

# EMERGENCY OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL



## LiUNA Local 183 Members Benefit Fund

*Construction Division/Industrial Division/Retiree Division*

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## EMERGENCY OUT-OF-PROVINCE MEDICAL COVERAGE

Each Canadian province provides a provincial medical plan with comprehensive benefits for hospital confinement, the service of medical doctors and other health practitioners, ambulance services, etc. In many cases, the benefits provided by these plans will pay all, or almost all, of the expenses you incur in your home province. (Note: In this Plan, “**province**” also refers to a “**territory**” of Canada, where applicable; “**you**” and “**your**” includes the Insured Members and their eligible dependents.)

When you are outside your province of residence and require these services, your provincial medical plan will usually make a payment towards your expenses; but that payment is usually limited to the amount that would have been paid for the same service in the province in which you reside. Unfortunately, there is often a considerable difference between the cost of these services outside your province of residence and the amount allowed by your provincial medical plan, which you would have to pay yourself were it not for this valuable benefit.

This Plan provides extensive coverage for many services rendered outside your province of residence. It is important to note that such expenses are covered provided that they were unexpected and of an emergency nature.

## ELIGIBILITY

All current Insured active Members/Retirees in the Construction Division, Industrial Division and the Retiree Division in benefit, who are under the age of 100 and their eligible dependents whose names are on file with the Policyholder.

## PERIOD OF COVERAGE

You and your dependents are covered while outside your province of residence for such reasons as business or vacation. Expenses incurred by you are not covered in the event that you had left the province for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment, (except as indicated under the Referral Services benefit).

Trips are limited to a maximum of 90 consecutive days.

## EMERGENCY COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, MEDICAL AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES OUTSIDE PROVINCE OF RESIDENCE

When injuries or sickness result in emergency hospitalization, medical or therapeutic services, the Company will pay benefits for the period this contract is in force, not to exceed the maximum benefit amount shown below for the actual expenses incurred outside your province of residence that exceed the amount which is payable with respect to such expenses under any government hospitalization or medical care plan in your province of residence (GHIP), or if you are not covered under any such plan, to the extent that they exceed any amount which would be payable with respect to such expenses under the provincial medical plan if you were covered under any such plan

Benefit maximum amount reduces as follows:

**Under age 80 - \$ 5,000,000 per trip maximum**

**Age 80 to 99 - \$ 2,500,000 per trip maximum**

Coverages terminates upon attainment of age 100.

## HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT

Benefits are payable for confinement as a resident in-patient in a hospital, including semi-private accommodation and charges made by the hospital for services and supplies rendered by such hospital and provided for use during such confinement.

In the event that you are confined to hospital at the end of your trip outside Canada and thus prevented from returning to Canada, insurance will continue for the period of such confinement, but in no event for more than 12 months from the date the first insured expense was incurred.

## MEDICAL AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES:

Benefits are payable for:

- a)** the services of a legally qualified physician or surgeon (other than an insured person);
- b)** laboratory tests and X-ray examination by a legally qualified doctor of medicine for the purpose of diagnosis;
- c)** the services of a registered graduate nurse (other than a relative by blood or marriage), up to a maximum of 100 nursing shifts at the usual and customary fee, but not more than \$100 per shift;
- d)** rental of crutches or hospital type bed, or the cost of splints, canes, slings, trusses, braces or other approved prosthetic appliances;
- e)** the services of a legally qualified anaesthetist;
- f)** drugs or medicines that require a legally qualified physician's written prescription;
- g)** services of a chiroprapist, chiropractor, osteopath, physiotherapist or podiatrist (other than a relative) up to a maximum of \$1,000 per practitioner;
- h)** expenses for accidental injury to natural and sound teeth (capped or crowned teeth are considered whole or sound natural teeth) which requires treatment by a legally qualified dentist or dental surgeon within 30 days from the date of the accident, not to exceed in the aggregate the amount of \$2,500 as the result of any one accident;
- i)** expenses for the relief of dental pain, other than pain caused by an accident, initiated within 48 hours of the onset and completed no later than 90 days after initial treatment, not to exceed \$500; and
- j)** out-patient services provided by a hospital.

## INCIDENTAL HOSPITAL EXPENSES

If you or your travel companion is hospitalized as an inpatient during your Trip the Company will pay up to \$100/day for reasonable and necessary incidental hospital expenses incurred. The Maximum Amount Payable per Insured Person for this benefit is \$2,000 per Trip.

