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Group Out-of-Province Travel
Medical Emergency and
Trip Cancellation Insurance
BOOKLET

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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

Name of <i>Policyholder</i> .				
Contract number:				
This booklet contains clauses that could limit the amounts of claims refundable.  Please read this booklet carefully.				
Class Description:				
Working Hours Requirements:				
Eligibility Period:				
Termination Age:				
Common Law Spouse Cohabitation Period:				
Age Limit for Dependant Children:				
Stability Requirements for <i>Pre-existing Conditions</i> :				
Coverage Period:				
Notes:				

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# **SUMMARY OF BENEFITS**

# Medical Protections

LIST OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM SUM PAYABLE PER <i>TRIP</i>
Emergency Medical Insurance	\$5,000,000
Hospitalization / Medical Expenses	Up to the Sum Insured
Incidental Hospital Expenses	\$250
Physicians' Fees	Up to the Sum Insured
Medical Appliances	Up to the Sum Insured
Private Duty Nursing Care	\$5,000
Diagnostic Services	Up to the Sum Insured
Prescription Drugs	Up to the Sum Insured
Emergency Dental Care	\$2,000
Emergency Ocular Care	Up to the Sum Insured
Ambulance Services	Up to the Sum Insured
Paramedical Fees	50%, maximum \$1,000
Emergency Transportation to Insured's Bedside	Up to the Sum Insured
Emergency Air Transportation	Up to the Sum Insured
Return of Deceased	Up to the Sum Insured
Return of Vehicle	\$2,000
Delayed Return Expenses	\$200 per day, maximum \$2,000

# Non-Medical Protections

LIST OF BENEFITS	MAXIMUM SUM PAYABLE PER <i>TRIP</i>
Trip Cancellation & Interruption	\$5,000
Before Departure	Up to the Sum Insured
After Departure	Up to the Sum Insured
Accommodation and Transportation (Hospitalization)	\$750
Baggage	\$1,000
Damage, Loss or Theft of Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Maximum for Single Item or Set	\$500
Travel Document Replacement	\$200
Delay of Baggage and Personal Effects	\$400

#### **GROUP OUT-OF-PROVINCE**

### **Travel Medical Emergency Insurance**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Travel insurance in case of medical *Emergency* is designed to cover *Treatment*(s) due to a medical *Emergency* arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances while out of *Your* province of residence. The insurance also covers the *Emergency* repatriation costs to *Your* province of residence when needed.

This booklet contains limitations and exclusions. Please read this document carefully and contact the *Insurer* before leaving on *Your* trip if necessary. The *Pre-existing Condition* exclusion applies to medical conditions which are not *Stable* and *Controlled* and/or to *Symptoms* that manifested themselves on or prior to *Your Departure Date* (for travel insurance in case of medical *Emergency*) or on or prior to the date on which *Your* initial *Trip* arrangements were booked (for the Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage). Check to see how this affects *Your* insurability. In the event of a claim, *Your* previous medical history will be reviewed to verify and confirm *Your* eligibility for benefits.

This booklet is not a copy of the *Contract*. It does however summarize all the insurance benefits contained in the *Contract*. If there are any discrepancies between the provisions contained in the booklet or in any other document *You* could hold, the dispositions in the *Contract* prevail.

The meanings of words printed in *italics* throughout this document are explained in the "Definitions" section.

Amounts indicated in this booklet are in Canadian dollars, unless specified otherwise.

# CONTACT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PRIOR TO ANY TREATMENT

In all cases, *You* must call the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE toll free at **1 844 877-6588** (USA & Canada), **1 888 820-6588** (elsewhere) or collect at 1 819 377-3285 prior to any *Treatment*. Failure to do so will limit *Your* benefits to 70% of eligible charges up to an overall maximum of CAN \$25,000. Please refer to section "General Provisions" for more details.

Coordination of care must be from the onset and for the full duration of the *Treatment* involving the patient and/or family, the treating *Physician* and the EMFRGENCY ASSISTANCE.

#### I. ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE

#### Eligibility of the Participant

To be eligible for benefits as a *Participant* under the *Contract*, *You* must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a permanent resident in Canada and have Your place of employment in Canada; and
- Be eligible for benefits under the Government Health Insurance Plan of Your province of residence;
   and
- Be younger than the Termination Age stated in the Schedule of Benefits; and
- If You are covered as an employee of the Policyholder, You must also:
- be covered by the *Policyholder's* basic group extended health care plan; and
- work the minimum number of hours stated under the Schedule of Benefits and satisfy the eliqibility period stated under the Schedule of Benefits.

# **Eligibility of** *Dependants*

To be eligible for benefits as a *Dependant* under the *Contract*, *You* must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- Be eligible for benefits under the Government Health Insurance Plan of *Your* province of residence;
- Meet the definition of *Dependant* as per the *Contract* and be covered as a *Dependant* under the *Policyholder's* basic group extended health care plan.

#### **Effective Date**

For the *Participant*, the effective date is the later of the date on which the *Contract* of the *Policyholder* becomes effective or the date on which *You* become eligible as per the *Policyholder*'s basic group extended health care plan.

Notwithstanding the above clause, the effective date of coverage for disabled employees or employees who are not actively at work on the effective date of the *Contract* is the later date between the date the employee resumes active work and the date where *You* become eligible under the *Policyholder*'s basic group extended health care plan.

