



# NCBAA Trust Fund - Health Care Plan

Eligible represented  
retirees of NAV CANADA  
who retire on or after  
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## General Information

### About this booklet

The information in this group benefits booklet is important to you. It provides the information you need about your group benefits plan.

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

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

The contract holder, NAV CANADA Bargaining Agents Association Trust Fund, self-insures all benefits. This means that NAV CANADA Bargaining Agents Association Trust Fund plays a role similar to that of an insurance company for its employees. NAV CANADA Bargaining Agents Association Trust Fund has the sole legal and financial liability for all benefits and funds the claims from its net income, retained earnings or other financial resources. Sun Life provides administrative services only (ASO) such as claims processing.

### Eligibility

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

- you must be entitled to benefits under a provincial medicare plan or federal government plan that provides similar benefits.
- you retire on or after January 1, 2010.
- you were covered as an union employee under the NAV CANADA group plan on the day preceding your retirement.

- when you retire, you do not opt for a transfer of the commuted value of your pension entitlement and you are eligible for an immediate pension benefit.
- you have at least 15 years of pension eligibility service.
- *effective November 2, 2017*: you have at least 15 years of pension eligibility service and be in receipt of a monthly pension from NAV CANADA.

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

#### **Who qualifies as your dependent**

Your dependent must be your spouse or your child and a resident of Canada. To qualify for coverage, your dependent must be entitled to benefits under a provincial medicare plan or federal government plan that provides similar benefits.

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.

A legally separated spouse continues to qualify as an eligible dependent until the date the marriage is dissolved through divorce or annulment.

You can only cover one spouse at a time.

Your children and your spouse's children (including 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 26 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. The contract holder can give you more information about this.

**Proof of eligibility**

Supporting documents as defined below must be provided to and approved by the contract holder before coverage is in effect.

Spouse – Both the birth certificate of spouse and marriage certificate.

Common law spouse – Both the birth certificate of common law partner and statutory declaration.

Child – Birth certificate.

Foster child – Birth certificate and legal guardianship documentation.

Adopted child – Birth certificate (and legal guardianship documentation if not on birth certificate).

Step-child – Birth certificate (will only be eligible if spouse/common-law partner approved).

Child over age 21 – Proof of enrolment as full-time student (to be provided annually) OR approval of disability status from Sun Life (to be provided once).

**When coverage begins**

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

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

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

Once you have dependent coverage, any subsequent dependents will be covered automatically.

**Updating your records**

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

- change of dependents.
- change of name.

**When coverage ends**

Your coverage will end on the date the benefit provision under which you are covered terminates.

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.

However, if you die while covered by this plan, coverage for your dependents will continue until the earlier of the following dates:

- the date the person would no longer be considered your dependent if you were still alive.
- the date the benefit provision under which the dependent is covered terminates.

**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**

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 Hospital, 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.

The contract holder can help you determine which plan you should claim from first.

**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 group 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.

***Benefit year*** January 1 to December 31.

***Dentist*** A person licensed to practise dentistry, and who is operating within the scope of his licence.

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

***Hospital*** An institution designated as such by law for the care and treatment of sick and injured persons which has organized facilities for diagnostic treatment and major surgery and which provides 24 hour nursing services, including beds set aside in such an institution for convalescent care and also including any legally licensed hospital providing specialized treatment for mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, cancer, arthritis or chronically ill persons. This does not include a nursing home, rest home, home for custodial care of the aged or chronically ill, a sanatorium or a convalescent hospital.

***Illness*** An illness is a bodily injury, disease, mental infirmity or sickness.

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

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## Hospital

*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 retired employee and all dependents covered for Hospital benefits.

- Eligible expenses** Eligible expenses are charges for the following services or supplies which are medically necessary and customarily provided in relation to the nature and severity of the illness and which do not exceed the general level of charges in the area where the expense is incurred as determined by Sun Life.
- Hospital Benefit** Covered percentage – 100%
- Charges for room and board in a hospital up to the hospital's semi-private rate excluding hospital charges referred to as coinsurance charges or user fees (including, where permitted by law, any admittance charges).
- Proof of claim** Proof of claim must be received by Sun Life not later than 3 months after the end of the benefit year during which the expenses were incurred, unless, in Sun Life's opinion, it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within this period. In such case, proof of claim must be received by Sun Life as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 18 months after the end of the benefit year during which the expenses were incurred.
- Payment of benefit** Upon receipt of proof of claim that a person while covered incurred an eligible expense, a benefit is paid subject to Limitations, Exclusions and Coordination of benefits.
- Each eligible expense is allocated to the benefit year in which it is deemed incurred.

