

your **group**  
benefits

**York University**

**York University Staff Association (YUSA)  
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and Long-Term Disability Plans**

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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 be informed of changes to your group plan. Any notification of changes or revised booklet describing your coverage should be kept in a safe place.

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.

The contract holder, York University, self-insures the following benefits:

- Extended Health Care
- Dental Care

This means York University has the sole legal and financial liability for the benefits listed above and funds the claims. Sun Life provides administrative services only (ASO) such as claims adjudication and claims processing. All other benefits are insured by Sun Life.

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

- you are a permanent employee.

- you are actively working for your employer at least 24 hours a week.

There is no waiting period for your group plan.

We consider you to be actively working if you are performing all the usual and customary duties of your job with your employer for the scheduled number of hours for that day. This includes scheduled non-working days and any period of continuous paid vacation of up to 3 months if you were actively working on the last scheduled working day. We do not consider you to be actively at work if you are receiving disability benefits or are participating in rehabilitation program.

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

**Who qualifies as your dependent**

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

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 (age 26 for employees residing in Québec) 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.

**Enrolment**

You have to enrol to receive coverage. To enrol, you must request coverage in writing by supplying the appropriate enrolment information to your employer. For a dependent to receive coverage, you must request dependent coverage.

Normally, you request coverage for yourself or your dependents within 31 days of becoming eligible for coverage. If you do not request coverage within this time limit, you will have to provide proof of good health at your own expense.

**When coverage begins**

For Accidental Death & Dismemberment, your coverage begins on the later of the following dates:

- the date you become eligible for coverage.
- the date Sun Life receives your enrolment information for coverage.
- the date Sun Life approves your proof of good health, if required.

For all other benefits, your coverage begins on the date you become eligible for coverage.

If you are not actively working on the date coverage would normally begin, your coverage will not begin until you return to active work.



A dependent's coverage begins on the later of the following dates:

- the date your coverage begins.
- the date the dependent becomes eligible for coverage.
- the date Sun Life approves the dependent's proof of good health, if required.

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.

If there are additional conditions for a particular benefit, these conditions will appear in the appropriate benefit section later in this booklet.

**Changes affecting your coverage**

From time to time, there may be circumstances that change your coverage.

For example, your employment status may change, or your employer may change the group contract. Any resulting change in the coverage will take effect on the date of the change in circumstances.

The following exceptions apply if the result of the change is an increase in coverage:

- if you are not actively working when the change occurs, the change cannot take effect before you return to active work.
- if a dependent, other than a newborn child, is hospitalized on the date when the change occurs, the change in the dependent's coverage cannot take effect before the dependent is discharged and is actively pursuing normal activities.

**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](http://www.mysunlife.ca).
- our Customer Care centre by calling toll-free at 1-800-361-6212.

**When coverage ends**

As an employee, your coverage will end on the earlier of the following dates:

- the date your employment ends for any reason other than retirement on pension.

- the date you are no longer actively working.
- the end of the period for which premiums have been paid to Sun Life for your coverage.
- the date the group contract ends.

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 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.

However, if you die while covered by this plan, Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage for your dependents will continue, without premiums, until the earlier of the following dates:

- 6 months after the date of your death.
- the date the person would no longer be considered your dependent under this plan if you were still alive.
- the date the benefit provision under which the dependent is covered terminates.

**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.

If such legislation or guidelines require that Sun Life resume paying certain benefits because of a recurrence of an employee's total disability, Sun Life will resume payment at the same amount and for the remainder of the maximum benefit period.

**Making claims**

Sun Life is dedicated to processing your claims promptly and efficiently. You should contact your employer to get the proper form to make a claim.

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.

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 for insured benefits**

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.

**Legal actions for self-insured benefits**

Where the applicable legislation of your province or territory permits the use of a different limitation period, every action or proceeding for the recovery of money payable under the plan is absolutely barred unless it is commenced within one year of the date that we must receive your claim forms. Otherwise, every action or proceeding for the recovery of money payable under the plan must be commenced within the time set out in the 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.

**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.

***Appropriate treatment  
(For Long-Term Disability)***

Appropriate treatment is defined as any treatment that is performed and prescribed by a doctor or, when Sun Life believes it is necessary, by a medical specialist. It must be the usual and reasonable treatment for the condition and must be provided as frequently as is usually required by the condition. It must not be limited solely to examinations or testing.

***Basic earnings******For Life Coverage***

Basic earnings are the salary or wage you receive from your employer including any stipends but excluding any bonus or overtime pay.

If you are on an approved leave of absence with or without pay, on sabbatical leave or reduced workload, the basic earnings shall be the greater of your annual basic earnings immediately prior to such leave or reduction in workload, or your annual basic earnings that you would have received if at work full time and for full pay at the date of death.

***For Long-Term Disability***

Basic earnings are the salary you receive from your employer

including any stipends but excluding any bonus, overtime or other special compensation.

***Disposable Income*** The employee's basic earnings on the date of disability less the following deductions that are remitted by the employer to a third party (federal and provincial income tax based on the tax status at the date of disability, York University Pension plan contributions and Canada Pension Plan).

- Federal and provincial income tax based on current taxation status determined in accordance with the Tax Credit Return filed by the employer limited to:
  - Basic Personal Amount
  - Married and supporting a spouse
  - Single, divorced, separated or widowed and supporting a dependent
  - Claim for Wholly Dependent Children
  - Claim for Other dependents
- York University Pension Plan contributions as defined in the plan text
- Canada Pension Plan

***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.

***Retirement date*** If you are totally disabled, your retirement date is July 1<sup>st</sup> following your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, except those born on July 1<sup>st</sup>, in which case the retirement date is your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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



## Extended Health Care (Medicare Supplement)

**Plan administrator** *This benefit is administered by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada on behalf of York University.*

**General description of the coverage** The contract holder has the sole legal and financial liability for this benefit. Sun Life only acts as administrator on behalf of the contract holder.

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. *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.

An expense must be claimed within 15 months from the date 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** There is no deductible for this coverage.

**Prescription drugs** We will cover the cost of the following drugs and supplies that are prescribed by a doctor or dentist and are obtained from a pharmacist. Drugs covered under this plan must have a Drug Identification

Number (DIN) in order to be eligible.

- drugs that legally require a prescription.
- life-sustaining drugs that may not legally require a prescription for the treatment of the conditions listed:
  - anemia – single entity iron salts;
  - convulsions – anti-convulsants;
  - eye disease – mydriatics, cycloplegics, miotics, glaucoma therapy drugs;
  - heart disease – anti-anginal agents, anti-arrhythmic agents, cardiotonics, vasodilators, vasopressors, potassium replacements;
  - lung disease – bronchodilators, mucolytics, parasympathomimetics, tuberculosis therapy drugs;
  - Parkinson's disease anti-parkinsonians, anticholinergic/antispasmodic agents, and;
  - thyroid disorders – hyperthyroidism drugs.
- intrauterine devices (IUDs), diaphragms, colostomy and ileostomy supplies.
- diabetic supplies including alcohol, swabs, lancets and test strips.
- drugs for the treatment of infertility.
- varicose veins medication.
- vaccines and toxoids, up to a maximum of \$200 per family, per benefit year.
- drugs for the treatment of weight loss. Prior approval is needed provided you meet the BMI requirement.
- Autolet / Monolet (blood letting device) including platforms.