For the *Dependant*, the effective date is the later of the date on which the *Contract* of the *Policyholder* becomes effective, or the date on which the *Dependant*'s coverage becomes effective under the *Policyholder*'s basic group extended health care plan.

#### **Termination Date**

Participant and Dependant coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following:

- Date on which the *Participant's* employment is terminated (voluntarily or not);
- Date on which You cease to satisfy the eligibility criteria stated above;
- Date on which the *Policyholder* omits paying the due premium to the *Insurer*,
- Date on which the *Policyholder's Contract* is terminated.

#### II. TRAVEL INSURANCE IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY

This protection provides the following benefits in case of medical *Emergency*. The following benefits are provided for each *Insured Person*, for costs deemed usual, reasonable and customary and in excess of amounts covered under the provincial government health insurance plans and/or any other plan covering the *Insured Person*. The overall amount of benefits payable, after any other in force insurance, is subject to a maximum of CAN \$ 5,000,000 per *Insured Person*.

It may be required that *You* pay providers directly. Coordination of care through the Emergency Assistance will expedite reimbursement.

The *Insurer* will refund:

#### 1. HOSPITAL/MEDICAL EXPENSES (Hospitalization)

The cost of *Hospitalization*, in a semi-private room, up to the limit deemed reasonable and customary for the area where *You* are hospitalized.

#### 2. INCIDENTAL HOSPITAL EXPENSES

Expenses associated to a covered *Hospitalization* (telephone, television, parking, etc.), subject to presentation of original receipts, up to a maximum of CAN \$ 250 per *Hospitalization*.

#### 3. PHYSICIAN'S FEES

Fees charged by *Physicians*, up to the limit deemed reasonable and customary for the area where the *Treatment* is provided.

#### 4. MEDICAL APPLIANCES

Purchase of splints, casts, crutches, canes, slings, trusses, orthopaedic corsets or for the rental of walkers or wheelchairs, when prescribed by the attending *Physician*, up to the limit deemed reasonable and customary for the area where *Treatment* is provided.

#### 5. PRIVATE DUTY NURSING CARE

Fees for a registered nurse (other than a relative of the *Insured Person*) for private care while convalescing at *Your* destination, immediately following a covered *Emergency Hospitalization*, and when prescribed by the attending *Physician* and deemed medically necessary, up to a maximum of CAN \$ 5,000 per *Event* and per *Insured Person*, subject to the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE's approval.

#### 6. DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

Costs for laboratory tests and X-rays required for the *Treatment* of an *Emergency* and when prescribed by the attending *Physician*, up to the limit deemed reasonable and customary for the area of *Treatment* 

#### 7. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Cost of *Medication*(s) prescribed by a *Physician* for a new covered condition following a medical *Emergency*. Payment of the prescription will only be valid for the initial 30 days after the onset of an *Emergency*. The cost of prescription beyond this period is not covered.

#### 8. EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

Fees for the services of a dental surgeon for the *Treatment* of an *Injury* from an *Accidental* blow to the mouth causing damage to natural and healthy teeth or for the *Treatment* of a fracture or dislocation of the jaw. *Treatment* must begin and end during the coverage period. The maximum benefit payable is CAN \$ 2,000 per *Accident* and per *Insured Person*.

However, damage caused as a result of a deliberate introduction of food or an object into the mouth or the loss of a filling is not covered. Root canals, crown implants and any replacement or repair of artificial teeth are not covered, whether resulting from an *Accident* or not.

#### 9. EYE TREATMENT

If surgery or laser *Treatment* is a medical *Emergency*, the first CAN \$ 2,000 is covered at one hundred (100%) percent and the benefit shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost over that amount. Any cost related to glaucoma and/or cataract surgery is not covered.

#### 10. AMBULANCE SERVICES

The cost of local ambulance services to drive the *Insured Person* to the nearest qualified medical facility in the case of an *Emergency*, and for inter-*Hospital* transfers.

#### 11. PARAMEDICAL FEES

Fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the services provided by a chiropractor, podiatrist or physiotherapist (including X-rays prescribed by these professionals), up to CAN \$ 1,000 per *Insured Rerson*. Original invoices and proof of payment are required.

### 12. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

The following services must be pre-approved and pre-arranged by the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

#### A. EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION TO THE INSURED PERSON'S BEDSIDE

Round trip economy airfare will be reimbursed for one (1) *Immediate Family* member of the *Insured Person* via the most direct route from Canada to the *Hospital* where the *Insured Person* has been a patient for no less than three (3) consecutive days, provided the attending *Physician* gives written confirmation that the *Insured Person's* condition is sufficiently serious to warrant the visit or, when necessary in the event of death, to identify the deceased *Insured Person* prior to the release of the body.

#### **B. EMERGENCY AIR TRANSPORTATION**

In consultation with the attending *Physician*, or following an *Emergency* that requires that the *Insured Person* be repatriated to his/her province of residence for immediate medical attention, the *Insurer* will reimburse the cost of transporting the *Insured Person* and his/her *Travel Companion*, if applicable, to the *Insured Person*'s residence in Canada by means of air ambulance, one-way economy airfare on a commercial airline, or a stretcher on a commercial airline (with or without the services of a medical attendant), as determined on a per case basis depending on the circumstances.

#### C. RETURN OF DECEASED

The *Insurer* will reimburse the reasonable and customary costs incurred for the preparation and transportation of the remains of the deceased *Insured Person* to his/her residence in Canada or the reasonable and customary costs of cremation or burial at the place of death. The cost of the coffin or urn and other funeral costs are not covered.