An eligible expense is deemed to be incurred on the date the service is received or on the date supplies are purchased or rented.

Each eligible expense is multiplied by the covered percentage to determine the amount payable, once the eligible expense maximum is applied.

**Calendar year maximum**

All hospital and extended health care claims incurred in Canada will be subject to a calendar year combined maximum of \$100,000 per eligible claimant.

**Limitations**

Payment is not made for

1. 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.
2. any portion of the charges for services or supplies over the customary and reasonable charges, in the locality where they are provided.
3. services or supplies that are not approved by Health Canada or other government regulatory body for the general public.
4. services or supplies that are not generally recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate and required in the treatment of an illness in accordance with Canadian medical standards.
5. services or supplies that do not qualify as medical expenses under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

**Exclusions**

A benefit is not paid for

1. charges incurred for an illness due to or resulting from any cause for which indemnity or compensation is provided under any Workers' Compensation Act, Criminal Injuries Compensation Act or similar legislation.
2. charges for services and supplies, rendered or prescribed by a person who is normally resident in the patient's home or who is related to the patient by blood or marriage.
3. charges for services or supplies for cosmetic purposes only, or

for conditions not detrimental to health, except those required as a result of an accident.

4. any service or supply for which there would be no charge in the absence of this coverage.
5. charges for services rendered in connection with medical examinations for insurance, school, camp, association, employment, passport or similar purposes.
6. charges for experimental services or supplies, for which substantial evidence provided through objective clinical testing of the service's or supply's safety and effectiveness for the purpose and under the conditions of the recommended use does not exist to Sun Life's satisfaction.
7. the portion of any charge which is the legal liability of another party.
8. charges for services provided by a doctor licensed and practising in Canada where the person is eligible to be insured under a provincial health insurance plan, except for such services which are specifically included under this provision.
9. expenses for benefits which are legally prohibited by the government from coverage.
10. the portion of charges which are payable under a provincial health insurance plan or a provincially sponsored program.
11. the portion of charges for services or supplies provided in a hospital outside of Canada that would normally be payable under a provincial health or hospital plan if the service or supply had been rendered in a hospital.

## Extended Health Care

*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 retired employee and all dependents covered for Extended Health Care benefits.

**Eligible expenses** Eligible expenses are charges for the following services or supplies which are medically necessary and customarily provided in relation to the nature and severity of the illness and which do not exceed the general level of charges in the area where the expense is incurred as determined by Sun Life. However, there are additional eligibility requirements that apply to drugs (see *Prior authorization program* for details).

**Calendar year maximum** All hospital and extended health care claims incurred in Canada will be subject to a calendar year combined maximum of \$100,000 per eligible claimant.

**Type 1 – Prescription Drug Benefit** Covered percentage  
– for items 11 and 12: 100% in excess of the deductible  
– for all other items: 80% in excess of the deductible.

For employees residing in Québec, the reimbursement percentage is increased to 100% for drugs listed in the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ) drug formulary once the out-of-pocket maximum has been reached. However, if the drug submitted for reimbursement has a lower priced equivalent drug, only the cost of the lowest priced equivalent drug will be considered at 100%, unless Sun Life specifically approved the cost of the higher priced drug.

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

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:

Charges for

1. drugs which legally require a prescription.
2. intrauterine devices (IUDs) and diaphragms.
3. life-sustaining drugs which may not legally require a prescription.
4. replacement therapeutic nutrients prescribed by an accredited medical specialist for the treatment of an illness excluding allergies or aesthetic ailments, provided that there is no other nutritional alternative to support the life of the person.
5. injectable drugs, including allergy serums administered by injection.
6. compounded prescriptions, regardless of their active ingredients.
7. diabetic supplies (except needles and syringes are not eligible for the 36 month period following the date of purchase of an insulin jet injector device).
8. vitamins and minerals which are prescribed for the treatment of a chronic disease, when in accordance with customary practice of medicine, the use of such products are proven to have therapeutic value and no other alternatives are available to the person.
9. drug delivery devices to deliver asthma medication, which are integral to the product, and approved by Sun Life.
10. aerochambers with masks for the delivery of asthma medication for children under age 6.
11. smoking cessation products which legally require a prescription. The maximum amount payable during each person's lifetime is \$1,000.
12. drugs for the treatment of sexual dysfunction. The maximum amount payable is \$1,300 per person in a benefit year.
13. drugs used for the treatment of obesity, including injectable

vitamins and dietary supplements, prescribed by a doctor when used in conjunction with a weight loss drug program, subject to prior approval.

