or specific examinations.

X-rays

1 complete series of x-rays or 1 panorex every 36 months.

1 set of bitewing x-rays every 9 months.

X-rays to diagnose a symptom or examine progress of a particular course of treatment.

Other services

Required consultations between two dentists.

Polishing (cleaning of teeth) and topical fluoride treatment once every 9 months.

Emergency or palliative services.

Diagnostic tests and laboratory examinations.

Removal of impacted teeth and related anaesthesia.

Provision of space maintainers for missing primary teeth.

Pit and fissure sealants.

Oral hygiene instruction once every 9 months.

Basic dental procedures

Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat basic dental problems.

We will pay 100% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.

Fillings

Amalgam, composite, acrylic or equivalent. Replacements must be

separated by at least 12 months.

Extraction of teeth Removal of teeth, except removal of impacted teeth (*Preventive dental procedures*).

Basic restorations Prefabricated metal restorations and repairs to prefabricated metal restorations, other than in conjunction with the placement of permanent crowns.

Endodontics Root canal therapy and root canal fillings, and treatment of disease of the pulp tissue.

Periodontics Treatment of disease of the gum and other supporting tissue.

For occlusal equilibration, you are covered up to a maximum of 8 units of 15 minutes per benefit year.

Oral surgery Surgery, other than the removal of impacted teeth (*Preventive dental procedures*). The following temporomandibular joint dislocation management procedures are also covered:

- dislocation, open reduction.
- dislocation, closed reduction.
- luxation.

Anaesthesia Anaesthesia in conjunction with a dental procedure covered under this plan, other than the removal of impacted teeth (*Preventive dental procedures*)

Repair Repair of bridges or dentures.

Rebase or reline Rebase or reline of an existing partial or complete denture.

Major dental procedures

Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat major dental problems.

We will pay 50% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.

Major restorations Crowns and repairs to crowns, other than prefabricated metal restorations (*Basic dental procedures*). Replacements must be

separated by at least 5 years.

Prosthodontics

Construction and insertion of bridges or standard dentures. Charges for a replacement bridge or replacement standard denture are not considered an eligible expense during the 5 year period following the construction or insertion of a previous bridge or standard denture unless:

- it is needed to replace a bridge or standard denture which has caused temporomandibular joint disturbances and which cannot be economically modified to correct the condition.
- it is needed to replace a transitional denture which was inserted shortly following extraction of teeth and which cannot be economically modified to the final shape required.

Orthodontic procedures

Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat misaligned or crooked teeth.

We will pay 50% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.

Coverage includes orthodontic examinations, including orthodontic diagnostic services and fixed or removable appliances such as braces.

The following orthodontic procedures are covered:

- interceptive, interventive or preventive orthodontic services, other than space maintainers (*Preventive dental procedures*).
- comprehensive orthodontic treatment, using a removable or fixed appliance, or combination of both. This includes diagnostic procedures, formal treatment and retention.

When coverage ends

Dental Care coverage will end on the last day of the month in which the employee reaches age 65.

Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in *General Information*.

Payments after coverage ends

If the Dental Care benefit terminates, you will still be covered for procedures to repair natural teeth damaged by an accidental blow if the accident occurred while you were covered, and the procedure is performed within 6 months after the date of the accident.

If the Dental Care benefit terminates for reasons other than the termination of this plan or termination of the Dental Care benefit under this plan, you may continue to be eligible for expenses incurred for endodontic treatment that exposes a tooth or procedures related to dentures, crowns, onlays or bridges. The treatment or procedure must be a work in progress which commenced while you were covered under this plan and the expense must be incurred within 31 days after the end of your Dental Care coverage.

What is not covered

We will not pay for services or supplies payable or available (regardless of any waiting list) under any government-sponsored plan or program unless explicitly listed as covered under this benefit.

We will not pay for services or supplies that are not usually provided to treat a dental problem.

We will not pay for:

- procedures performed primarily to improve appearance.
- the replacement of dental appliances that are lost, misplaced or stolen.
- charges for appointments that you do not keep.
- charges for completing claim forms.
- services or supplies for which no charge would have been made in the absence of this coverage.
- supplies usually intended for sport or home use, for example, mouthguards.
- procedures or supplies used in full mouth reconstructions (capping all of the teeth in the mouth), vertical dimension corrections (changing the way the teeth meet) including attrition

(worn down teeth), alteration or restoration of occlusion (building up and restoring the bite), or for the purpose of prosthetic splinting (capping teeth and joining teeth together to provide additional support).

- transplants, and repositioning of the jaw.
- experimental treatments.