#### D. RETURN OF VEHICLE

If the attending *Physician* determines and confirms in writing that as a result of an *Emergency*, *You* are incapable of driving *Your Vehicle* to *Your* residence in *Your* province of residence or to the nearest appropriate rental agency, the *Insurer* will reimburse the lesser of the following

actual reasonable and necessary costs incurred to return *Your Vehicle*, up to a maximum of CAN \$ 2.000.

- 1) The cost of a one-way economy class plane ticket, gasoline, meals (except alcohol) and overnight commercial accommodation incurred by an individual; or
- 2) The cost of the return performed by a professional agency.

These expenses will be refunded only if *Your Vehicle* is returned to *Your* residence in *Your* province of residence within 30 days following *Your* own return. Original detailed receipts will be requested. Car rental costs while awaiting the return of *Your Vehicle* are not covered.

#### 13. DELAYED RETURN EXPENSES

When the return portion of an insured *Trip* is delayed as the result of a medical *Emergency*, or the death of the *Insured Person* or of a member of his/her *Immediate Family* traveling with the *Insured Person*, the *Insurer* will reimburse a maximum of CAN \$200 per day, up to a maximum of CAN \$2,000 per *Insured Person*, for costs deemed necessary and reasonable for meals and accommodations.

#### III. TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION COVERAGE

#### A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Cancellation coverage reimburses *You* for covered benefits *You* incur for *Trips* cancelled before *Your Departure Date*, up to CAN \$ 5,000. Trip Interruption coverage reimburses *You* for covered losses *You* incur for *Trips* that are interrupted or delayed after *Your Departure Date*, up to CAN \$ 5,000.

Following the cancellation or interruption of a *Trip*, *You* are entitled to a reimbursement of losses incurred according to:

- The risks outlined below: and
- The maximum amount of each insured benefit.

#### **B. INSURED RISKS**

A maximum benefit of CAN \$ 5,000 is provided to cover the specific losses, listed in the Covered Benefits (Section C below), which results from the cancellation or interruption of *Your Trip* due to one of the following insured risks:

#### 1. Medical Conditions and Death

You or Your Travelling Companion:

- a) Die(s) prior to Your Departure Date or during Your Trip; or
- b) Suffer(s) from an *Emergency* medical condition.

A member of *Your Immediate Family*, a *Caregiver*, *Your* host at destination, a business partner or *Key Employee*:

- a) Dies within the 30 days prior to Your Departure Date or during Your Trip; or
- b) Suffers from an *Emergency* medical condition

#### 2. Pregnancy and Adoption

a) Unexpected complications of pregnancy for You, Your spouse, Your Travelling Companion or Your Travelling Companion's spouse during the first 31 weeks of pregnancy.

- b) If Your, Your spouse's, an Immediate Family member's, Your Travelling Companion's, pregnancy is diagnosed after the insurance was purchased and if the departure is scheduled within the 9 weeks preceding or following the expected date of delivery.
- c) The legal adoption of a child by *You* or *Your Travelling Companion*, when the actual date of that adoption is scheduled to take place during *Your Trip*.

#### 3. Government Advisories and Visas

- a) A written, formal travel advisory issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Canadian government after the purchase of *Your* insurance warning Canadians not to travel to a country, region or city that is part of *Your* Trip.
- b) The non-issuance of Your or Your Travelling Companion's travel visa for reasons beyond Your or Your Travelling Companion's control. The non-issuance of a travel visa due to late application is not covered. Non-issuance of immigration or employment visa is not covered.

#### 4. Employment and Occupation

- a) Your, Your spouse's or Your Travelling Companion's employer initiated transfer within 30 days of your Departure Date, resulting in the relocation of their principal residence farther than 100 km from their actual residence.
- b) You or Your Travelling Companion being summoned to service in the case of reservists, active military, police or fire personnel.
- c) The cancellation of a business meeting directly related to Your occupation and profession for which Your Trip was intended, when that meeting was organized by an independent party.

#### 5. Delays

- a) The delay of *Your* or *Your Travelling Companion*'s prepaid *Common Carrier* that is part of *Your Trip* due to weather conditions, earthquakes or volcanic eruptions for a period of at least 30% of *Your Trip* when *You* choose not to continue with *Your* travel arrangements.
- b) The delay that causes *You* to miss or interrupt part of *Your Trip* when a private automobile is delayed due to weather conditions, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, mechanical failure, a traffic accident or an emergency police-directed road closure, provided the automobile was scheduled to arrive at the *Departure Point* at least 3 hours before the scheduled time of departure.
- c) The cancellation of *Your* cruise before the departure of *Your* cruise ship due to mechanical failure, grounding or quarantine of the cruise ship or the repositioning of the cruise ship due to weather conditions, earthquakes or volcanic eruptions.
- d) You missed Your connection resulting from a Schedule Change by the airline carrier that is providing transportation for part of Your Trip.

#### 6. Other Covered Risks

- a) Your being required to serve on a jury or Your being served with a court order or subpoena, requiring You to appear in court. This excludes law enforcement officers.
- b) You, Your spouse, Your children or Your Travelling Companion are quarantined or the transportation vessel being used is hijacked.
- c) You or Your Travelling Companion's principal residence being made uninhabitable because of fire, flood, burglary, vandalism or natural disaster.