- products to help a person quit smoking that legally require a prescription, limited to a 3 month supply, up to a lifetime maximum of \$500 per person.
- drugs for the treatment of sexual dysfunction, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per person in a benefit year.
- injectable drugs. Syringes for self-administered injections are also covered.

We will also cover 50% of the cost for insulin injector/medijector, up to a maximum of \$350 per person in a benefit year.

We will only pay for quantities that can reasonably be used in a 3 month period.

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

- the cost of giving injections, serums and vaccines.
- treatments for weight loss, including proteins and food or dietary supplements.
- hair growth stimulants.
- 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.

***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.

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 and it follows at least 3 consecutive days of in-patient hospitalization. The maximum amount payable is the difference between the cost of a ward and a private room.

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.

***Homewood Health  
Centre***

We will cover 100% of the cost of treatment received in Homewood Health Centre provided:

- the provincial health care plan pays the equivalent of ward level accommodation,
- you are in receipt of Long-Term Disability payments, and
- the treatment has been approved by your employer.

The maximum amount payable is the difference between the cost of a ward and a private room.

**Expenses out of your province**

We will cover emergency services while you are outside the province where you live.

For emergency services, we will cover the cost of:

- a semi-private hospital room.
- other hospital services provided outside of Canada.
- out-patient services in a hospital.
- the services of a doctor.

Expenses for all other services or supplies eligible under this plan are also covered when they are incurred outside the province where you live, subject to the reimbursement level and all conditions applicable to those expenses.

***Emergency services***

We will pay 100% of the cost of covered emergency services.

*Emergency services* mean any reasonable medical services or supplies, including advice, treatment, medical procedures or surgery, required as a result of an emergency. When a person has a chronic condition, emergency services do not include treatment provided as part of an established management program that existed prior to the person leaving the province where the person lives.

*Emergency* means an acute illness or accidental injury that requires

immediate, medically necessary treatment prescribed by a doctor.

At the time of an emergency, you or someone with you must contact Sun Life's Emergency Travel Assistance provider, AZGA Service Canada Inc. (*Allianz Global Assistance*). All invasive and investigative procedures (including any surgery, angiogram, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan), must be pre-authorized by Allianz Global Assistance prior to being performed, except in extreme circumstances where surgery is performed on an emergency basis immediately following admission to a hospital.

If contact with Allianz Global Assistance cannot be made before services are provided, contact with Allianz Global Assistance must be made as soon as possible afterwards. If contact is not made and emergency services are provided in circumstances where contact could reasonably have been made, then Sun Life has the right to deny or limit payments for all expenses related to that emergency.

An emergency ends when you are medically stable to return to the province where you live.

As soon as Allianz Global Assistance is notified that you have a medical emergency, its staff, or a physician designated by Allianz Global Assistance, will, when necessary, attempt to establish communications with the attending medical personnel to obtain an understanding of the situation and to monitor your condition. If necessary, Allianz Global Assistance will also guarantee or advance payment of the expenses incurred to the provider of the medical service.

Allianz Global Assistance may determine, in consultation with an attending physician, that it is necessary for you to be transported under medical supervision to a different hospital or treatment facility or to be sent home. In these cases, Allianz Global Assistance will arrange, guarantee, and if necessary, advance the payment for your transportation.

Sun Life or Allianz Global Assistance, based on available medical evidence, will make the final decision whether you should be moved, when, how and to where you should be moved and what medical equipment, supplies and personnel are needed.

You do not have to send claims for doctors' or hospital fees to your provincial medicare plan first. This way you receive your refund faster. Sun Life and Allianz Global Assistance coordinate the whole process with most provincial plans and all insurers, and send you a cheque for the eligible expenses. Allianz Global Assistance will ask you to sign a form authorizing them to act on your behalf.

If you are covered under this group plan and certain other plans, we will coordinate payments with the other plans in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. The plan from which you make the first claim will be responsible for managing and assessing the claim. It has the right to recover from the other plans the expenses that exceed its share.

***Emergency services  
excluded from  
coverage***

Any expenses related to the following emergency services are not covered:

- services that are not immediately required or which could reasonably be delayed until you return to the province where you live, unless your medical condition reasonably prevents you from returning to that province prior to receiving the medical services.
- services relating to an illness or injury which caused the emergency, after such emergency ends.
- continuing services, arising directly or indirectly out of the original emergency or any recurrence of it, after the date that Sun Life or Allianz Global Assistance, based on available medical evidence, determines that you can be returned to the province where you live, and you refuse to return.

- services which are required for the same illness or injury for which you received emergency services, including any complications arising out of that illness or injury, if you had unreasonably refused or neglected to receive the recommended medical services.
- where the trip was taken to obtain medical services for an illness or injury, services related to that illness or injury, including any complications or any emergency arising directly or indirectly out of that illness or injury.

*Emergency services  
outside Canada*

Expenses incurred for emergency services outside Canada are subject to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per person or, if lower, any other applicable lifetime maximum.

**Medical services  
and equipment**

We will cover 100% of the costs 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. There is a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per person.

*Nursing pre-care  
assessment*

To establish the amount of coverage available under this plan before private duty nurse services begin, you should apply for a pre-care assessment.

To receive a pre-care assessment, you must ask your attending doctor to complete the nursing questionnaire that is available from your employer and submit it to Sun Life.



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Your attending doctor will be required to provide information such as:

- a description of your current medical condition and prognosis.
  - a list of the required nursing services and their frequency.
  - the level of care required to perform the required services, meaning those of a registered nurse, registered nursing assistant or other practitioner.
  - the number of hours of care required per day and the number of days per week.
  - the expected duration of care.
- 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. Expenses incurred outside Canada for emergency services will be paid based on the conditions specified above for emergency services under *Expenses out of your province*.
  - transportation in a licensed air ambulance, if medically necessary, that takes you to the nearest hospital that provides the necessary emergency services. Expenses incurred outside Canada for emergency services will be paid based on the conditions specified above for emergency services under *Expenses out of your province*.
  - the following services for diagnostic and screening purposes rendered in a public or private laboratory, up to a combined maximum of \$300 per family per benefit year, provided that the covered person's provincial plan does not pay for these services:
    - laboratory tests.
    - ultrasounds.
    - MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), CT (computed

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tomography) scans and other medical imaging services.