**Ineligible Expenses**

Payment is not made for

1. drugs which in Sun Life's opinion, are experimental.
2. publicly advertised items or products which, in Sun Life's opinion, are household remedies.
3. vitamins, minerals and protein supplements, other than those indicated as eligible expenses.
4. therapeutic nutrients other than those indicated as eligible expenses.
5. any charge for diets and dietary supplements, other than those indicated as eligible expenses.
6. infant foods and sugar or salt substitutes.
7. lozenges, mouth washes, non-medicated shampoos, contact lens care products and skin cleansers, protectives or emollients.
8. surgical supplies and diagnostic aids.
9. drugs which are used for cosmetic purposes.
10. drugs which are used for a condition or conditions not recommended by the manufacturer of the drugs.
11. expenses incurred under any of the conditions listed under Limitations and Exclusions.
12. natural health products, whether or not they have a Natural Product Number (NPN).
13. 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.

The payment for a single purchase of a Type 1 eligible expense is limited to the cost of a supply which could reasonably be consumed or



used within 100 days from the date of purchase.

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

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

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

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

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

***Smoking cessation products*** For employees residing in Québec, smoking cessation products are covered in accordance with the requirements under the Québec drug insurance plan.

***Pharmaceutical services (rendered by pharmacists)*** We will cover the pharmaceutical services that are covered under the Québec drug insurance plan and apply its requirements.

***Drug substitution  
limit***

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

For employees residing in Québec, for drugs listed in the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ) drug formulary, charges in excess of the lowest priced equivalent drug do not count towards the out-of-pocket maximum unless Sun Life specifically approved the charges for the higher priced drug.

***Prior authorization  
program***

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

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

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

- Health Canada Product Monograph.
- recognized clinical guidelines.
- comparative analysis of the drug cost and its clinical effectiveness.
- recommendations by health technology assessment organizations and provinces.
- your response to preferred drug therapy.

If not, your claim will be declined.

Our prior authorization forms are available from the following sources:

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

***Québec drug insurance plan***

Any conditions under this plan that do not meet the requirements under the Québec drug insurance plan are automatically adjusted to meet those requirements.

***Out-of-pocket maximum***

For employees residing in Québec, expenses incurred for drugs listed in the Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec (RAMQ) drug formulary and not reimbursed under this plan as a result of the application of the deductible or the reimbursement level are limited in each calendar year to the yearly maximum contribution set by the RAMQ plan. There is an out-of-pocket maximum for you, and another one for your spouse. Any drug expenses incurred for your children are part of the out-of-pocket maximum of the employee.

***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.

**Type 2 – Additional Health Care Benefit**

Covered percentage

- for items 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 20 – 100%
- for all other items – 80%

*Emergency* means an acute illness or accidental injury that requires immediate, medically necessary treatment prescribed by a doctor.

Additional Health Care, other than wigs, must be ordered by a doctor.

Charges for

1. use of a licensed ambulance for local transportation of the person to the nearest hospital qualified to render the necessary medical services.

2. use of a licensed air ambulance for transportation of the person to the nearest hospital qualified to render necessary emergency medical services.
3. the following services outside the person's province of residence for emergency services or referrals provided the charges are in excess of the amount payable by a provincial health insurance plan
  - A. room and board in a hospital up to the hospital's ward rate (including where permitted by law, any admittance, coinsurance, or utilization charges).
  - B. other hospital services (provided out of Canada).
  - C. out-patient services in a hospital.
  - D. services of a doctor.

*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. Coverage for emergency services is subject to all conditions indicated in this benefit provision under *Out-of-province emergency services* and *Emergency services excluded from coverage*.

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

Eligible expenses for emergency services must be incurred within 60 days of the date the person leaves his province of residence. If hospital admittance takes place within such period, in-patient services are covered until the date of discharge.

A referral must be for treatment of an illness and made in writing by a doctor located in the person's province of residence. Services rendered in such cases:

- A. must be rendered in Canada if such services (irrespective of

any waiting lists) are available in Canada, or may be rendered out of Canada if such services are not available in Canada, and

- B. must be services for which the provincial Medicare Plan of the person's province of residence agrees, in writing, to pay benefits to such person as a result of the referral.