- d) You or Your Travelling Companion's own place of business becoming inoperative because of fire, flood, burglary, vandalism or natural disaster.
- e) You or Your Travelling Companion are victim of a criminal assault within 10 days prior to Your Departure Date. An indictable criminal assault inflicted by You, an Immediate Family member, Travelling Companion or Travelling Companion's family member is not a covered risk under this insurance.
- f) The death of *Your* or *Your Travelling Companion*'s service dog after the purchase of this insurance, when the dog had been included in the travel arrangements.

#### C. COVERED BENEFITS

When *You* incur losses following one of the six (6) insured risks described previously, the *Insurer* will reimburse, up to a maximum of \$5,000:

#### *Trip* Cancellation Benefits (prior to date and time of departure)

- Trip payments or deposits incurred as a result of cancellation penalties, provided no credits were issued by the supplier and the tickets are unused, unusable, forfeited, non-refundable and nontransferable;
- 2. The additional cost billed by the service supplier resulting from a change in the per-person occupancy rate for prepaid travel arrangements (ex. quadruple occupancy to double), if a *Travelling companion's Trip* is cancelled for one of the above insured risks and *Yours* is not.

#### *Trip* Interruption Benefits (after date and time of departure)

- 1. The unused portion of any travel arrangement non-refundable and non-transferable that You paid as part of Your Trip, provided that no credits were issued by the supplier and the tickets are unused, unusable and forfeited;
- 2. The additional cost billed by the service supplier resulting from a change in the per-person occupancy rate for prepaid travel arrangements (ex. quadruple occupancy to double), if, a *Travelling Companion's Trip* is interrupted for one of the above insured risks and *Yours* is not,
- Reasonable, additional accommodation and transportation expenses up to CAN \$ 250 per day up to a maximum of 3 days if a covered travelling *Immediate Family* member or *Travelling Companion* must remain hospitalized;
- 4. Reasonable, additional transportation expenses needed to reach *Your* province of residence of to travel from the place *Your Trip* was interrupted to the place where *You* can rejoin *Your Trip*.
- Reasonable, additional travel costs for You to reach Your scheduled destination if You must depart after Your Departure Date as a result of one of the above insured risks.

The benefits paid under 4 and 5 above will not exceed the cost of economy airfare via the most direct route on the next available carrier to *Your* next destination, less any amounts for which *You* have been reimbursed.

#### D. CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. You must cancel Your scheduled *Trip* with the travel agent or travel supplier on the day the cause of cancellation occurs or on the next business day at the latest. Claim payment will be limited to the cancellation penalties specified in *Your Trip* contracts at that time.

- 2. Cancellation or interruption of *Your Trip* as the result of an *Emergency* medical condition requires written verification from the attending *Physician* in the locality where the *Emergency* medical condition occurs, complete with the diagnosis and the medical necessity for cancellation or interruption of *Your Trip* and must be completed on the day the cause of cancellation or interruption occurs.
- 3. If You are eligible through another insurer for benefits similar to those provided in this Contract, the total benefits all insurers pay You may not exceed the actual expenses You have incurred. We will coordinate the benefit payments from all insurers to a maximum of the largest amount payable by each insurer.
- 4. We reserve the right to take action against a third party at fault for the expenses You incurred. You agree to cooperate fully with Us to bring suit in Your name against a third party (at Our expense). If You recover expenses against a third party, You agree to reimburse Us for any excess amounts We have paid You.

#### IV. BAGGAGE COVERAGE

This protection covers the reimbursement of the real value of an *Insured Person*'s baggage, up to a maximum of CAN \$ 1,000 per *Insured Person* per *Trip*, in the case of loss, damage or theft by a bus company, taxi company, train company, cruise line, airline, or any other *Common Carrier. We* will reimburse a maximum of CAN \$ 500 for a single item or set of items.

We will reimburse You up to CAN \$ 200 in total for the cost of replacing Your passport, driver's license, birth certificate or travel visa if lost or stolen during Your Trip.

We will reimburse You up to CAN \$ 400 for the purchase of necessary and essential missing clothing and toiletries if, during Your Trip, Your personal baggage is delayed or misdirected for at least 12 hours by a Common Carrier.

All benefits payable to *You* under this coverage are in excess of any payments provided by a *Common Carrier* or any other insurance *You* may have.

The insurance will pay the lower of:

- a) The actual purchase price of a similar item; or
- b) The actual cash value of the item at the time of loss, which includes deduction for depreciation (for items without receipts, the insurance will pay up to 75% of the determined depreciated value); or
- c) The cost to repair or replace the item.

#### **Exclusions**

The following property is not covered: animals, all motorized equipment, eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, artificial teeth, limbs, medicines, perfumes, cosmetics, consumables, money, securities, bullion, stamps, credit cards, documents, deeds, and unchecked, seized, or quarantined baggage, or baggage destroyed by customs or another government organization.