- 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 \$115 per person in any 24 month period.
- contact lenses or intraocular lenses following non-refractive eye surgery, limited to a lifetime maximum of \$100 per eye.
- wigs required for permanent hair loss as a result of any injury or disease, or for temporary hair loss as a result of medical treatment for any disease, up to a maximum of \$750 per person in a benefit year. Wigs do not require a doctor's order.
- Mozes detector, limited to a 3 month supply in a persons lifetime.
- enuresis equipment/monitor, up to a maximum of \$100 per person in a benefit year.
- diabetic supplies, including Novolin-Pens or similar insulin injection devices using a needle and insulin infusion sets excluding infusion pumps.
- medically necessary equipment rented, or purchased at our request, that meets your basic medical needs. (eg. hospital beds, bed rails, trapeze bars, head halters and traction apparatus if ordered by a doctor. Air-fluidized hospital beds are excluded.) 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.

- mechanical lifts/hydraulic lifts.
- stimulator (bone growth, muscle) and supplies.
- external electrospondyl stimulators for the correction of scoliosis.
- prone standers.
- braces and cervical collars. Braces are wearable, orthopaedic appliances that rely on a rigid material such as metal or hard plastic to hold part of the body in the correct position.
- casts, splints (including shoes attached to a splint) or trusses. Intra-oral splints are excluded.
- canes, crutches, walkers and parapodiums.
- pressure garments for burn patients.
- dressing/bandages.
- breast prostheses required as a result of surgery. If internal breast prostheses are provided, we will cover the costs based on coverage for external breast prostheses.
- artificial limbs, including repairs.
- artificial eyes, including rebuilding and polishing of artificial eye.
- myoelectric appliances, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per prostheses.
- shoulder harnesses.
- cleft palate obturators.

- stump socks, up to a maximum of 6 pairs per person in a benefit year.
- elastic support stockings and pressure gradient hose, up to a maximum of 3 pairs per type, per person in a benefit year.
- custom made pressure supports for lymphedema.
- custom-made orthotic inserts for shoes, when prescribed by a doctor, chiropractor, podiatrist or chiropodist, up to a maximum of \$2,000 per person in any 24 month period.
- custom fitted orthopaedic shoes and modifications to orthopaedic shoes when prescribed by a doctor, chiropractor, podiatrist or chiropodist, up to a maximum of \$100 per person in a benefit year.
- hearing aids (excluding batteries, tubing and ear molds) prescribed by an ear, nose and throat specialist, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per person over a period of 3 benefit years. Repairs and maintenance are included in this maximum.
- radiotherapy or coagulotherapy.
- plasma and blood transfusions.
- oxygen and the equipment needed for its administration.
- breathing unit, respirator.
- monitors (breathing-apnea).
- constant positive airway pressure (CPAP). Supplies are limited to once in every six month period.
- inhalation appliance/device for drug administration, Maxi Mist nebulizer.

- chest percussors, drainage boards and sputum stands.
- suction pumps.
- tracheostoma tubes.
- glucometers prescribed by a diabetologist or a specialist in internal medicine, up to a maximum of \$200 per person in a benefit year. Continuous glucose sensors and continuous glucose transmitters are not included in the maximum.
- insulin pumps, limited to 1 pump over a period of 5 benefits years.
- extremity pump for lymphedoma or severe postphlebotic syndrome.
- catheter and catheterization supplies.
- speech aids such as Bliss boards and communication aids, when no alternative method of communication is possible.
- obus forme back support.
- food substitutes that must be administered through a tube feeding process. Tube feeding pumps and pump sets are also covered.

We will also cover 50% of the cost of TENS machine.

**Paramedical services**

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

- licensed speech therapists (treatment of speech impairments).
- licensed naturopaths.
- licensed osteopaths or osteopathic practitioners.

- licensed podiatrists (treatment of foot disorders) or chiropodists.
- charges for athletic therapists (treatment of movement disorders) who are a member of Canadian Athletic Therapists Association.

We will cover 100% of the costs, up to a maximum of \$600 per person in a benefit year for licensed massage therapists.

We will cover 100% of the costs, up to a maximum of \$500 per person in a benefit year for licensed chiropractors (treatment of muscle and bone disorder), including a maximum of one x-ray examination each benefit year.

We will cover 100% of the costs for the paramedical specialists listed below:

- licensed psychologists.
- licensed physiotherapists (treatment of movement disorder).
- Christian Science practitioners who are listed in the current Christian Science Journal.

We will not pay for the cost of services rendered by a podiatrist in Ontario unless they are performed after the provincial medicare plan has paid its annual maximum benefit.

We will not pay for the cost of services rendered by a chiropractor or a podiatrist in Alberta unless they are performed after the provincial medicare plan has paid its annual maximum benefit.

**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 \$425 in any 24 month period starting with September 1, 2007.

We will also cover 100% of the cost of safety glasses up to a maximum of \$350 in any 24 month period starting with September 1, 2007.(Prior approval is required from your employer).

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

**When coverage ends**

Extended Health Care coverage will end when employment terminates.

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

**Payments after coverage ends**

If you are totally disabled when your coverage ends, benefits will continue for expenses that result from the illness that caused the total disability if the expenses are incurred:

- during the uninterrupted period of total disability,
- within 90 days of the end of coverage, and
- while this provision is in force.

For the purpose of this provision, an employee is totally disabled if prevented by illness from performing any occupation the employee is or may become reasonably qualified for by education, training or experience, and a dependent is totally disabled if prevented by illness from performing the dependent's normal activities.

If the Extended Health Care benefit terminates, coverage for dental services to repair natural teeth damaged by an accidental blow will continue, if the accident occurred while you were covered, and the procedure is performed within 6 months after the date of the accident.

**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 a claim no later than the earlier of:

- 15 months from the date in which you incur the expenses, or
- 90 days after the end of your Extended Health Care coverage.

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## Dental Care

**Plan administrator** *This benefit is administered by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada on behalf of York University.*

**General description of the coverage** The contract holder has the sole legal and financial liability for this benefit. Sun Life only acts as administrator on behalf of the contract holder.

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 expenses. We will not cover more than the fee stated in the Dental Association Fee Guide for general practitioners in the province where the treatment is received. Payments will be based on the current guide at the time the treatment is received.

If services are provided by a board qualified specialist in endodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics, paedodontics or orthodontics whose dental practice is limited to that speciality, then the fee guide approved by the provincial Dental Association for that specialist will be used.

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.

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.

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 usual and reasonable charge for the final dental service.

An expense must be claimed within 15 months from the date 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 the first benefit year, we will not pay more than:

- \$5,000 per person for Major dental procedures, excluding dentures.

For each following benefit year, we will not pay more than:

- \$5,000 per person for Major dental procedures, excluding dentures.

Orthodontic expenses are not included in the benefit year maximum. A separate lifetime maximum applies.

**Lifetime maximum**

The maximum amount we will pay for all Orthodontic procedures in a person's lifetime is \$5,000.