For emergency services: The maximum amount payable per period of travel is \$1,000,000 for each person.

For referred services: The maximum amount payable per illness is \$25,000 for each person.

- 4. services, while not confined in a hospital, of a private duty nurse. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$15,000 for each person. (*A private duty nurse is a registered nurse, or nursing assistant, licensed, registered or certified through the respective provincial licensing body or professional organization as the case may be. In the absence of such a registry, this will include a nurse with comparable qualifications as determined by Sun Life.*)
- 5. wigs following total hair loss as the result of an illness. The maximum amount payable during each person's lifetime is \$500.
- 6. rental, or purchase at Sun Life's option, of durable equipment manufactured specially for medical use and which is required for temporary and therapeutic use in the person's private residence. Eligible equipment must be approved by Sun Life and includes, but is not limited to, items such as
  - A. walkers.
  - B. hospital beds.
  - C. apnea monitors.
  - D. alarm systems for enuretic persons.

Payment will be limited to the cost of non-motorized equipment unless medically proven that the person requires motorized equipment.

- 7. rental, or purchase at Sun Life's option, of a wheelchair, required for therapeutic use in the person's home. Payment will be limited

to the cost of non-motorized equipment unless medically proven that the person requires motorized equipment. Repairs and replacement of a purchased wheelchair are eligible expense, but not within 60 months of the last purchase of a wheelchair.

8. casts, splints, trusses, crutches, cervical collars and braces which contain either metal or hard plastic, excluding dental braces and braces used primarily for athletic use.
9. mammary prostheses following surgery, and their replacements. Replacements are limited to 1 replacement for each prostheses in any period of 24 consecutive months.
10. temporary artificial limbs.
11. artificial eyes and permanent artificial limbs to replace temporary artificial limbs, and their replacements, but not within
  - A. 60 months of the last purchase in the case of a retiree or a dependent over 21 years of age, or
  - B. 12 months of the last purchase in the case of a dependent 21 years of age or less

unless medically proven that growth or shrinkage of surrounding tissue requires replacement of the existing prosthesis.

12. elasticized support stockings and elasticized apparel for burn victims, manufactured to the person's specifications or having a minimum compression of 30 millimetres.
13. orthopaedic brassieres. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$100 for each person.
14. orthotic inserts for shoes. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$300 for each person.
15. orthopaedic shoes which are an integral part of a brace or custom made orthopaedic shoes, including modifications to such shoes, prescribed in writing by a doctor or a podiatrist. The maximum amount payable for each person in any benefit year is the lesser of (i) \$150, and (ii) the total charge, less the average cost of regular footwear as determined by Sun Life.
16. hearing aids, other than those in item 21, prescribed in writing by an otolaryngologist, and their repairs. The maximum amount

payable in any period of 60 consecutive months is \$500 for each person.

17. oxygen and its administration.
18. glucometers, and their repair and replacement, for insulin dependent diabetics and for non-insulin dependent diabetics who are legally blind or colour blind. Repairs and replacements are not permitted within the 60 month period following the date of purchase.
19. insulin pumps and associated equipment, and their repair and replacement, for insulin dependent diabetics when prescribed by a doctor who is associated with a recognized centre for the treatment of diabetics at a university teaching center in Canada. Repairs and replacements are not permitted within the 60 month period following the date of purchase.
20. insulin injector devices for insulin dependent diabetics. The maximum amount payable in any period of 36 consecutive months is \$760 for each person.
21. the initial purchase of eyeglasses, contact lenses or hearing aids when required as the direct result of surgery or an accident provided the purchase is made within 6 months after the date of the surgery or accident. This time limit may be extended if, in Sun Life's opinion, the purchase could not have been made within this time frame.
22. colostomy, ileostomy and tracheostomy supplies, and catheters and drainage bags for incontinent, paraplegic or quadriplegic persons.
23. doctor's services where such services are not eligible for reimbursement under the person's provincial health insurance plan, but where such services would be eligible for reimbursement under one or more other provincial health insurance plans.

Where only one province provides reimbursement for a particular service, and that province discontinues the coverage, the issue will be subject to review by the Board of Trustees as to whether coverage will also be discontinued under this Plan.