## **LOST PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT**

If your or your dependent's prescription is lost, stolen or damaged, the Company will pay a maximum of \$250.00 per trip for the replacement of medically necessary prescription drugs that are lost, stolen or damaged.

## **AUTOMOBILE RETURN**

If you become totally disabled and you are unable to continue your trip or vacation, the Company will pay the actual charges of a commercial agency for the return of your private or rental vehicle used for the trip, to your place of residence or nearest rental agency, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

**"Totally Disabled"** means your complete inability, on medical evidence, to continue your duties or activities and to continue your trip or vacation.

## **REPATRIATION BENEFIT**

When injuries or sickness covered by this Plan result in your loss of life in a province or country other than your place of residence and within 365 days after the date of the incident, the Company will pay the actual expense incurred for preparing your body for burial or cremation and shipment of your body to your place of residence in Canada, the amount not to exceed \$15,000.

## **IDENTIFICATION BENEFIT**

If your body requires identification following your loss of life for which a benefit is paid or payable hereunder, the Company will pay to one of your Immediate Family members, the reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by such Immediate Family member for:

- a) commercial lodging and board while en route and/or during the stay in the city or town where the body is located (not to exceed a maximum duration of 3 consecutive nights); and
- b) transportation by the most direct route to such location.

This benefit is payable by the Company only if the body is located outside the Immediate Family member's normal province of residence and the identification of the body is requested by the police or a similar law enforcement agency having authority over such matters.

Payment will not be made for ordinary living, travelling or clothing expenses, other than as specifically stated above. If transportation occurs in a vehicle or device other than one operated under the license for the conveyance of passengers for hire, the reimbursement of transportation expenses will be limited to a maximum of \$0.40 per kilometre travelled.

The maximum amount payable for this benefit is \$5,000 per Insured Person.

## **TRIP INTERRUPTION BENEFIT**

If your scheduled departure is delayed for at least 12 hours due to sickness or hospitalization as provided by the Plan, or due to sickness or hospitalization of your covered travelling companion, the Company will reimburse you up to a maximum of \$500 for the extra cost of your one-way economy/charter air fare via the most cost-effective itinerary to your next scheduled travel destination or original departure point of the same trip.

The Company will also reimburse the additional and unplanned hotel and meal expenses, telephone calls and taxi fares up to a combined maximum of \$300 per day to a maximum of 5 days.

In order to claim any of the above outlined expenses, original itemized invoices must be provided at time of claim.

The combined maximum amount payable for this benefit is \$2,000 per Insured Person per incident.

## **FAMILY TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT**

If you suffer injury or sickness, resulting in being confined to a hospital located outside your province of residence, the Company shall pay the reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred for the transportation of an Immediate Family member to the hospital.

This benefit is only payable if:

- a) confinement to hospital occurs within 365 days of the sickness or the accident causing the injury; and
- b) reimbursement of expenses are limited to the cost of one economy class return air fare via the most direct route, or the equivalent amount toward another type of common carrier transportation for such immediate family member.

The maximum amount payable for this benefit for any one sickness, or for all injuries resulting from any one accident, is \$15,000 and incidental travel expenses up to a maximum of \$200 per day to a maximum of \$800 per Insured Person.

## **RETURN TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVELLING COMPANION**

If you are repatriated to Canada in accordance with the Repatriation Benefit, or return to Canada in accordance with the Ground or Air Transportation benefit, the Company will pay a benefit to you (or your estate) for the extra cost of a one-way economy air fare transportation on a commercial flight or charter via the most cost effective itinerary to transport your Travel Companion to Canada.

The maximum amount payable for this benefit for any one trip is \$5,000 per Insured Person for the transport of one Travel Companion.

## **RETURN AND ESCORT OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER AGE**

If you are repatriated to Canada in accordance with the Repatriation Benefit, or return to Canada in accordance with the Ground or Air Transportation benefit, the Company will pay a benefit to you (or your estate) for the cost of a one-way economy air fare transportation on a commercial flight or charter via the most cost effective itinerary to transport your Dependent Children travelling with you on a trip to their home, plus reasonable overnight hotel accommodation and meal expenses and for the services of an attendant to escort your Dependent Children under age 16, if required.

The maximum amount payable for this benefit for any one trip is \$5,000 per repatriated or returned Insured Person.

## REFERRAL SERVICES

In the event you are referred to a hospital outside your province of residence as a resident in-patient, the Company will pay benefits for reasonable and customary charges for standard ward accommodation and for charges made by the hospital for services and supplies to the extent that such are medically necessary. Coverage shall also include the reasonable and customary services of a physician or legally qualified surgeon.