**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 24 months. A complete examination includes complete examination and charting of the hard and soft structures, periodontal charting, pulp vitality tests, recording history, treatment planning, case presentation and consultation with the patient

1 recall examination every 6 months. Recall and specific examinations include a complete examination of the hard and soft structures, checking occlusion, pulp vitality tests and consultation with the patient.

You are also covered for emergency or specific examinations:

- an emergency examination includes an evaluation for acute pain or infection, and pulp vitality tests.
- specialty examinations and evaluation of a specific situation.

***X-rays***

1 complete series of x-rays or 1 panorex every 24 months. A complete series of x-rays (minimum of 16 films including bitewings), showing all the teeth in the mouth. A panorex is a large panoramic view of the entire mouth.

1 set of bitewing x-rays every 6 months. A bitewing x-ray is a routine check-up x-ray used to detect decay in molar teeth.

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 6 months.

Emergency or palliative services.

*Test and lab exams* Test and lab examinations covered by this benefit include microbiological tests, histological tests and cytological tests.

*Extraction of impacted tooth* This procedure includes local anaesthesia, removal of excess gingival tissue, surgical service, control of hemorrhage, suturing, and post-operative treatment and evaluation.

*Pit and fissure sealants* This is a coating put on top of any pits or cracks in teeth to prevent cavities from forming.

*Caries, trauma and pain control* You are covered for sedative fillings that are applied to very deep cavities to reduce pain.

Oral hygiene instruction once every 6 months.

Habit breaking and custom fluoride appliances.

*Anaesthesia* Anaesthesia in conjunction with Preventive procedure covered under this plan.

**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* You are covered for amalgam fillings (silver) and composite or acrylic fillings (white fillings) or equivalent.

An amalgam filling procedure includes pulp cap, sedative base, local anaesthesia, occlusal adjustment, removal of decay or existing

restoration, placement of filling and finishing the restoration. Multiple restorations on 1 surface will be considered a single filling.

A composite or acrylic filling procedure includes pulp cap, sedative base, local anaesthesia, occlusal adjustment, removal of decay or existing restoration, placement of filling and finishing the restoration. Multiple restorations on 1 surface will be considered a single filling. Mesial-lingual, distal-lingual, mesial-buccal, and distal-buccal restorations on anterior teeth will be considered single surface restorations.

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

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

**Root canal therapy.** This procedure includes treatment plan, pulp vitality test, opening and drainage, local anaesthesia, tooth isolation, clinical procedure with appropriate x-rays, relieving occlusion, smoothing tooth, and follow-up care. If root canal therapy is performed on the same tooth by the same dentist within 3 months of opening and drainage, pulpotomy or pulpectomy, the amount payable is reduced by the amount previously paid for such opening and drainage, pulpotomy or pulpectomy.

Bleaching on endodontically treated teeth.

**Apexification.** This procedure includes treatment plan, local anaesthesia, tooth isolation, clinical procedure with appropriate x-rays, placement of dentogenic media, and follow-up care. You are only covered for permanent teeth.

**Apicoectomy.** This procedure includes treatment plan, local anaesthesia, clinical procedure with appropriate x-rays, root resection, apical curettage, and follow-up care.

**Retrofilling.** This procedure includes apicoectomy, curettage and root-end filling.

**Root amputation.** This procedure includes recontouring tooth and furca.

**Hemisection.** You are covered for this procedure.

**Vital pulpotomy.** This procedure includes treatment plan, local anaesthesia, clinical procedure and appropriate x-rays, and follow-up care.

**Periodontics** Treatment of disease of the gum and other supporting tissue, including 16 units of scaling per benefit year.

**Scaling and root planing** **Tartar removal.** Scaling means removing calcium deposits above and below the gum line. Root planing is the final smoothing of rough tooth surfaces and removing any remaining calcium deposits.

**Occlusal equilibration** You are covered for treatments to adjust your bite. This treatment is only available when you have gum surgery or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) treatment.

**TMJ treatment** The hinge joint of the jaw is called the temporomandibular joint or TMJ.

Bruxism (grinding of teeth).

**Oral surgery** Surgery and related anaesthesia, other than the removal of impacted teeth (*Preventive dental procedures*) and implant related surgery (*Major dental procedures*). Oral surgery includes local anaesthesia, removal of excess gingival tissue, surgical service, control of hemorrhage, suturing, and post-operative treatment and evaluation.

Gold foils and tooth-coloured veneer applications.

We will pay 70% of the eligible expenses for the following procedures:

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<i>Basic restorations</i>	<p>Prefabricated metal restorations and repairs to prefabricated metal restorations, other than in conjunction with the placement of permanent crowns.</p> <p>Provision of space maintainers for missing primary teeth.</p>
<i>Rebase or reline</i>	<p>Relining dentures means adding material so that the dentures fit properly. Rebasing dentures means fitting dentures with a new base.</p>
<i>Anaesthesia</i>	<p>Anaesthesia in conjunction with Basic procedure covered under this plan.</p>
<b>Major dental procedures</b>	<p>Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat major dental problems.</p> <p>We will pay 80% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.</p>
<i>Inlays and onlays</i>	<p>Inlays and onlays are metal or porcelain fillings placed on the surface of the tooth. Inlays and onlays are only covered for teeth that cannot be restored with a regular filling because of extensive incisal or cusp damage.</p> <p>Inlays and onlays include treatment planning, occlusal records, local anaesthesia, removal of decay or old restoration, tooth preparation, pulp protection, impressions, temporary services, insertion, occlusal adjustments, and cementation. Inlays are only covered when x-rays indicate a crown will be required. Onlays are limited to teeth with extensive incisal or cusp damage.</p>
<i>Crowns</i>	<p>This procedure includes treatment planning, occlusal records, local anaesthesia, subgingival preparation of the tooth and supporting structures, removal of decay or old restoration, tooth preparation, pulp protection, impressions, temporary services, insertion, occlusal adjustments, and cementation. It includes porcelain crowns for molar teeth. Crowns are only covered for teeth that cannot be restored with a regular filling because of extensive incisal or cusp damage.</p>



<i>Repair</i>	Repair of bridges or dentures.
<i>Other services</i>	Implant retained appliances.  Removal and reinsert implant retained appliances.
<i>Prosthodontics</i>	Construction and insertion of bridges or standard dentures. Coverage is limited to teeth extracted while you are covered under this plan. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ 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.</li> </ul>
<i>Implants</i>	Implants, including surgery charges, subject to any limitations that would have applied under this plan to a tooth supported crown or a non implant related prosthesis, respectively, if there had been no implant.
<i>Anaesthesia</i>	Anaesthesia in conjunction with Major procedure covered under this plan.
<b>Orthodontic procedures</b>	Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat misaligned or crooked teeth.  We will pay 85% 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.

We will pay 100% of the eligible expenses for diagnostic casts for orthodontic purposes.