#### **V. EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

Benefits are not payable under this *Contract* if losses sustained or expenses incurred are the direct or indirect result of any of the following:

- For the travel insurance in case of medical Emergency protection, any Pre-existing Condition or Change in Your health that has not been Stable and Controlled for the required stability period stated under the Schedule of Benefits, before Your Departure Date.
- For the Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage, any Pre-existing Condition or Change in Your
  health that has not been Stable and Controlled for the required stability period (stated under the
  Schedule of Benefits) preceding the date on which Your initial Trip arrangements were booked.
- Any medical service, procedure or *Treatment* not authorized by the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, or not considered to be an *Emergency* as defined in this *Contract* and by the Medical Director of the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.
  - This includes but is not limited to blood tests (i.e., Coumadin), observation, exploratory and/ or investigative tests or exams, experimental drugs, vaccines or preventive medicines, elective *Treatments*, cosmetic surgeries, MRI, check-ups, ear cleaning, cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, colonoscopy, endoscopy, biopsy, cystoscopy, surgery, and insertion, removal or adjustment of implants.
- 4. Cosmetic or any other elective surgery or non-*Emergency* consultation or *Treatment*.
- Any Recurrence of an Injury, Sickness or Symptoms for which Treatment has been received during the insured Trip, in which case, the Insurer reserves the right to exclude the organ or body system involved.
- Any charge related to the *Treatment* of a *Sickness* or an *Injury* that was incurred in *Your* province of residence.
- Any medical condition for which medical advice has not been followed, recommended Treatment has not been followed or completed, or for which Symptoms were ignored by the Insured Person. This also includes directives issued by the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE or the Insurer.
- 8. Any *Treatment* or test related to a condition under investigation, including any condition for which results were not within normal range before departure.
- Any costs related to replacing, repairing or adjusting any prosthesis, other than a knee or hip prosthesis.
- 10. The purchase of any drug, prescribed or not, available over the counter.
- 11. Any costs related to *Your* pregnancy or childbirth; routine prenatal care, fertility treatment, deliberate termination of *Your* pregnancy, an infant born during *Your Trip* as well as complications of pregnancy occurring within 9 weeks of the expected date of delivery.
- 12. Any Accident, Sickness or Injury sustained while participating in professional or competitive sports, any race or speed contest, gliding, hang gliding, rock climbing, mountain-climbing which involves the ascent or descent of a mountain requiring the use of specialized equipment including but not limited to crampons, pick-axes, anchors, bolfs, carabiners and lead or top-rope anchoring equipment, mountaineering, spelunking, rafting, acrobatic skiing or snowboarding (including kitesurf), bungee jumping, parachuting or other aerial activities or underwater activities using a breathing apparatus (except snorkelling), or any activities requiring that the Insured Person signs an accident waiver and release of liability form.

- 13. Any loss resulting from an *Accident, Sickness* or *Injury* sustained while onboard a commercial vehicle, other than as a passenger, or sustained while onboard an aircraft other than as a fare paying passenger on a flight operated by a *Common Carrier*.
- 14. Any *Treatment* or *Medication* related directly or indirectly to sexually transmitted disease and/or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and/or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- 15. Any Accident, Sickness or Injury induced and/or related to alcohol or alcohol abuse, Medication abuse, drug and other toxic substance abuse, and Symptoms of withdrawal. Alcohol abuse is defined as having a blood alcohol level in excess of eighty (80) milligrams per one hundred (100) millilitres of blood.
- 16. Any travel outside the province of residence to seek medical advice or *Treatment*, even if recommended by a *Physician*.
- 17. Suicide, attempted suicide or self-inflicted Injury, whether the *Insured Person* is declared sane or insane.
- 18. Any *Injury* or *Sickness* or *Trip* cancellation or interruption claim arising from:
  - a) Civil unrest, war or acts of war (declared or undeclared), political instability;
  - b) Intentional exposure to a peril;
  - c) The participation in or intent to commit any criminal or illegal activity by You or Your beneficiary;
  - d) Exposure to a situation related to a travel warning issued by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (www.travel.gc.ca) while travelling in a country, specific region or city identified in the warning.\*
  - \* It is *Your* responsibility to verify the status of *Your* destinations; the *Insurer* reserves the right to deny any coverage and/or claim.
- 19. Any Accident, Sickness or death arising from a terrorism act.
- Any mental, psychiatric, psychological, psychotic or nervous disorder, including depression, anxiety and insomnia.
- 21. Care or services provided for the sole convenience of the patient.
- 22. Any *Treatment* that could reasonably be delayed until the *Insured Person* returns to his/her province of residence even if the perception is that the care may be of less accessibility and quality in the province of residence (see definition of *Emergency*).
- 23. Any change or adjustment in prescribed *Medication* taken for an existing condition prior to departure.
- 24. Any organ retrieval, donation and/or transplant and blood donation.
- 25. Any Accident, Injury or Sickness sustained during a Trip related to a remunerated activity or occupational duty if such activity or duty requires that You spend more than 30 days outside Canada in a year.
- 26. A refusal by the *Insured Person* (or his/her family), to be transferred to another *Hospital* or be repatriated to his/her province of residence. E.g.: If, after completion of a medical assessment and consultation with the attending *Physician*, the *Insured Person*'s condition is deemed stable by the Medical Director of the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE for transport on public or private carrier (whichever is considered most appropriate), but the *Insured Person* refuses such transport; in such cases, the *Insured Person* is no longer covered and the *Insurer* is relieved of any further liability.