We will also not pay for dental work resulting from:

- the hostile action of any armed forces, insurrection or participation in a riot or civil commotion.
- participation in a criminal offence.

When and how to make a claim

To make a claim, complete the claim form that is available from your employer. The dentist will have to complete a section of the form.

In order for you to receive benefits, we must receive a claim no later than:

- 365 days after the end of the benefit year during which you incur the expenses, or
- 90 days after the end of your Dental Care coverage, whichever is earlier.

We can require that you give us the dentist's statement of the treatment received, pre-treatment x-rays and any additional information that we consider necessary.

Claims may be submitted electronically for some expenses. Please contact your employer for more information.

Life Coverage

General description of the coverage

Your Life coverage provides a benefit for your beneficiary if you die while covered.

Life coverage for you

Amount

Your Life benefit is $300 times the number of completed years of service with the employer on the day preceding your retirement, as determined by the employer. The maximum amount of coverage is $4,500.

If you have accumulated years of service with your current employer and/or with another hospital that is in the Ontario Hospital Association group of hospitals as a full time employee and a part time employee in the 15 year period immediately preceding the earlier of age 65 or retirement, the above amount of coverage is prorated according to the number of completed years of service in each capacity. *Completed years of service* means continuous service, any period during which you were totally disabled and any period during which premiums were waived due to total disability.

Who we will pay

If you die while covered, Sun Life will pay the full amount of your benefit to your last named beneficiary on file with Sun Life.

If you have not named a beneficiary, the benefit amount will be paid to your estate. Anyone can be your beneficiary. You can change your beneficiary at any time, unless a law prevents you from doing so or you indicate that the beneficiary is not to be changed.

Your beneficiary designation filed under a previous group plan of the employer, will apply and carry forward to your coverage under this plan until you change it. Please review your existing beneficiary designation to ensure it reflects your current intentions.

A minor cannot personally receive a death benefit under the plan until

reaching the age of majority. If you reside outside Québec and desire to designate a minor as your beneficiary, you may wish to designate someone else to receive the death benefit in trust for the minor. If a trustee is not designated, applicable legislation may require that a death benefit payable to a minor be paid instead to a court, or guardian or public trustee. If you reside in Québec and have designated a minor as beneficiary, the death benefit will be paid to the parent(s)/legal guardian of the minor on the minor's behalf. Alternatively (and regardless of whether you reside outside or in Québec), you may wish to consider designating your estate as beneficiary and provide the executor(s) with directions in your will as to the entitlement of the minor. You are encouraged to consult a legal advisor.

Early payment

Subject to Sun Life's approval, you may elect early payment of the death benefit equal to 90% of the amount of Basic Life Insurance applicable to you, subject to the following conditions:

- a doctor appointed by Sun Life determines that you are apparently certain to die within 12 months of the date of such determination;
- you are competent to act;
- you are under age 64 at the time you make the election.

The Early payment is in exchange for all other benefits under the Employee Basic Life Insurance provisions.

Value of the Early payment means the aggregate of the payments made under the Early payment, plus the reasonable costs of verifying your medical condition.

Early payment exclusion

The Early payment will not be payable if there has been any material misrepresentation or non-disclosure in the application, whether within two years or not. If the application or coverage is discovered to be null and void after the Early payment is paid, the Value of the Early payment will be repaid to Sun Life by the recipient of the Early payment.

Converting Life coverage

If your Life coverage ends or reduces for any reason other than your request, you may apply to convert the group Life coverage to an individual Life policy with Sun Life without providing proof of good health.

The request must be made within 31 days of the reduction or end of the Life coverage.

There are a number of rules and conditions in the group contract that apply to converting this coverage, including the maximum amount that can be converted. Please contact your employer for details.

When and how to make a claim

Claims for Life benefits must be made as soon as reasonably possible. Claim forms are available from your employer.

Respecting your privacy

Our Purpose is to help our Clients achieve lifetime financial security and live healthier lives. We collect, use and disclose your personal information to: develop and deliver the right products and services; enhance your experience and manage our business operations; perform underwriting, administration and claims adjudication; protect against fraud, errors or misrepresentations; tell you about other products and services; and meet legal and security obligations. We collect it directly from you, when you use our products and services, and from other sources. We keep your information confidential and only as long as needed. People who may access it include our employees, distribution partners such as advisors, service providers, reinsurers, or anyone else you authorize. At times, unless we're prohibited, they may be outside your jurisdiction and your information may be subject to local laws. You can always ask for your information and to correct it if needed. In most cases, you have a right to withdraw your consent, but we may not be able to provide the requested product or service. Read our Global Privacy Statement and local policy at *www.sunlife.ca/privacy* or call us for a copy.

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