*Anaesthesia* Anaesthesia in conjunction with Orthodontic procedure covered under this plan.

**When coverage ends** Dental Care coverage will end when employment terminates.

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.

**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.

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- 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.
- teeth malformed at birth or during development.
- 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 the earlier of:

- 15 months from the date in which you incur the expenses, or

- 90 days after the end of your Dental Care coverage.

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.

## Long-Term Disability

**Insurer** *This benefit is insured by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada under contract number issued to York University.*

**General description of the coverage** Long-Term Disability coverage provides a benefit to you if you are totally disabled. You qualify for this benefit if you provide proof of claim acceptable to Sun Life that:

- you became totally disabled while covered, and
- you have been following appropriate treatment for the disability since its onset.

For your Long-Term Disability coverage,

- during the elimination period and the following 21 months (this period is known as the **own occupation period**), you will be considered totally disabled while you are continuously unable due to an illness to do the essential duties of your own occupation, and
- afterwards, you will be considered totally disabled if you are continuously unable due to an illness to do any occupation for which you are or may become reasonably qualified by education, training or experience.

If you have 35 or more years of employment with your employer, you will be considered totally disabled while you are prevented by illness from performing the essential duties of your own occupation.

If you must hold a government permit or licence to perform your own occupation and your permit or licence is withdrawn or not renewed solely for medical reasons, we will consider you totally disabled for up to 12 months after the end of the elimination period.

You cannot be working other than in a Sun Life approved partial disability or rehabilitation program.

Benefits are paid at the end of each month and are based on your coverage on the date you became totally disabled.

If you are totally disabled for part of any month, we will pay 1/30 of the monthly benefit for each day you are totally disabled.

**Proof of disability**

From time to time, Sun Life can require that you provide us with proof of your total disability. If you do not provide this information within 90 days of the request, you will not be entitled to benefits.

**When disability payments begin**

Your Long-Term Disability payments begin after you have been totally disabled for an uninterrupted period of 90 days or after the last day benefits are payable under any short-term disability, loss of income or other salary continuation plan, whichever is later.

This period, which must be completed before disability benefits become payable, is the **elimination period**.

If you become totally disabled during a lay-off or approved leave and your coverage continues during this time, you will be eligible for benefit payments following your recall or scheduled return to full-time work with your employer. You must have been totally disabled for an uninterrupted period of 90 days and still be totally disabled on the date you are recalled or scheduled to return to full-time work with your employer.

**What we will pay**

Here is how we calculate your Long-Term Disability payments. All references to income in this disability provision are to the gross amounts before any deductions.

Step 1: We take 60% of the first \$500 of your monthly basic earnings, add 50% of the balance of your monthly earnings, rounded to the next higher \$1, up to a maximum benefit of \$2,500.

Step 2: We subtract any income provided to you:

- for the same or a subsequent disability under any government-sponsored plan, excluding dependent benefits, employment insurance benefits and automatic cost-of-living increases under any government-sponsored plan that occur after benefits begin.
- for any disability under any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law, excluding automatic cost-of-living increases that occur after benefits begin.
- under a group plan, including any coverage resulting from your membership in an association of any kind.
- for any salary continuation plan of the employer, excluding vacation pay.
- for any benefits or increases in benefits under any group insurance contract or pension plan of the employer or other arrangement which is either sponsored or provided by any governmental or regulatory body or under which benefits are provided in the event of disability if such benefits commenced on or after the inception of a disability for which benefits are payable under this contract.
- for any benefits payable under any retirement plan if such benefit commenced on or after the inception of a disability for which benefits are payable under this contract.
- under the Québec Parental Insurance Plan.

If you are eligible for any of the income amounts above and do not apply for them, we will still consider them part of your income. We can estimate those benefits and use those amounts when we calculate your payments.

If you receive any of the income amounts above in a lump sum, we will determine the equivalent compensation this represents on a monthly basis using generally accepted accounting principles.

We will not take into account any benefits that began before your disability began.

We have the right to adjust your benefit payments when necessary.

**Maternity / parental  
leave of absence**

Maternity leave agreed to with your employer will begin on the date you and your employer have agreed will be the start of your leave or the date the child is born, whichever is earlier. The leave will end on the date you and your employer have agreed that you will return to active, full-time work or the actual date you return to active, full-time work, whichever is earlier.

Parental leave is the period of time that you and your employer have agreed on.

Sun Life will determine any portions of a maternity or parental leave which are voluntary and any portions which are health-related. The health-related portion of the leave is the period in which a woman can establish, through appropriate medical documentation, that she is unable to work for health reasons related to childbirth or recovery from childbirth.

Long-Term Disability benefits will only be payable for health-related portions of the leave where necessary in order to comply with requirements such as employment standards, human rights and employment insurance, after you have been disabled for an uninterrupted period of 90 days, provided your coverage has been continued.

However, if your employer has a Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) plan as defined in the Employment Insurance regulations covering the health-related portion of the maternity or parental leave, Sun Life will not pay any benefits under this plan during any period benefits are payable to you under your employer's SUB plan.



**Rehabilitation program**

You may be required to participate in a rehabilitation program approved by Sun Life in writing.

It may include the involvement of our rehabilitation specialist, part-time work, working in another occupation, vocational training or graduated return to work to help you become capable of full-time employment.

Sun Life is under no obligation to approve or continue a rehabilitation program for an employee. We will consider such factors as financial considerations and our opinion on the merits of rehabilitation.

During your rehabilitation program, you may receive your Long-Term Disability payments. However, the Long-Term Disability payments will be reduced by 50% of your pre-disability basic earnings you receive under the rehabilitation program (less provincial and federal income taxes if your benefit is non-taxable). If during any month your total income is more than 100% of your pre-disability basic earnings or disposable basic income, indexed for inflation (less provincial and federal income taxes if your benefit is non-taxable), your Long-Term Disability payments will be reduced by the excess.

You should consider participating in a rehabilitation program as soon as possible after becoming totally disabled. If you enter a rehabilitation program during the elimination period, it will not be considered an interruption of the elimination period.

**Interrupted periods of disability during elimination period**

Interrupted periods of total disability due to the same or related causes occurring before the elimination period has been completed are treated as one period of disability and are accumulated to complete the elimination period as long as this benefit is in force and all of the following conditions are met:

- the initial period of total disability lasts for at least 28 days without interruption.
- afterwards, there is no interruption of more than 30 days.

- each period of total disability is completed within 12 months after the start of the elimination period, or as approved by Sun Life in advance in cases where the elimination period is 365 days or more.

The difference between your normal number of scheduled hours and the number of hours actually worked is credited towards the elimination period.

If the Long-Term Disability benefit terminates, any balance of the elimination period must subsequently be completed by uninterrupted total disability.