Claims for such services, following cessation of provincial coverage, will be held by Sun Life pending the decision of the Board of Trustees.

Where a province begins reimbursement for a particular service, claims for the service will be held by Sun Life pending a review by the Board of Trustees as to whether the service should be covered under this Plan in the other province and territories.

24. bandages and surgical dressings required for the treatment of an open wound or ulcer.
25. laboratory tests done in a commercial laboratory for diagnosis of an illness (but excluding any tests performed in a doctor's office or a pharmacy).
26. **effective November 1, 2017:** Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) receivers, transmitters or sensors, for persons diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, up to a combined maximum of \$4,000 per person per benefit year. You must provide us with a doctor's note confirming the diagnosis.

***Out-of-province  
emergency services***

Eligible expenses for emergency services outside the person's province of residence are subject to all the conditions indicated below.

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.

***Emergency services  
excluded from  
coverage***

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

1. 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.
2. services relating to an illness or injury which caused the emergency, after such emergency ends.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

**Type 3 –  
Paramedical and  
Vision Care Benefit**

Covered percentage

– for items 1A, 1B, 1C, 1E and 3 – 100%

– for all other items – 80%

Charges for

1. the following paramedical services (including utilization charges where permitted by law)
  - A. services of practitioners licensed as speech therapists or

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chiropractors and services of a doctor for similar treatment, including x-ray examinations ordered by a chiropractor or a doctor. All practitioners must be licensed, registered or certified through the respective provincial licensing body or professional organization as the case may be. Services of a speech therapist must be ordered by a doctor. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$500 per discipline, for each person.

- B. services of a licensed psychologist when ordered by a doctor. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$1,000 for each person.
  - C. services of practitioners licensed as osteopaths (this category of paramedical specialists also includes osteopathic practitioners), acupuncturists, podiatrists/chiropractors, naturopaths or massage therapists, including x-ray examinations ordered by each licensed practitioner. All practitioners must be licensed, registered or certified through the respective provincial licensing body or professional organization as the case may be. The maximum amount payable in any benefit year is \$300 per discipline, for each person.
  - D. services of a licensed physiotherapist when ordered by a doctor.
  - E. services of a doctor or a licensed electrologist for removal of excessive hair from exposed areas of the face and neck when the person suffers from severe emotional trauma as a result of this condition. Such services must be ordered by a psychiatrist or a psychologist. The maximum amount payable for each person is \$20 per visit.
- 2. eye examinations performed by a licensed optometrist. The maximum amount payable every 2 calendar years, with the first 2 year period commencing on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2011, is for one eye examination for each person.
  - 3. contact lenses or lenses and frames for eyeglasses, and their repairs, or laser eye correction surgery. Supplies must be prescribed in writing by an ophthalmologist or a licensed

optometrist and must be dispensed by an ophthalmologist, a licensed optometrist or a qualified optician. Laser eye correction surgery must be performed by an ophthalmologist. The maximum payable every 2 calendar years, with the first 2 year period commencing on January 1, 2010 and ending on December 31, 2011, is \$200 for each person. For laser eye surgery only, the maximum payable of \$200 can be claimed in every 2 year block until the total cost of the surgery has been reimbursed, provided the claimant remains covered under the Plan.

**Type 4 –  
Dental Care Benefit**

Covered percentage – 80%

Charges for

1. dental services, including braces and splints to repair damage to natural teeth caused by an accidental blow to the mouth that occurs while a person is covered. These services must be received within 12 months of the accident. Sun Life will not cover more than the fee stated in the Dental Association Fee Guide for a general practitioner in the province where the retiree lives. The guide must be the current guide at the time that treatment is received.
2. the following oral surgical procedures performed by a Dentist up to amount specified for the procedure in the provincial Dental Association Fee Guide for a general practitioner which is current on the date of treatment (i) in the province where the service is rendered, if the service is rendered in Canada, (ii) in the province where the person resides, if the person is a resident of Canada and the service is rendered outside of Canada, and (iii) in Ontario, if the person is not a resident of Canada and the service is rendered outside of Canada.
  - A. cysts, lesions, abscesses
    - (a) biopsy
      - (i) soft tissue lesion
      - (ii) incision

- (iii) excision
- (iv) hard tissue lesion
- (b) excision of cysts
- (c) excision of benign lesion
- (d) excision of ranula
- (e) incision and drainage
  - (i) intra oral - soft tissue
  - (ii) intra osseous - (into bone)
- (f) periodontal abscess - incision and drainage
- B. gingival and alveolar procedures
  - (a) alveoplasty
  - (b) flap approach with curettage
  - (c) flap approach with osteoplasty
  - (d) flap approach with curettage and osteoplasty
  - (e) gingival curettage
  - (f) gingivectomy with or without curettage
  - (g) gingivoplasty
- C. removal of teeth or roots
  - (a) removal of impacted teeth
  - (b) removal of root or foreign body from max. antrum
  - (c) root resection - (apicectomy or apicoectomy)
    - (i) anterior teeth
    - (ii) bicuspid
    - (iii) molars
- D. fractures and dislocations
  - (a) dislocation - temporo-mandibular joint (or jaw)
    - (i) closed reduction
    - (ii) open reduction
  - (b) fractures - mandible

- (i) no reduction
- (ii) closed reduction
- (iii) open reduction
- (c) fractures - maxillar or malar
  - (i) no reduction
  - (ii) closed reduction
  - (iii) open reduction
  - (iv) open reduction (complicated)
- E. other procedures
  - (a) avulsion of nerve - supra or infra-orbital
  - (b) frenectomy - labial or buccal (lip or cheek)
  - (c) lingual (tongue)
  - (d) repair of antrooral fistula
  - (e) sialolithotomy - simple
  - (f) sialolithotomy - complicated
  - (g) sulcus deepening, ridge reconstruction
  - (h) treatment of traumatic injuries
    - (i) repair of soft tissue lacerations
    - (ii) debridement, repair, suturing
  - (i) torus – (bone biopsy)

**Proof of claim**

Proof of claim must be received by Sun Life not later than 3 months after the end of the benefit year during which the expenses were incurred, unless, in Sun Life's opinion, it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within this period. In such case, proof of claim must be received by Sun Life as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than 18 months after the end of the benefit year during which the expenses were incurred.

**Payment of benefit**

Upon receipt of proof of claim that a person while covered incurred an eligible expense, a benefit is paid subject to Limitations, Exclusions and Coordination of benefits.

Each eligible expense is allocated to the benefit year in which it is deemed incurred.

An eligible expense is deemed to be incurred on the date the service is received or on the date supplies are purchased or rented.

The eligible expense is multiplied by the covered percentage to determine the amount payable.

The deductible, if any, is applied against the eligible expense and the result multiplied by the covered percentage to determine the amount payable.

**Prescription drug deductible**

\$4 for each prescription or refill.

**Limitations**

Payment is not made for

1. 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*.
2. any portion of the charges for services or supplies over the customary and reasonable charges, in the locality where they are provided.
3. services or supplies that are not approved by Health Canada or other government regulatory body for the general public.
4. services or supplies that are not generally recognized by the Canadian medical profession as effective, appropriate and required in the treatment of an illness in accordance with Canadian medical standards.
5. services or supplies that do not qualify as medical expenses under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

**Exclusions**

A benefit is not paid for

1. charges incurred for an illness due to or resulting from any cause for which indemnity or compensation is provided under any

- Workers' Compensation Act, Criminal Injuries Compensation Act or similar legislation.
2. charges for services and supplies, rendered or prescribed by a person who is normally resident in the patient's home or who is related to the patient by blood or marriage.
  3. charges for services or supplies for cosmetic purposes only, or for conditions not detrimental to health, except those required as a result of an accident.
  4. any service or supply for which there would be no charge in the absence of this coverage.
  5. charges for services rendered in connection with medical examinations for insurance, school, camp, association, employment, passport or similar purposes.
  6. charges for experimental services or supplies, for which substantial evidence provided through objective clinical testing of the service's or supply's safety and effectiveness for the purpose and under the conditions of the recommended use does not exist to Sun Life's satisfaction.
  7. the portion of any charge which is the legal liability of another party.
  8. charges for services provided by a doctor licensed and practising in Canada where the person is eligible to be insured under a provincial health insurance plan, except for such services which are specifically included under this provision.
  9. expenses for benefits which are legally prohibited by the government from coverage.
  10. the portion of charges which are payable under a provincial health insurance plan or a provincially sponsored program.
  11. the portion of charges for services or supplies, other than those listed in Type 2 items 3 and 4, provided in a hospital outside of Canada that would normally be payable under a provincial health or hospital plan if the service or supply had been rendered in a hospital in Canada.
  12. charges for items purchased primarily for athletic use.
  13. dental expenses, other than those indicated as eligible expenses.
  14. expenses for ambulance services for a medical evacuation which are eligible under the Emergency Travel Assistance Benefit Provision.

15. expenses for repairs or replacement of purchased durable equipment.
16. coinsurance charges or similar charges for hospital care which are in excess of charges payable by a provincial or territorial government health or hospital insurance plan and which are not charges made for utilization of semi-private or private accommodation.

**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.



## Emergency Travel Assistance

*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 retired employee and all dependents covered for Emergency Travel Assistance benefits.

### General description of the coverage

If you are faced with a medical emergency when travelling outside of the province where you live, AZGA Service Canada Inc. (*Allianz Global Assistance*) can help.

*Emergency* means an acute illness or accidental injury that requires immediate, medically necessary treatment prescribed by a doctor.

This benefit, called **Medi-Passport**, supplements the emergency portion of your Extended Health Care coverage. It only covers emergency services that you obtain within 60 days of leaving the province where you live. If hospitalization occurs within this time period, in-patient services are covered until you are discharged.

The Medi-Passport coverage is subject to any maximum applicable to the emergency portion of the Extended Health Care benefit. The emergency services excluded from coverage, and all other conditions, limitations and exclusions applicable to your Extended Health Care coverage also apply to Medi-Passport.

We recommend that you bring your Travel card with you when you travel. It contains telephone numbers and the information needed to confirm your coverage and receive assistance.

### Getting help

**At the time of an emergency, you or someone with you must contact Allianz Global Assistance. 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.**

Access to a fully staffed coordination centre is available 24 hours a day. Please consult the telephone numbers on the Travel card.

Allianz Global Assistance may arrange for:

**On the spot medical assistance**

Allianz Global Assistance will provide referrals to physicians, pharmacists and medical facilities.

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 will provide translation services in any major language that may be needed to communicate with local medical personnel.

Allianz Global Assistance will transmit an urgent message from you to your home, business or other location. Allianz Global Assistance will keep messages to be picked up in its offices for up to 15 days.

**Transportation home or to a different medical facility**

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.

**Meals and accommodations expenses**

If your return trip is delayed or interrupted due to a medical emergency or the death of a person you are travelling with who is also covered by this benefit, Allianz Global Assistance will arrange for your meals and accommodations at a commercial establishment. We will pay a maximum of \$150 a day for each person for up to 7 days.

Allianz Global Assistance will arrange for meals and accommodations at a commercial establishment, if you have been hospitalized due to a medical emergency while away from the province where you live and have been released, but, in the opinion of Allianz Global Assistance, are not yet able to travel. We will pay a maximum of \$150 a day for up to 5 days.

**Travel expenses home if stranded**

Allianz Global Assistance will arrange and, if necessary, advance funds for transportation to the province where you live:

1. for you, if due to a medical emergency, you have lost the use of a ticket home because you or a dependent had to be hospitalized as an in-patient, transported to a medical facility or repatriated; or
2. for a child who is under the age of 16, or mentally or physically handicapped, and left unattended while travelling with you when you are hospitalized outside the province where you live, due to a medical emergency.

If necessary, in the case of such a child, Allianz Global Assistance will also make arrangements and advance funds for a qualified attendant to accompany them home. The attendant is subject to the approval of you or a member of your family.

We will pay a maximum of the cost of the transportation minus any redeemable portion of the original ticket.

**Travel expenses of family members**

Allianz Global Assistance will arrange and, if necessary, advance funds for one round-trip economy class ticket for a member of your immediate family to travel from their home to the place where you are hospitalized if you are hospitalized for more than 7 consecutive days, and:

1. you are travelling alone, or
2. you are travelling only with a child who is under the age of 16 or mentally or physically handicapped.

We will pay a maximum of \$150 a day for the family member's meals and accommodations at a commercial establishment up to a maximum of 7 days.

**Repatriation**

If you die while out of the province where you live, Allianz Global Assistance will arrange for all necessary government authorizations and for the return of your remains, in a container approved for transportation, to the province where you live. We will pay a maximum of \$5,000 per return.

**Vehicle return**

Allianz Global Assistance will arrange and, if necessary, advance funds up to \$500 for the return of a private vehicle to the province where you live or a rental vehicle to the nearest appropriate rental agency if death or a medical emergency prevents you from returning the vehicle.