- 27. Any medical condition or anticipated event, occurrence, circumstance that *You* are aware of when *You* book *Your Trip* or at the time of purchase of this coverage, which might reasonably be expected to prevent *You* from travelling as booked or if *You* have decided to travel against the advice of a *Physician*.
- 28. Any expenses related to a *Pre-Existing Condition* for which it is reasonable to expect or believe that medical *Treatment* will be necessary during *Your Trip*.
- 29. Bankruptcy or insolvency of a retail travel agent, agency, tour operator, airline or cruise line.
- 30. Losses recovered or which are recoverable from any other source, including trustees or any government compensation fund.
- 31. Consequential loss of any kind, including loss of enjoyment and financial loss not otherwise specifically covered under this *Contract*.
- 32. Fraud or attempted fraud, concealment or misrepresentation of any material fact affecting this insurance or in connection with the making of any claim.

#### **VI. AUTOMATIC EXTENSION**

Coverage will automatically be extended for up to 72 hours at no extra charge for a delay considered to be beyond the *Insured Person*'s control (e.g., *Accident, Vehicle* breakdown). Should medical care become necessary during the 72-hour period, *You* must provide the *Insurer* with supporting written evidence. If *You* are hospitalized beyond the expiration date due to a medical *Emergency, Your* coverage will remain in force for as long as *You* are hospitalized, and the 72-hour extension will commence upon *Your* release.

# VII. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS WITH OTHER INSURANCE PLANS

- 1. This Contract is designed to reimburse Emergency medical expenses in excess of any and all existing coverage held by the Insured Person and will not substitute for any other coverage that would have been in effect and would have reimbursed expenses incurred if this travel insurance was not in effect. Examples of such insurance plans are homeowner's and tenant's insurance, multi-risk insurance, liability insurance, provincial extended health care insurance, automobile insurance (including government automobile insurance plans) or any employee or retiree group insurance plan. The Insurer will not exercise its right to subrogate/co-ordinate with policies that have a maximum lifetime benefit in/out-of country of CAN \$50,000 or less.
- 2. In the event of payment of benefits under this Contract, the Insured Person gives the Insurer the right to exercise, by subrogation, all of his/her rights of recovery against any third party. The Insurer will be entitled to a full recovery for all payments made in respect of the insured Event, but not to exceed 100% of payments. In accepting this Contract, the Insured Person agrees to produce all documents required and to do what is necessary within his/her power to secure such rights to the Insurer. Lack of compliance and cooperation from the Insured Person may result in denial of claim.
- 3. There will be no coverage or payment of benefits under this Contract to the extent that the Insured Person receives compensation from a third party for claims made under this Contract. The Insured Person may not claim or receive, from all the parties involved, more than 100% of the loss arising from an insured Event.

#### **VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- Possession of a booklet does not confer any contractual rights to the insurance. The Contract
  must be effective and the eligibility criteria of Section 1. must be met for an Insured Person to be
  covered. The booklet is not an insurance policy and does not confer any rights or other obligations.
  In the event of a discrepancy between the booklet and the Contract, the terms of the Contract will
  prevail and apply. The Insurer reserves the right to modify the clauses of the Contract according to
  the provisions outlined therein.
- 2. All benefits are payable in Canadian currency to the *Insured Person* or estate, if the *Insured Person* is deceased. We may elect to pay benefits in the currency of the country where the charges were incurred. In all cases, the exchange rate used for conversion is the exchange rate in effect at the date of issuance of a given cheque, unless a proof of the exchange rate in effect at the time of the payment of services is provided to the *Insurer*. Unpaid benefits under this *Contract* shall not bear interest.
- 3. The Insured Person authorizes the Insurer to obtain his/her medical records and any other information the Insurer may deem necessary from any entity including Physicians, dentists and health organizations, and commits to signing an authorization allowing the Insurer to obtain this information in the event of a claim. Without this authorization, the Insurer reserves the right to deny a claim.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, this *Contract* is subject to the statutory conditions in the Insurance Act respecting contracts of accident insurance.
- 5. 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. All legal actions must take place in the *Insured Person*'s province of residence.
- 6. In the event the *Insured Person* becomes suddenly sick or is injured, and must consult a *Physician* or be hospitalized, the *Insured Person* or his/her travel companion must call the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE immediately\*. Call toll free 1 844 877-6588 (USA & Canada), 1 888 820-6588 (elsewhere) or collect 1 819 377-3285.

Should *You* fail to immediately call the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, settlement of claim may be delayed or denied. The *Insurer* reserves the right to limit the reimbursement of eligible medical expenses to the lesser of charges that would have been incurred within its network of medical providers or 70% of the eligible expenses incurred with an overall limit of CAN \$ 25,000.

You must accept the referral provided by the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. If You refuse the medical provider or Hospital referral, the Insurer reserves the right to limit the reimbursement of eligible medical expenses to the lesser of charges that would have been incurred within its network of medical providers or 70% of the eligible expenses incurred with an overall limit of CAN \$ 25,000.

The above limitations will also apply unless care is coordinated from the onset and involves the patient and/or family, the treating *Physician* and EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE for the full duration of the *Treatment*.

If necessary, in order to evaluate a claim or to recover costs, the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE and the *Insurer* reserve the right to disclose medical information to a third party.

\* If exceptional circumstances prevent the *Insured Person* from calling the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, the *Insured Person* or his/her travel companion must call the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE immediately after being attended into a *Hospital* or *Emergency* room and must provide proof of these exceptional circumstances to the *Insurer*.