**Interrupted periods of disability after payments begin**

If you had a total disability for which we paid Long-Term Disability benefits and total disability occurs again due to the same or related causes, we will consider it a continuation of your previous disability if it occurs within 6 months of the end of your previous disability. You must be covered when total disability reoccurs.

These benefits will be based on your coverage as it existed on the original date of total disability.

**If you recover damages from another person**

We have the right to part of any money you recover through legal action or settlement from another person, organization or company who caused your disability.

If you decide to take legal action, you must comply with the applicable terms of the group contract concerning legal action.

If you recover money, you must pay us 75% of your net recovery or the total disability income benefits paid or payable to you under this plan, whichever is less. Your net recovery does not include your legal costs. Seventy-five percent of your net recovery must be held in trust for us.

We have the right to withhold or discontinue disability income payments if you refuse or fail to comply with any of these terms.

**Your  
responsibilities**

During your total disability, you must make reasonable efforts to:

- recover from your disability, including participating in any reasonable treatment or rehabilitation program and accepting any reasonable offer of modified duties from your employer.
- return to your own occupation during the first 21 months that benefits are payable.
- obtain training in order to qualify for another occupation if it becomes apparent that you will not be able to return to your own occupation within the first 21 months that benefits are payable.
- try to obtain work in another occupation after the first 21 months that benefits are payable.
- obtain benefits that may be available from other sources.

If you do not, Sun Life may hold back or discontinue benefits.

**When payments  
end**

Your Long-Term Disability payments end on the earlier of the following dates:

- the date you are no longer totally disabled.
- July 1 coincident with or next following the date the employees attains age 65 and the date the employee receives 12 monthly benefit payments, if age 64 when commencing benefit.
- the last day of the month in which you retire with a pension or are eligible to retire with a full pension or a full pension equivalent.
- the last day of the month in which you die.

**When coverage ends**

Long-Term Disability coverage will end on July 1 coincident with or next following the date the employee attains age 65. Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in *General Information*.

**Payments after coverage ends**

If the Long-Term Disability benefit terminates while you are totally disabled, you are entitled to continue receiving payments, as long as your total disability is uninterrupted, as if the benefit were still in effect.

**What is not covered** We will not pay benefits for any period:

- you are not under the care of a doctor.
- that you do any work for wage or profit except as approved by Sun Life.
- you are not participating in an approved partial disability or rehabilitation program, if required by Sun Life.
- you are on a leave of absence, strike or lay-off except as stated under *Maternity / parental leave of absence* or except where specifically agreed to by Sun Life.
- you are absent from Canada longer than 4 months due to any reason, unless Sun Life agrees in writing in advance to pay benefits during the period.
- you are serving a prison sentence or are confined in a similar institution.

We will not pay benefits for total disability resulting from:

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

**When and how to  
make a claim**

To make a claim, complete the Notice of Claim for Group Long-Term Disability Benefits that is available from your employer.

We must receive notice of claim on the earlier of the following dates:

- 60 days after the total disability begins.
- within 60 days of the termination of this Long-Term Disability benefit.

Part of the application process will include filling out claim forms that give us as many details about the claim as possible. You, the attending doctor and your employer will all have to complete claim forms.

In order to receive benefits, we must receive these forms no later than 90 days after the end of the elimination period.

We will assess the claim and send you or your employer a letter outlining our decision.

From time to time, Sun Life can require that you provide us with proof of your total disability. If you do not provide this information within 90 days of this request, you will not be entitled to benefits.

## Life Coverage

<b>Insurer</b>	<i>This benefit is insured by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada under contract number issued to Council of Ontario Universities.</i>
<b>General description of the coverage</b>	Your Life coverage provides a benefit for your beneficiary if you die while covered.
<b>Life coverage for you</b>	For employees under age 65 and employees who attained age 65 on or after July 1 <sup>st</sup> of the year immediately preceding the date of employment and before July 1 <sup>st</sup> of the year of employment.
<b>Amount</b>	Your Life benefit is 3 times your annual basic earnings, rounded to the next higher \$1,000 (if not already a multiple of \$1,000). The maximum amount of coverage is \$600,000.
<b>Reduction</b>	Your benefit will reduce to 1 times your annual basic earnings, rounded to the next higher \$1,000 (if not already a multiple of \$1,000) on July 1 <sup>st</sup> coincident with or next following the date you reach age 65. The maximum benefit will be \$600,000.
<b>Coverage ends</b>	Your coverage will end when you retire. Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in <i>General Information</i> .
<b>Who we will pay</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A minor cannot personally receive a death benefit under the plan until reaching the age of majority. If you reside outside Québec and are</p>

designating a minor as your beneficiary, you may wish to designate someone to receive the death benefits during the time your beneficiary is a minor. If you reside outside Québec and have not designated a trustee, current legislation may require Sun Life to pay the death benefit to the court or to a guardian or public trustee. If you reside in Québec, the death benefit will be paid to the parent(s)/legal guardian of the minor on the minor's behalf. Alternatively, you may wish to designate the estate as beneficiary and provide a trustee with directions in your will. You are encouraged to consult a legal advisor.

**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.

## Accidental Death and Dismemberment

<b>Insurer</b>	<i>This benefit is insured by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada under contract number issued to Council of Ontario Universities.</i>
<b>General description of the coverage</b>	Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage provides benefits if, due to an accident occurring while covered, you or one of your dependents die or suffer any of the losses listed in the table under <i>What we will pay</i> . Any death benefit paid under this coverage is in addition to the Life coverage.
<b>Optional accidental coverage for you</b>	
<i>Amount</i>	You can choose coverage in units of \$10,000. The maximum amount of coverage is \$500,000.
<i>Coverage ends</i>	Your coverage will end when you retire or reach age 70, whichever is earlier. Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in <i>General Information</i> .
<b>Optional accidental coverage for your dependents</b>	
<i>Amount</i>	Your spouse and dependent children are automatically covered for an amount of Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment as indicated below:
<i>Spouse Only</i>	60% of your Optional accidental coverage amount.
<i>Spouse with Children</i>	50% of your Optional accidental coverage amount.
<i>Children only</i>	20% of your Optional accidental coverage amount for each child.
<i>Children with</i>	15% of your Optional accidental coverage amount for each child.



*Spouse*

**Coverage ends** Coverage for your dependents will end when you retire or reach age 70, whichever is earlier. Coverage may also end on an earlier date, as specified in *General Information*.

**What we will pay** We will pay for this benefit if you or one of your dependents has not been found within 1 year of the disappearance, stranding, sinking, wrecking or breakdown of any conveyance in which the insured person was covered as an occupant, it will be assumed, subject to all other terms of the policy, that the insured person has suffered loss of life covered under this policy.

The amount that we will pay is a percentage of the Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage. The percentage depends on the loss suffered. The following table shows the percentages we use to determine the payment.