Prior to the commencement of any referral treatment, written pre-authorization from your provincial medical plan and the Company must be obtained. The government hospitalization or medical care plan in your province of residence (GHIP) may cover most, or all, of these costs. Any referral requires written recommendation from the physician or legally qualified surgeon stating the reason for the referral, and a letter from GHIP outlining their liability. Failure to comply in obtaining pre-authorization will result in non-payment.

The maximum amount payable for this benefit in any consecutive 12 month period is \$50,000 per Insured Person.

It is understood and agreed that expenses incurred under the Referral Services provision are not due to an emergency. It is further understood and agreed that exclusion h) is not in effect for expenses incurred under the Referral Services provision.

## SURVIVOR EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

The insurance of your surviving Spouse and Dependent Children shall continue following the date of your death, terminating on the earliest of:

- the date of death of your surviving Spouse/Dependent Children, or
- the date which is two years from your date of death, or
- the date your Spouse remarries, or
- the date on which your surviving Dependent Children cease to qualify as Dependent Children, or
- the date your Spouse/Dependent Children become insured under another group policy providing similar benefits.

## EMERGENCY TRAVEL ASSISTANCE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

Travel Assistance is provided by AXA Assistance (AXA). With centres worldwide they will:

- help locate the most appropriate medical facility for you;
- confirm coverage with AIG Insurance Company of Canada and assure the hospital that you are covered;
- guarantee payment for hospitalization, if necessary;
- arrange for admission to a hospital;
- provide translation services;
- contact your own doctor for recommendations, when required;
- contact your family and employer, when required;
- arrange for/co-ordinate emergency medical evacuation; and
- co-ordinate your return home.

## HOW TO CLAIM

If you require emergency medical care or hospitalization, you or someone acting on your behalf should contact AXA Assistance (AXA) immediately. If circumstances prevent you from calling AXA right away, you should contact them as soon as you can. AXA will help ensure that you receive the medical care you need and, if possible, will make claims payment arrangements directly with the hospital or service provider.

If you contact AXA right away, your claim may be pre-approved so you can avoid having to pay upfront and claim for reimbursement later.

If you are not able to contact AXA before being billed for the charges, or if your medical needs are minor in nature (i.e., costing less than \$500), it is your responsibility to pay the bill promptly yourself and then submit a claim as soon as you return from your trip. In any case, your claim should be submitted no later than 90 days after the expense was incurred. AXA and the insurance company are not responsible for dealing with any payment reminders or collection notices that you receive from medical providers.

To make a claim for out-of-pocket expenses, contact a AXA operator at:

**Toll-free within Canada & USA: 1-877-490-7228**

**Worldwide collect: 647-258-7274**

Give the operator your name and your Policy Number: **BSC 9020978B**. The operator will send you a claim form or contact LiUNAcare Local 183 at 416-240-2104. When you complete the form, provide the patient's name and provincial health plan number and your certificate number. Be sure to attach detailed statements and original receipts showing the services rendered and the charges for each service.

Mail your completed claim form and attachments to:

**LiUNAcare Local 183**

**200 Labourers Way,**

**Suite 5400**

**Vaughan, ON L4H 5H9**

**Telephone: 416-240-2104 • Fax: 416-240-7047**

**E-mail: [memberhealthservices@liunacare183.com](mailto:memberhealthservices@liunacare183.com)**

Please make sure you obtain your medical records, statements or detailed receipts at the time of treatment and/or discharge, to submit with your claim. All claims must be submitted to LiUNAcare Local 183 as soon as possible, and no later than 90 days after the expense was incurred. Your claim will in turn be submitted to AXA Assistance (AXA) for review and adjudication.

## **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

AXA Assistance (AXA), will co-ordinate coverages with other policies according to the CLHIA's Coordinating Coverage Guidelines for Out-of-Country/Province Health Care Expenses. The total amount payable from all sources may not exceed the expenses you incurred.

## **IN AN EMERGENCY, HERE'S WHAT TO DO**

Call AXA Assistance (AXA) immediately in the event of a serious medical emergency.

Their operators are backed by a team of emergency care professionals - physicians and nurses who work closely with the doctor looking after you, and if necessary, your family or company doctor, to help ensure that you receive the medical care you need.