**Lost luggage or documents**

If your luggage or travel documents become lost or stolen while you are travelling outside of the province where you live, Allianz Global Assistance will attempt to assist you by contacting the appropriate authorities and by providing directions for the replacement of the luggage or documents.

**Coordination of coverage**

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.

**Limits on advances**

Advances will not be made for requests of less than \$200. Requests in excess of \$200 will be made in full up to a maximum of \$10,000.

The maximum amount advanced will not exceed \$10,000 per person per trip unless this limit will compromise your medical care.

**Reimbursement of expenses**

If, after obtaining confirmation from Allianz Global Assistance that you are covered and a medical emergency exists, you pay for services or supplies that were eligible for advances, Sun Life will reimburse you.

To receive reimbursement, you must provide Sun Life with proof of the expenses within 30 days of returning to the province where you live. The contract holder can provide you with the appropriate claim form.

**Your responsibility for advances**

You will have to reimburse Sun Life for any of the following amounts advanced by Allianz Global Assistance:

1. any amounts which are or will be reimbursed to you by your provincial medicare plan.
2. that portion of any amount which exceeds the maximum amount of your coverage under this plan.
3. amounts paid for services or supplies not covered by this plan.
4. amounts which are your responsibility, such as deductibles and the percentage of expenses payable by you.

Sun Life will bill you for any outstanding amounts. Payment will be due when the bill is received. You can choose to repay Sun Life over a 6 month period, with interest at an interest rate established by Sun Life from time to time. Interest rates may change over the 6 month period.

**Limits on Emergency Travel Assistance coverage**

There are countries where Allianz Global Assistance is not currently available for various reasons. For the latest information, please call Allianz Global Assistance before your departure.

Allianz Global Assistance reserves the right to suspend, curtail or limit its services in any area, without prior notice, because of:

1. a rebellion, riot, military up-rising, war, labour disturbance, strike, nuclear accident or an act of God.
2. the refusal of authorities in the country to permit Allianz Global Assistance to fully provide service to the best of its ability during any such occurrence.

**Liability of Sun Life or Allianz Global Assistance**

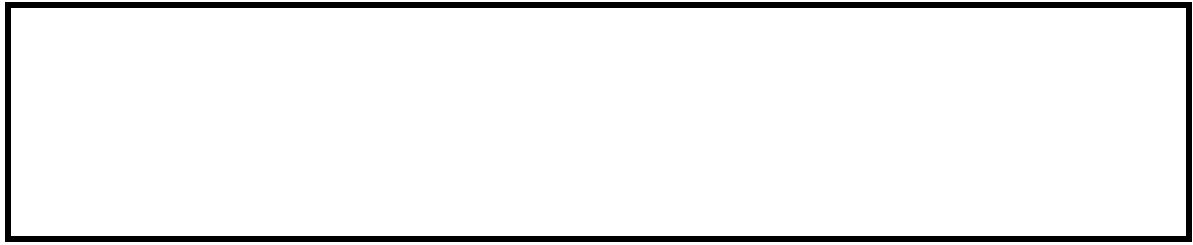
Neither Sun Life nor Allianz Global Assistance will be liable for the negligence or other wrongful acts or omissions of any physician or other health care professional providing direct services covered under this group plan.

## **Respecting your privacy**

Respecting your privacy is a priority for the Sun Life Financial group of companies. We keep in confidence personal information about you and the products and services you have with us to provide you with investment, retirement and insurance products and services to help you meet your lifetime financial objectives. To meet these objectives, we collect, use and disclose your personal information for purposes that include: underwriting; administration; claims adjudication; protecting against fraud, errors or misrepresentations; meeting legal, regulatory or contractual requirements; and we may tell you about other related products and services that we believe meet your changing needs. The only people who have access to your personal information are our employees, distribution partners such as advisors, and third-party service providers, along with our reinsurers. We will also provide access to anyone else you authorize. Sometimes, unless we are otherwise prohibited, these people may be in countries outside Canada, so your personal information may be subject to the laws of those countries. You can ask for the information in our files about you and, if necessary, ask us in writing to correct it. To find out more about our privacy practices, visit [www.sunlife.ca/privacy](http://www.sunlife.ca/privacy).

## **You have a choice**

We will occasionally inform you of other financial products and services that we believe meet your changing needs. If you do not wish to receive these offers, let us know by calling 1-877-SUN-LIFE (1-877-786-5433).





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