**Employee and Spouse Benefit****TABLE OF LOSSES**

Loss of Life	100%
Loss of both arms or both legs**	200%
Loss of both hands or both feet	100%
Loss of one hand and one foot	100%
Loss of one hand or one foot, and entire sight of one eye	100%
Loss of one arm or one leg	80%
Loss of one hand or one foot	75%
Loss of four fingers on the same hand	33%
Loss of thumb and index finger on the same hand	33%
Loss of all toes on the one foot	25%
Loss of use of both arms or both legs or combination of one arm and one leg**	200%
Loss of use of both hands or both feet or a combination of one hand and one foot	100%

Loss of use of one arm or one leg	80%
Loss of use of one hand or one foot	75%
Loss of use of thumb and index finger on the same hand	33%
Loss of entire sight of both eyes	100%
Loss of speech and loss of hearing in both ears	100%
Loss of entire sight of one eye	75%
Loss of speech	75%
Loss of hearing in both ears	75%
Loss of hearing in one ear	33%
Quadriplegia**	200%
Paraplegia**	200%
Hemiplegia**	200%

\*\*Subject to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per person

If you or your spouse have multiple losses as a result of one accident, the maximum amount payable shall not exceed 100% of the loss of life benefit amount with the exception of loss of use of both arms, both legs or a combination of one arm and a leg, quadriplegia, paraplegia and hemiplegia. In no event will the maximum benefit amount exceed 200%.

### Enhanced Child Benefit

#### TABLE OF LOSSES

Loss of Life	100%
Loss of both arms or both legs**	200%
Loss of both hands or both feet	100%
Loss of one hand and one foot	100%
Loss of one hand or one foot, and entire sight of one eye	100%
Loss of one arm or one leg	80%
Loss of one hand or one foot	75%
Loss of four fingers on the same hand	33%

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Loss of thumb and index finger on the same hand	33%
Loss of all toes on the one foot	25%
Loss of use of both arms or both legs or combination of one arm and one leg**	200%
Loss of use of both hands or both feet or a combination of one hand and one foot	100%
Loss of use of one arm or one leg	80%
Loss of use of one hand or one foot	75%
Loss of use of thumb and index finger on the same hand	33%
Loss of entire sight of both eyes	100%
Loss of speech and loss of hearing in both ears	100%
Loss of entire sight of one eye	75%
Loss of speech	75%
Loss of hearing in both ears	75%
Loss of hearing in one ear	33%
Quadriplegia**	200%
Paraplegia**	200%
Hemiplegia**	200%

Quadriplegia, paraplegia and hemiplegia will become payable after the elimination period of 365 days has been satisfied.

Loss of an arm means that it was severed at or above the elbow. Loss of a hand means that it was severed at or above the wrist. Loss of a leg means that it was severed at or above the knee. Loss of a foot means that it was severed at or above the ankle. Loss of a thumb, finger or toe means that it was severed at or above the first phalange. Loss of sight, speech or hearing must be total and permanent.

Loss of use must be total and must have continued for at least 12 months. Before we pay the benefit, you must provide proof that the

loss is permanent.

**Aggregate limit**

An Employee or Dependent who has multiple losses as a result of one accident, the maximum amount payable shall not exceed 100% of the loss of life benefit amount with the exception of Loss of use of both arms, both legs or a combination of one arm and a leg, quadriplegia, paraplegia and hemiplegia.

In no event will the maximum benefit amount exceed 200%.

**Repatriation benefit**

When loss of life results in an amount of benefit becoming payable under this benefit, a Repatriation Benefit will also be payable, as follows:

1. payment is made if within 1 year of the accidental bodily injury, and
2. the loss of life must occur at least 50 kilometres away from the residence of the deceased Employee,

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Rehabilitation program**

Rehabilitation/retraining means the R&C charges for treatment by a therapist licensed, registered or certified to provide such treatment or confinement in an institution which is licensed to provide such treatment; where treatment is intended to retrain the insured person for work in any gainful occupation including the Employee's regular occupation.

Must take place under the direction of a certified vocational rehabilitation specialist.

Benefit will be paid if an Accidental bodily injury prevents the Employee from performing the duties of the Employee's regular occupation and requires the Employee to obtain rehabilitation/retraining as determined by a physician approved by the company.

Benefits will be paid until one of the following occurs:

1. the total rehabilitation/retraining benefit has been paid; or
2. 2 years have elapsed from the date of the Accidental bodily injury; or
3. the Employee dies.

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Spouse  
occupational  
training benefit**

Spouse employment training expenses means the actual incurred costs for tuition, fees, and room and board billed by the institution of higher learning. Also means the costs for required books and required course supplies. These costs must be incurred for the Employee's spouse to attend an institution of higher learning for the purpose of obtaining or refreshing skills needed for employment. Benefit is payable only if the spouse incurs expenses within 3 years following the date of the Employee's loss of life. Participant must have elected spousal coverage under the policy.

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Child education  
benefit**

Education means the actual incurred costs for tuition, fees, room and board billed by the institution of higher learning for the education of the Employee's dependent children. Also means costs for required books and required course supplies. Child must be enrolled as a full time student at an institution of higher learning on the date of the insured person's loss of life or subsequently enrol as a full time student at an institution of higher learning within 2 years following the date of the Employee's loss of life. Payments also limited to 4 consecutive years for each dependent child. Institution of higher learning means any public or private college, university or professional trade school beyond the 12th grade. Participant must have elected coverage for dependent children under the policy.

The maximum amount payable is \$7,500 per year, \$30,000 total benefit payment.

**Family  
transportation  
benefit**

Insured person must be confined to a hospital no less than 50km from his permanent city of residence and the attending physician recommends the personal attendance of a member of the immediate family. Sun Life standard rate of \$0.20 per km applies. Member of the immediate family means the spouse, parents, grandparents, children age 18 and over, brother or sister of the insured person.

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Child care expense**

The actual incurred costs billed by the provider for the care and supervision of the insured person's dependent children under the age of 13. Expenses must be incurred within 365 days of the loss of life. If on the date of the insured person's loss of life the dependent children are not eligible for child care expenses, a one-time payment of \$2,500 will be made in addition to the loss of life benefit. If this is paid, no additional claims can be made under the child care benefit. Insured person must have elected coverage for dependent children under the policy.

The maximum amount payable is \$5,000 per child per year to a maximum of \$25,000.

**Funeral expenses**

Funeral expenses means the reasonable costs associated with interment.

The maximum amount payable is \$5,000.

**Home/Vehcile  
adaptation**

Alterations to the Employee's residence that are necessary to make the residence accessible and habitable for the Employee /  
Modifications to a private passenger automobile that are necessary to make the automobile accessible and/or driveable by the Employee.  
Within 2 years of the accidental bodily injury a physician must certify that a home/vehicle adaptation is needed to accomodate the physical disability of the Employee and the home/vehicle adaptation is performed by individuals experienced in such adaption and the home/vehicle adaption is in compliance with any applicable laws or requirements for approval by appropriate government authorities.  
Private passenger automobile means a four-wheeled motor vehicle with a maximum capacity of 9, designed, manufactured and registered as a private passenger vehicle to travel on public roads.

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Identification  
expenses**

Identification expense means the actual costs for hotel accommodation for a maximum of 3 days and transportation by a member of the immediate family by the most direct route by a licensed common carrier. Loss of life must occur no less than 50km from the insured person's permanent city of residence and identification of the body by a member of the immediate family has been requested by the police or a similar government authority.

The maximum amount payable is \$5,000.

**Parent care**

Dependent parent: parents or grandparent of an Employee or Spouse who at the time of an accident is receiving support and care provided by such Employee or Spouse as evidenced by Canadian income tax returns showing parent as a dependent.

The maximum amount payable is \$5,000 per eligible parent.

**Psychological therapy**

Psychological therapy means the reasonable and customary charges for treatment or counselling by a therapist or counsellor, who is licensed, registered or certified to provide such treatment whether on an outpatient basis or while at a medical facility licensed to provide such treatment. Must be prescribed by a physician.

Payments will be made until one of the following occurs:

1. the total psychological therapy benefit has been paid, or
2. 2 years have elapsed from the date of the accidental bodily injury, or
3. the insured person dies.

The maximum amount payable is \$5,000.

**Seat belt and occupant protection device**

Seat belt means a lap or lap and shoulder restraint device or a child restraint device, which meets the Canadian Motor Vehicle Standards administered by Transport Canada and has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Occupant protection device means either an air bag, which inflates for added protection to the head and chest areas, or any other personal safety restraint system other than a seat belt.

Benefits will be paid if, at the time of the accident, the Employee suffers Accidental bodily injury resulting in a loss while:

- operating or riding in a private passenger automobile and utilizing a seat belt

The seat belt usage and proper operation of the occupant protection device must be verified by a licensed physician, a coroner, a police officer or other person of competent authority.

No benefit is payable if the Employee was driving or riding as a passenger in any race or contest of any type, or if intoxicated as defined by laws of the jurisdiction where the Accidental bodily injury



occurred, or under the influence of a controlled substance unless taken on the advice of a physician and used in accordance with the prescription at the time of the accident.

The maximum amount payable is 10% of benefit amount for seat belt, 10% of benefit amount for occupant protection device to a combined maximum of \$50,000.

**Vocational training** Vocational training expenses means the actual costs incurred for tuition, fees, room and board billed by an institution of higher learning that is intended to prepare an insured person for work in any gainful occupation. Includes costs for required books or course supplies.

Gainful occupation means an occupation including self-employment that is or can be expected to provide an Employee with an income equal to at least 60% of the Employee's monthly earnings within 12 months after the Employee's return to work.

Benefits are payable until the earlier of:

1. the total benefit has been paid; or
2. 2 years have elapsed from the date of the accidental bodily injury

The maximum amount payable is \$15,000.

**Common accident** If a common accident causes the primary Employee's and Spouse's loss of life, the combined loss of Life benefit amount will be 2x the larger of the 2 loss of Life benefits amounts payable. This combined loss of Life benefit amount will not exceed 2x the Employee's benefit amount.

This extension of coverage is applicable only if the Employee has elected coverage under the policy for a Spouse, such coverage is in effect on the date of the accident, and the Employee and Spouse are survived by a dependent child or children to whom the common accident benefit amount can be paid.

Common accident means a single accident or separate accidents that occur within the same 24 hour period and result in accidental bodily injury to an insured person and the insured person's spouse.

The common accident extension of coverage is subject to a maximum amount of 2 times the Employee's loss of Life benefits amount.

**Permanent and total disability**

If accidental bodily injury causes the Employee to have a permanent and total disability that is continuous during the elimination period we will pay the permanent and total disability benefit amount (lump sum payment). Permanent and total disability means that the accidental bodily injuries solely and directly:

1. prevents the Employee from engaging in any gainful occupation for which the Employee is qualified or could be qualified by reason of education, training, experience or skill and
2. cause a condition which is medically determined by a physician approved by Sun Life to be of continuous and indefinite duration and
3. requires the continuous care of a physician unless the Employee has reached his/her maximum point of recovery.

The maximum amount payable is 100% of the loss of Life benefit amount, elimination period is 365 days.

**In-Hospital benefit**

If accidental bodily injury causes a loss to the Employee which results in the Employee being in-hospital, after the elimination period we will pay the in-hospital benefit for each day the Employee is in-hospital. Payments will not be made for more than the maximum number of days indicated.

The payments will be made until the earlier of:

1. the date the Employee dies.
2. the date the Employee is no longer in-hospital.
3. the maximum number of days for the in-hospital benefit amount has elapsed.

After the payments have begun, if the insured person is discharged and the same accident causes the insured person to be in-hospital again, the elimination period will be considered satisfied and payment will resume until the max. number of days is reached. In-hospital means registered as an in-patient and confined to a hospital while being treated by a physician. Does not include confinement solely for convalescent or nursing care.

The daily maximum amount payable is \$75 per day to a maximum of 31 days, waiting period is 3 days.

**What is not covered** We will not pay for losses that are the result of:

- self-inflicted injuries, by firearm or otherwise.
- a drug overdose.
- carbon monoxide inhalation.
- attempted suicide or suicide, regardless of whether the person has a mental illness or intends or understands the consequences of their actions.
- flying in, entering, or exiting any aircraft owned, leased or operated by the employer or any aircraft owned, leased or operated by an employee of the employer on behalf of the employer. This exclusion does not apply to aircraft chartered with pilot or crew on a one time charter basis.
- flying in, entering, or exiting any aircraft while acting or training as a pilot or crew member. This exclusion does not apply to passengers who temporarily perform pilot or crew functions in a life threatening emergency.
- the hostile action of any armed forces, insurrection or participation in a riot or civil commotion.

- full-time service in the armed forces of any country.
- participation in a criminal offence.
- disease or illness.
- loss caused by or resulting from an insured person's emotional trauma, mental or physical illness, disease, pregnancy, childbirth or miscarriage, bacterial or viral infection or bodily malfunction.

This exclusion does not apply to loss resulting from an insured person's bacterial infection caused by an accident or from accidental consumption of a substance contaminated by bacteria.

**Converting coverage**

If your Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage ends or reduces, for any reason other than your request, and if you apply to convert your group Life coverage to an individual Life policy, you may also apply at that time to have an Accidental Death benefit attached to the individual Life policy. The amount of this Accidental Death benefit cannot be more than the amount of Life coverage you are converting.

This applies to your spouse's coverage as well, but this does not apply to your children's 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**

For any loss other than death, the claim must be received by Sun Life within 12 months after the loss.

If the claim is the result of a death, the claim should be made as soon as possible after the death occurred.

Claim forms are available from your employer.

## **Respecting your privacy**

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