An operator will ask you the following:

**Your name, location and the details of your emergency.**

**Your Policy Number: BSC 9020978B**

**Service Support Numbers:**

**Telephone:**

**From Canada & U.S., call toll-free 1-877-490-7228**

**Outside Canada & U.S., call collect 647-258-7274**

## **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

The use of a licensed ground ambulance to a maximum of \$10,000 any one accident or sickness.

## **AIR TRANSPORTATION**

- a)** If an injury or sickness commencing during the course of your trip results in a medically necessary Air Transportation, the Company will pay benefits for covered expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000. An Air Transportation must first be approved by the Company and it must be ordered by a legally licensed physician or surgeon who certifies that the severity of your injury or sickness warrants your Air Transportation and that such is medically necessary.
- b)** If, due to the geographical area at the onset of your medical emergency an air ambulance is deemed necessary, the Company will pay the cost of a licensed air ambulance for your transport to the nearest hospital or medical facility where appropriate medical treatment can be obtained.

### **Air Transportation means:**

- a)** your medical condition warrants immediate transportation from the place where you suffered the injury or sickness to the nearest hospital where appropriate medical treatment can be obtained; or
- b)** after being treated at a local hospital, your medical condition warrants transportation to the place where you reside (provided such residence is located in Canada) to obtain further medical treatment or to recover; or
- c)** both a) and b) above.

Covered expenses are only those reasonable and customary expenses, up to the maximum, for transportation, medical services and medical supplies which are medically necessary and incurred in connection with your Air Transportation. All transportation arrangements made for transporting you must be by the most direct and economical route. Expenses for special transportation must be recommended by the attending physician or surgeon or required by the standard regulations of the conveyance transporting you.

Expenses for medical supplies and services must be recommended by the attending physician or surgeon. Air Transportation means any land, water or air conveyance required in connection to transport you during an Air Transportation. Special Transportation includes, but is not limited to, air ambulance, land ambulances, commercial airlines and private motor vehicles.

Charges for use of a local ambulance and/or the use of a scheduled air carrier on physician's advice, up to the cost of a one-way economy air fare for you and \$250 for incidental travel expenses; if return by stretcher is required, the cost of such additional economy class seating as is necessary; if a medical attendant is required to accompany you, the Company will pay the fee of such attendant plus one return economy air fare and reasonable incidental travel expenses.

## **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

Benefits are not payable for:

- a)** injuries received while you are participating in any maneuvers or training exercises of the armed forces;
- b)** pregnancy, miscarriage, voluntary termination of pregnancy, childbirth or their complications except that in the case of a pregnancy, complications which occur before the end of the seventh month will be covered if they occur while insured hereunder;
- c)** sickness or injury where the trip is undertaken for the purpose of securing medical treatment or advice for such sickness or injury;
- d)** dental surgery or cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is a result of a covered injury;
- e)** emotional or mental disorders unless you are hospitalized;
- f)** sickness or injury due to participation in professional sports;
- g)** treatment or services that contravene any government hospital or medical plan in Canada;
- h)** expenses incurred on an elective (non-emergency) basis;
- i)** loss or injury as a result of suicide or any attempt thereat or self-inflicted injuries;
- j)** an act of declared or undeclared war, civil war, rebellion, revolution; insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalization or requisition by or under the order of any government or public or local authority;
- k)** any services or supplies provided by an Insured Person;
- l)** any treatment or surgery not required for the immediate relief of acute pain or suffering;
- m)** any treatment or surgery which reasonably could be delayed until you return to your province of residence; and
- n)** anticipated medical treatments required on an ongoing basis or for continued stabilization of a medical condition known to you prior to departure.

All expenses must be incurred on a non-elective emergency basis and are in excess of any individual, group or provincial medical plan.

- o)** any Sickness, Injury or medical condition that was not Stable in the 180 days prior to the departure date if you are 85 years of age or above

## **EXTENDED COVERAGE AFTER TERMINATION**

In the event of the delayed arrival of your common carrier hospitalization this Plan will automatically be extended at no charge:

- 1)** 24 hours in the event of a delayed common carrier;
- 2)** the period of hospitalization plus 24 hours after you are released from hospital.

## **TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

Coverage will terminate on the earliest of:

- 1)** the date you cease to meet the eligibility requirements of the Plan;
- 2)** the date any required premium is unpaid; or
- 3)** the date the Master Policy terminates or in accordance with any other terms and conditions stated in the Master Policy.
- 4)** 12:01 am on the 90th day after your departure date.

## **WHAT TO DO IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

You or someone acting on your behalf should call AXA Assistance immediately, before you get medical assistance. If you can't call right away, contact AXA as soon as you are able to do so.

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