- 7. Should it be determined that the *Insured Person* was not eligible for coverage, the *Insurer* retains the right of recovery for all and any amount paid for in good faith to the benefit of the *Insured Person*. Administrative expenses incurred by the *Insurer* to recover such sums are also payable by the *Insured Person*.
- 8. In the event of a dispute over the reimbursement of a claim, the *Insured Person* must request in writing that the revision committee reassess the claim before taking any legal action. The request must be sent in writing 30 days of the receipt of the written position from the *Insurer*. The committee will take into consideration all pertinent information provided by the *Insured Person* and a decision, based on the provisions and conditions outlined in the *Contract*, will be rendered in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the revision request. Send requests for claim revision to:

#### **CLAIMS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

#### LS-Travel, Insurance Company

247 Thibeau Blvd, Trois-Rivières, Quebec, G8T 6X9

- The benefits of this Contract cannot be assigned to a third party without the Insurer's written authorization.
- 10. Conditions in Your host country (e.g., political unrest, technological capabilities, etc.) may limit accessibility to, or the quality of, the Assistance Services described herein. Therefore, neither the Insurer nor the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE nor any other insurer or reinsurer is responsible for the availability, scope, quality or outcome of any medical Treatment, for any transportation You received or for Your inability to obtain medical Treatment.

#### IX. DEFINITIONS

- "Accident/Accidental" Means an unintentional and unexpected bodily harm occurring as a result of a sudden external action involving an impact.
- "Caregiver" Means a permanent, full-time person entrusted with the care of You or Your Dependants and who cannot reasonably be replaced in their absence.
- "Change" Means any of the following alteration or deterioration of Your health status: onset of new and/or more frequent Symptoms; You have sought consultation from a Physician; You have been hospitalized; You have undergone examinations or tests for the purpose of establishing a diagnosis (other than routine); Your Treatment has been modified; You have been prescribed a new Medication and/or a Medication has been stopped and/or the dosage and/or the frequency of an existing Medication has increased or decreased (Exceptions: the routine adjustment of Coumadin, Warfarin or insulin to maintain the optimal level of the said Medication in Your blood and the change from a brand name Medication to a generic brand Medication of the same dosage).
- "Common Carrier" Means an entity licensed to carry paying passengers by land, water or air.
- "Contract" Means the group travel medical insurance contract in force and provided to the *Policyholder*, and bearing the contract number stated under the Schedule of Benefits.
- "Departure Date" Means the departure date of each one of Your Trips.
- "Dependant" Means the person legally married to the Participant or the person who has been residing with the Participant for a period no lesser than the period stated in the Schedule of Benefits. For the purpose of this insurance, it can only be a single person. Also means Your sons and daughters, aged of at least 3 months old and who are under the age limit stated in the Schedule of Benefits, are unmarried and depend on You for support.

- "Emergency" Means an unexpected Sickness or Injury that requires immediate medical attention or Treatment to prevent a threat to the life or health of the Insured Person or minimize such a threat. An Emergency ceases when, based on the opinion of the Emergency Assistance's medical director, the condition is stable enough to allow a return in Your province of residence to continue the medical investigation or receive the appropriate medical Treatment. For the Trip Cancellation and Interruption protection, the Emergency must be so disabling as to cause a reasonable person to delay, cancel, or interrupt their Trip.
- "Event" Means any Accident, Sickness or occurrence which, according to this insurance Contract, would generate a claim.
- "Group Insurance Master Application" Means the document entitled 'Group Insurance Master Application' duly filled by the *Policyholder* before the effective date of the *Contract* and accepted by the *Insurer* as per a signature in the section 'Acceptance by the Insurer' of the document.
- "Hospital" Any facility duly licensed by the local authorities as a Hospital that regularly treats patients through an ER on an inpatient or outpatient basis.
- "Hospitalization" Means Your admission in a Hospital for a period of at least 24 hours on recommendation of a Physician.
- "Immediate Family" Means Your spouse, parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law.
- "Injury" A sudden bodily wound directly caused by an Accident during Your Trip and unrelated to Sickness and/or any other cause.
- "Insured Person" Means the Participant and Dependants insured as per the Contract.
- "Insured, We, Us" Means LS-Travel Insurance Company.
- "Key Employee" Means an employee of a business You own, whose presence is critical to the ongoing affairs of Your business during Your absence.
- "Medication" Means a chemical or biological substance that changes or corrects the organic functions or course of a Sickness. The Medication must be prescribed by a licensed Physician and listed in Your medical records.
- "Participant" Means an employee or a member deemed eligible, for whom the Policyholder has recognized the right to benefit from this insurance as per the Contract, and for whom the latter has paid the premium due.
- "Physician" Means an individual who is qualified and legally licensed to prescribe Medications, to provide medical Treatment and to perform medical operations at the location where services are obtained. A Physician does not include a naturopath, herbalist or homeopath. Also, for any benefit payable under this Contract requiring a confirmation, a prognosis or a diagnosis from a Physician, the Physician must not be a member of Your family.
- "*Policyholder*" Means the company or organisation whose name appears under the Schedule of Benefits and for whom the *Contract* has been issued.
- "Pre-existing Condition" Means a medical condition for which You have consulted a Physician, received or are receiving a Treatment or exhibited Symptoms for which You have or have not consulted a Physician prior to the Departure Date (for travel insurance in case of medical Emergency) and on or prior to the date on which Your initial Trip arrangements were booked (for the Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage). This term also relates to a medically recognized complication or Recurrence of a medical condition.

- "Recurrence" The reappearance of Symptoms caused by or related to a medical condition which was previously diagnosed by a Physician or for which Treatment was previously received.
- "Schedule Change" Means the later departure of an airline carrier causing You to miss Your next connecting flight via another airline carrier (or connecting cruise ship, ferry, bus or train), or the earlier departure of an airline carrier rendering unusable the ticket You have purchased for Your prior connector flight via another airline carrier (or connecting cruise ship, ferry, bus or train). Schedule Change does not mean a change resulting from a supplier default, strike or a labour disruption.
- "Sickness" Means an unforeseeable illness or disease that requires Emergency medical Treatment or care during Your Trip.
- "Stable and Controlled" Means any medical condition for which all the following statements are true:
- There has been no new diagnosis, Treatment or prescribed Medication (including prescribed "as needed");
- 2. There has been no change in *Treatment* frequency or type; there has been no change in *Your Medication*, including the addition or the stopping of a *Medication* or an increase or decrease in the dosage or frequency of a *Medication* (Exceptions: the routine adjustment of Coumadin, Warfarin or insulin to maintain the optimal level of the said *Medication* in your blood and the change from a brand name *Medication* to a generic brand *Medication* of the same dosage);
- There has been no change in the frequency or the severity of the Symptom (new Symptom, more frequent Symptom or more severe Symptom);
- 4. There has been no test result showing deterioration:
- 5. There has been no *Hospitalization* or referral to a specialist (made or recommended) and *You* are not awaiting the results of further investigations for that medical condition.
- "Symptom" Pain, feeling, weakness, sensitivity reported by the patient or a pathologic disorder which is documented in his/her medical chart.
- "**Travelling / Travel Companion**" Means the person with whom *You* are sharing travel arrangements and prepaid accommodation (maximum 3 persons, other than *Your Immediate Family* members).
- "**Treatment**" Any medical, therapeutic or diagnostic procedure prescribed, performed or recommended by a *Physician*, including monitoring of specific issues following abnormal test results and/or changes in health condition, prescribed *Medications* (including *Medication* prescribed "as needed"), investigative tests and surgery.
- "**Trip**" Means a trip outside of *Your* province of residence taken by an *Insured Person* and for which the trip length does not exceed the Coverage Period stated under the Schedule of Benefits.
- "Véhicle" An automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle (RV), van or trailer owned or leased by the Insured Person.
- "You" and "Your" Means the Participant and Dependants insured as per the Contract.

#### X. HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

Required documentation must be received no later than 90 days after *You* return to *Your* province of residence from *Your Trip*.

In all cases, You must provide a duly completed and signed reimbursement claim form or release and authorization, provide a proof of Your Departure Date and return date in Your province of residence, and provide:

#### A. For a claim in case of Medical Emergency:

- All original itemized bills and invoices provided by the health service providers, indicating the diagnosis, date, type of *Treatment* received, and name of the health service establishment and/or *Physician*. Cash register coupons (stubs) will not be accepted for reimbursement.

# B. For a claim in case of Trip Cancellation and Interruption:

- a) An official contract stipulating clearly the booking, cancellation and interruption conditions along with the corresponding penalties applicable, if any.
- b) A medical document fully completed and signed by a legally qualified *Physician* in the locality where the medical condition occurred stating the reason why travel was impossible, the diagnosis and all dates of *Treatment*.
- c) Copy of death certificate indicating reason of death if cancellation is due to death.
- d) Written evidence of the insured risk which was the cause of cancellation, interruption or delay if cancellation is due to any reason other than *Sickness, Injury* or death.
- e) Original unused transport tickets, an electronic copy of the reservation *You* have made with the travel supplier, and any other itemized copy of any reimbursement *You* have asked for, including a written confirmation of the applicable penalties and reimbursements made by the applicable travel supplier.

#### C. For a Baggage claim:

- a) A police report and a report from the *Common Carrier* that was in charge of *Your* baggage at the time the theft, loss or damage occurred.
- b) An itemized list detailing the value of all lost or stolen items, together with proof of ownership.
- c) In the case of baggage delay, a written report confirming the length of this delay.

Any fees for the completion of medical certificates or claim forms are not covered by the *Insurer*.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED CLAIM & AUTHORIZATION FORM IN FULL MIGHT INVALIDATE YOUR CLAIM.

All claim forms are available online at www.tourmed.ca or by calling 1-877-344-8398

#### XI. NOTICE - PERSONAL INFORMATION

In order to ensure the confidentiality of *Your* personal information, LS-Travel will establish a file with the information related to *Your* application and any insurance claim.

Access to this file will be restricted to LS-Travel employees, reinsurers or mandatories who will be responsible for underwriting, administrating, investigating and processing *Your* application or claim, or any other person designated or authorized by *You. Your* file will be kept at the company's head office.

You are entitled to examine the personal information contained in this file and, if required, to have the information corrected by submitting a written request to: Information Access Officer, LS-Travel, 247 Thibeau, Trois-Rivieres (Quebec) G8T 6X9

Please be informed that in the regular process of examining *Your* claim, LS-Travel may, as any other insurance company, request a copy of *Your* medical history in order to determine *Your* eligibility to benefits.



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Telephone: 1 819 377-1777 / 1 877 344-83<mark>98</mark> Fax: 1 819 377-6069

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You <u>must</u> contact Emergency Assistance prior to any consultation.

From Canada and USA, toll free: **1 844 877-6588** Collect: 1 819-377-3285 Elsewhere: 1 888 820-6588 Please mention *Your Contract* number to the Emergency Assistance

Contract number: