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benefits

**McMaster University**

**Retired Teaching Non-Clinical  
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McMaster University is pleased to provide our eligible retired Faculty members with a comprehensive outline of the Extended Health Care, Dental and Group Life benefits plans. These plans apply to eligible individuals who retired on or after July 1, 2007.

McMaster University provides eligible retired members with the Extended Health Care, Dental, and Group Life as part of the many valuable benefits available to you upon retirement. This booklet is supplied by Sun Life and contains detailed coverage information of the benefits provided through Sun Life.

The Extended Health Care benefit is provided in combination with the provincial health plan, in order to protect both you and your eligible dependants against the cost of a wide range of medically necessary services and supplies. To be eligible for coverage under the Extended Health Care plan with Sun Life you must be covered under your provincial health plan. For further information on your provincial health care coverage, please contact your local provincial health care office. Coverage for emergency expenses outside your province is minimal; we recommend that you purchase additional coverage appropriate for the location where you will be traveling.

Should you have any questions regarding your benefit coverage, please contact Sun Life directly at 1.800.361.6212. Alternately, you may contact the Benefits and Pensions office of Human Resources Services at McMaster University by email at [benefits@mcmaster.ca](mailto:benefits@mcmaster.ca) or visit us online at [www.workingatmcmaster.ca](http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca) for information regarding your benefits and claim procedures.

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## General Information

**About this booklet** The information in this retiree benefits booklet is important to you. It provides the information you need about the group benefits available through McMaster's group plan with Sun Life.

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 retiree benefits booklet, or you need additional information about your group benefits, please contact McMaster University.

The contract holder, McMaster University, has the sole legal and financial liability for the following benefits:

- Extended Health Care
- Dental Care

Sun Life only acts as administrator on behalf of the contract holder for the above benefits. All other benefits are insured by Sun Life.

**Eligibility** Eligible retired members, must also be a resident of Canada and must have been enrolled in the group benefit plan immediately prior to your retirement.

To be eligible for coverage under the Extended Health plan with Sun Life you must be covered under your provincial health plan. For further information on your provincial health care coverage, please contact your local provincial health care office.

**Who qualifies as your dependent** Your dependent must be your spouse or your child and a resident of Canada and listed as a dependent at the time of retirement.

To be eligible, your spouse must be legally married to you, or be your partner of the opposite sex or of the same sex who has been publicly represented as your spouse for at least the last 12 months, provided that you are not legally married. You can only cover one spouse at a time. Coverage is extended only to the person legally represented as your spouse at the time of retirement.

Your children and your spouse's children (other than foster children) are eligible dependents:

- who are unmarried and under age 21.
- for whom you have actual custody or legal financial responsibility.
- who are listed as a dependent at the time of retirement.

A child who is a full-time student attending an educational institution recognized by Canada Revenue Agency is also considered an eligible dependent until the age of 25 as long as the child is entirely dependent on you for financial support and you have actual custody or legal financial responsibility.

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 remains unmarried.

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

**Enrolment**

You have to enrol to receive coverage. To enrol, contact McMaster University to complete the necessary enrolment forms. You must also enrol your eligible dependents in order for them to receive coverage.

Please see McMaster University for the appropriate enrolment forms.

**When coverage begins**

Your coverage begins on the date you retire. If you have single coverage at the time of retirement, you cannot convert to family (dependent) coverage at a later date.

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, McMaster may change the group contract. Any resulting change in the coverage will take effect on the date of the change in circumstances.

**Updating your records**

To ensure that coverage is kept up-to-date, it is important that you report any of the following changes to Benefits & Pensions at McMaster University:

- in the event your spouse dies or you are no longer married.
- change of name.
- change of beneficiary.
- coverage students.
- change of address.

**When coverage ends**

As a retiree, your coverage will end on the earlier of the following dates:

- the date the benefit provision under which you are covered terminates.
- the date the group contract ends.

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 under this plan if you were still alive.

- the date the benefit provision under which the dependent is 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.

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 retiree benefits booklet.

**Replacement coverage**

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

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

**Making claims**

Sun Life is dedicated to processing your claims promptly and efficiently. You should contact Benefits & Pensions at McMaster University 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 retiree benefits booklet. All claims must be made in writing on forms approved by Sun Life.

**Claims services**

The following services have been set up to assist you in better understanding your Benefit Programs. You may direct your questions, comments or concerns to McMaster's Benefits & Pensions or Sun Life.

If you have a question concerning a specific medical or dental claim, please call Sun Life at 1-800-361-6212. Your name, policy (25018) and certificate number (retiree I.D. number), which are shown on your Sun Life card should be provided. You may also e-mail Sun Life at [askus@sunlife.com](mailto:askus@sunlife.com). In addition to the above information, please

include your spouse or dependents' name as applicable, type of claim and your phone number. If the question is about a claim that has already been paid or declined, provide the "claim" or "control" number located on your Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

If you have a question concerning your coverage for Life, please contact Benefits & Pensions at McMaster University.

If you need forms for claims or to make positive enrolment changes please contact Benefits & Pensions at McMaster University or access the forms on line at [www.workingatmcmaster.ca](http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca).

All eligibility issues are between you and the University. Sun Life pays claims based on information you provide to the University. If claims are submitted and you have not enrolled your dependents, they will not be covered. Only expenses incurred after the date of enrolment can be honored. If a problem arises, call Benefits & Pensions at McMaster University.

All questions regarding what constitutes reasonable and necessary expenses are determined by the insurer in accordance with our contract and common practices within the insurance industry for policies of this type. Where you have questions that concern a particular treatment, or plan of treatment, you should contact Sun Life.

**Coordination of benefits**

If you 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 where you should send a claim first. Here are some guidelines:

- if you are claiming expenses for your spouse and the spouse is covered for those expenses under another plan, you must send the claim to your spouse's plan first.
- if you are claiming expenses for your children, and both you and your spouse have coverage under different plans, you must claim under the plan of the parent with the earlier birthday (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 maximum amount that you can receive from all plans for eligible expenses is 100% of actual expenses.

McMaster University 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 retiree benefits booklet. Other definitions appear in the benefit sections.

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

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

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

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

## Extended Health Care (Medicare Supplement)

<b>General description of the coverage</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>In this section, <i>you</i> means the retiree and all dependents covered for Extended Health Care benefits.</p> <p>Extended Health Care coverage pays for eligible services or supplies for you that are medically necessary for the treatment of an illness.</p> <p>To qualify for this coverage you must be a resident of Canada entitled to benefits under a provincial medicare plan or federal government plan that provides similar benefits.</p> <p>An expense must be claimed for the benefit year in which the expense is incurred. You incur an expense on the date the service is received or the supplies are purchased or rented.</p> <p>The benefit year is from July 1 to June 30.</p>
<b>Deductible</b>	<p>The deductible is the portion of claims that you are responsible for paying.</p> <p>After the deductible has been paid, claims will be paid up to the percentage of coverage under this plan.</p>
<b>Prescription drugs</b>	<p>We will cover the cost of drugs and supplies that are prescribed in writing by a doctor or dentist and are obtained from a pharmacist.</p> <p>For the following expenses you should use your drug card:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ medication listed in the Federal or Provincial Drug Schedules which has a Drug Identification Number (DIN) and requires a prescription.</li></ul>

- injectable drugs and vitamins, insulin and allergy extracts with a DIN.
- preparations and compounds of which at least one ingredient is an eligible drug under this benefit.
- diabetic supplies.
- drugs for the treatment of infertility up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,400 for each person.
- drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, up to a maximum of \$1,200 per person in a benefit year.
- Xenical for the treatment of weight loss.

For the following expenses you must submit a claim to Sun Life for reimbursement:

- vaccines and compound serums that require a prescription.
- intrauterine devices (IUDs).
- colostomy supplies.
- varicose vein injections, if medically necessary.

We will cover the cost of the above medicines and supplies after you pay the deductible.

For prescription drugs the deductible is the portion of any dispensing fee over \$6.50 for each prescription or refill.

For the above items, payments for any single purchase are limited to quantities that can reasonably be used in a 34 day period, or, in the case of the following maintenance drugs, in a 100 day period as ordered by a doctor:

antiasthmatics, antibiotics for acne, anticoagulants, anticonvulsants, antihypertensives, antiparkinsons, antituberculosis, cardiac agents,

hypoglycaemics, medications for glaucoma, oestrogens, oral contraceptives, potassium replacements and thyroid agents.

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

- infant formulas (milk and milk substitutes), minerals, proteins, vitamins and collagen treatment.
- the cost of giving injections, serums and vaccines.
- medicines obtained from a doctor or dentist.
- treatments for weight loss, including drugs, proteins and food or dietary supplements, except as noted above.
- muscle relaxants which do not require a prescription.
- hair growth stimulants.
- products to help you quit smoking, whether or not they require a prescription.

*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 Plan maximum for hospital care in the province where you live.

We will cover out-patient services in a hospital, and the difference between the cost of a ward and a semi-private hospital room up to a maximum of \$110 per day.

Where the cost of the room exceeds this \$110 per day limit, and where the out-of-pocket cost for the hospital room exceeds \$300 per person per benefit year, your out-of-pocket eligible expenses beyond \$300 will be reimbursed.

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.

We will also cover the cost of confinement in a rehabilitation centre which is operated by the province of Ontario for treatment of drug addiction or alcoholism, provided the cost has been approved in writing by Sun Life.

The maximum amount payable for convalescent hospital or for a rehabilitation centre is \$20 per day up to a maximum of 120 days in a benefit year.

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.

**Retirees living  
outside of Ontario  
but within Canada**

Medical benefits are continued regardless of where you choose to reside within Canada.

It should be noted, however, that Sun Life will not reimburse expenses which they would not have paid had you continued to reside in Ontario.

For instance, any prescribed drugs that would have been paid by the Ontario provincial health insurance plan for an individual over age 65 would not be reimbursed under our plan.

With regard to the "out of province" coverage, you are provided with coverage of \$10,000 (lifetime maximum) for emergency services outside your place of residence.

For instance if you live in Alberta, that would be your place of residence.

You must pay for services first, and then submit claims to Sun Life who will deduct the amount that the Ontario health insurance plan would have paid had you been a resident of Ontario and then pay up to the reasonable and customary rates for the region where the services were provided.

It should be noted that you should submit all bills since those items covered do change and no comprehensive list exists at any one time which could assist you.

Claims not submitted in English may cause problems which will lead to difficulty in payment of the claims. It is recommended that you take extra care in having your doctors and dentists clearly describe the treatments to enable the insurance company to properly adjudicate your claims.

**Expenses out of  
your province**

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

For both emergency services and referred services, we will cover the cost of:

- a semi-private hospital room up to a maximum of \$110 per day.
- hospital services, other than room and board, 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 up to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000.

We will only cover emergency services obtained within 60 days of the date you leave the province where you live. If hospitalization occurs within this period, in-patient services are covered until the date you are discharged.

*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, Europ Assistance USA, Inc. (*Europ Assistance*). All invasive and investigative procedures (including any surgery, angiogram, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan), must be pre-authorized by Europ 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 Europ Assistance cannot be made before services are provided, contact with Europ 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 Europ Assistance is notified that you have a medical emergency, its staff, or a physician designated by Europ 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, Europ Assistance will also guarantee or advance payment of the expenses incurred to the provider of the medical service.

Europ 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, Europ Assistance will arrange, guarantee, and if necessary, advance the payment for your transportation.

Sun Life or Europ 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 Europ Assistance coordinate the whole process with most provincial plans and all insurers, and send you a cheque for the eligible expenses. Europ 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 Europ 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.

***Referred services*** *Referred services* must be for the treatment of an illness and ordered in writing by a doctor located in the province where you live. We will pay 80% of the costs of referred services. Your provincial medicare plan must agree in writing to pay benefits for the referred services.

All referred services must be:

- obtained in Canada, if available, regardless of any waiting lists, and
- covered by the medicare plan in the province where you live.

However, if referred services are not available in Canada, they may be obtained outside of Canada.

***Emergency services out of your province*** Expenses incurred for emergency services outside the province where you live are subject to a lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per person or, if lower, any other applicable lifetime maximum.

**Private duty nurse services**

We will cover out-of-hospital private duty nurse services when medically necessary and when ordered by a doctor. 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.

We will cover 40% of the first \$25,000 of eligible expenses (equals \$10,000) and where eligible expenses exceed \$25,000, we will pay 80% of the next \$25,000 (equals \$20,000) of eligible expenses per person. Each benefit year after a claim has been paid, 1/2 of the amount utilized will be reinstated. After 2 benefit years with no claims, entitlement is returned to full coverage.

**Ambulance services**

We will cover 100% of the costs for the ambulance services listed below when ordered by a doctor.

- transportation in a licensed ambulance, if medically necessary, that takes you to and from the nearest hospital that is able to provide the necessary medical services.
- transportation in a licensed air ambulance, if medically necessary, that takes you to the nearest hospital that provides the necessary emergency services.

**Tests and services**

We will cover 100% of the costs for the medical services listed below when ordered by a doctor.

- the following diagnostic services rendered out of a hospital, except if the covered person's provincial plan prohibits payment of these expenses:
  - laboratory tests.
  - ultrasounds.
- radiotherapy or coagulotherapy.
- oxygen, plasma and blood transfusions.

- intravenous pumps.

**Assistive medical devices guidelines/overview**

All benefits payable under the provincial assistance devices program, or by any other group program or community organization should be claimed first.

Further information on the Ontario Assistive Devices Program (ADP) is available through the Operational Support Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term care.

Equipment must be ordered by a doctor as necessary for a medical condition.

The plan is intended to reimburse individuals for devices purchased that are considered reasonable and customary services or for expenses in the treatment of the illness or injury.

Devices necessary for sports and recreation are not covered.

The plan is limited to the purchase of one device for the intended purpose in any year and is not generally liable for lost or damaged devices, nor repair or maintenance of such devices, unless otherwise noted.

Devices may be replaced when the normal lifetime of such devices has expired.

All amounts eligible under the plan are based on expenses beyond those payments from other sources unless otherwise noted.

***Hearing aids***

We will cover 75% of the costs of hearing aids prescribed by an ear, nose and throat specialist, up to a maximum of \$500 per person over a period of 3 benefit years. Repairs are included in this maximum. In those cases where hearing aids for both ears are prescribed, the claimant may receive reimbursement for the second hearing aid under the same conditions.

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We will also cover 100% of the costs of the initial purchase of a hearing aid prescribed by an ear, nose and throat specialist, if required as the result of an accident.

*Orthotics and  
orthopaedic shoes*

We will cover 80% of the costs of custom-made orthotic inserts for shoes and custom-made orthopaedic shoes or modifications to orthopaedic shoes, when prescribed by a doctor, podiatrist or chiroprapist, up to a maximum of \$400 per person over a period of 2 benefit years.

*Eye Exams  
(Employee Only)*

We will cover the cost for the services of an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist, up to a maximum of \$100 per member every 2 benefit years if not covered by your provincial health care plan.

**General medical  
devices**

After you pay the deductible of \$50 per person each benefit year, we will cover 75% of the next \$400 of eligible expenses and 100% of the remainder of expenses per person in a benefit year for each category of medical services listed below when ordered by a doctor (For any rental, the deductible applies only in the first year.):

- home care devices required to care for the infirmed outside hospital, excluding costs of any home or other renovations. These include, but are not limited to, hospital beds, bath lifts, commodes eggcrate/gel mattresses and hospital beds which are rented, or purchased when ordered by a doctor.
- mobility devices required to allow increased mobility in and outside the house if medically appropriate. These include, but are not limited to, wheelchair lifts, scooters, rollabout chairs, walkers, casts, splints, canes, crutches and wheelchairs which are medically necessary and are rented, or purchased at our request, that meets your basic medical needs. If alternate equipment is available, eligible expenses are limited to the cost of the least expensive equipment that meets your basic medical needs. For wheelchairs, eligible expenses are limited to the cost of a manual wheelchair, except if the person's medical condition warrants the use of an electric wheelchair. Wheelchair pads and inserts required for use with a chair are also covered.
- braces or trusses required to minimize pain or support part of the

body in an appropriate position. These include, but are not limited to, leg or knee braces.

- prosthetics required to replace parts of the body lost due to illness, injury, surgery or malformation at birth or during development. These include, but are not limited to, the purchase and repairs to artificial eyes, legs, arms, breast prosthetics and chin reconstruction. We will also cover wigs following chemotherapy or if hair loss is due to a disease, up to a lifetime maximum of \$500 per person. Wigs do not require a doctor's order.

**Other medical services and equipment**

We will also cover 100% of the costs for the medical services listed below when ordered by a doctor.

- 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 retiree lives. The guide must be the current guide at the time that treatment is received. Expenses incurred outside your province of residence for emergency services will be paid based on the conditions specified above for emergency services under *Expenses out of your province*.
- elastic support stockings, including pressure gradient hose.
- glucometers prescribed by a diabetologist or a specialist in internal medicine.
- surgical brassieres required as a result of surgery.

**Paramedical services**

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

- licensed speech therapists, up to a maximum of \$200 per person in a benefit year

- licensed psychologists, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year.
- licensed physiotherapists, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year.
- licensed massage therapists, when ordered by a doctor, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year.
- licensed osteopaths, chiropractors, podiatrists or chiropodists, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year per practitioner. Also included is one x-ray examination per specialty each benefit year.
- licensed naturopaths, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year.
- licensed Christian Science Practitioner, up to a maximum of \$300 per person per benefit year.

**Contact lenses,  
eyeglasses or laser  
eye correction  
surgery**

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

We will cover 100% of these costs up to a maximum of \$250 per person every 24 months.

We will also cover 100% of the costs for the initial purchase of prescription glasses if required as the result of an accident when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist and obtained from an ophthalmologist, licensed optometrist or optician.

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

**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 unless explicitly listed as covered under this benefit.
- 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, humidifiers, and equipment used to treat seasonal affective disorders).
- any services or supplies that are not usually provided to treat an illness, including experimental treatments.
- services or supplies that are not approved by Health Canada or other government regulatory body for the general public.
- 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.
- 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.

**When and how to  
make a claim**

To make a claim, complete the claim form that is available from Benefits & Pensions.

In order for you to receive benefits, we must receive a claim at the earlier of:

- prior to September 30th following the end of the benefit year (July 1 to June 30) in which the claims were incurred, or
- the end of your Extended Health Care coverage.

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## Dental Care

**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 retiree 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 of the province of Ontario, regardless of where 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 120% of the fee guide approved by the Ontario 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.

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

account any limitations that would have applied if there had been no implant. All other expenses related to implants, including surgery charges, are not covered.

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

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

The benefit year is from July 1 to June 30.

**Deductible**

There is no deductible for this coverage.

**Emergency expenses out of your province of residence**

Expenses incurred for emergency dental services out of your province of residence are eligible if:

- they represent the usual, customary and reasonable charges for the procedures in the locality where they are performed, and
- charges for such procedures would be paid under this policy had the procedures been performed in your province of residence, or if you do not reside in Canada, in the province of the place of issue.

For expenses incurred for other than emergency dental services out of your province of residence, but within Canada, we will not cover more than the fee stated in the Dental Association Fee Guide for general practitioners of the province of Ontario, regardless of where the treatment is received.

**Predetermination**

We suggest that you send Sun Life an estimate, before the work is done, for any major treatment or any procedure that will cost more than

\$500. You should send Sun Life 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. Sun Life 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 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 48 months.

1 recall examination, limited to one examination every 6 months for children under 14 or every 9 months for any other person.

Emergency or specific examinations.

*X-rays*

1 complete series of x-rays or 1 panorex every 48 months.

1 set of bitewing x-rays every 9 months.

Periapical radiographs.

Interpretation of radiographs received from another source.

Cephalometric radiographs.

Occlusal films.

Extra oral films.

Sinus examination.

Sialography.

Use of radiopaque dyes to demonstrate lesions.

Temporomandibular joint films - minimum four films.

Duplicate radiographs.

Tomography.

Hand and Wrist (as diagnostic aid for dental treatment).

Tests and laboratory examination.

*Other services* Polishing (cleaning of teeth) and topical fluoride treatment, limited to one treatment every 6 months for children under 15 or every 9 months for any other person.

Emergency or palliative services.

Provision of space maintainers for missing primary teeth.

Pit and fissure sealants, but not more than once to the biting surface of the first permanent molar teeth for children under 9 or once to the biting surface of the second permanent molar teeth for children under 15, limited to once per tooth per person's lifetime.

Oral hygiene instruction.

Nutritional counselling.

Finishing restorations, including removal of overhangs, refining of marginal ridges and occlusal surfaces when restorations were performed by another dentist or restorations are more than two years old.

Mouthguards (other than those intended for sport use).

**Basic dental procedures**

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

We will pay 85% of the eligible expenses for these procedures.

*Fillings* Amalgam, composite, acrylic or equivalent.

*Extraction of teeth* Removal of teeth.

<i>Basic restorations</i>	Prefabricated metal restorations and repairs to prefabricated metal restorations, other than in conjunction with the placement of permanent crowns.
<i>Endodontics</i>	Root canal therapy and root canal fillings, and treatment of disease of the pulp tissue.
<i>Periodontics</i>	Treatment of disease of the gum and other supporting tissue.
<i>Oral surgery</i>	Surgery and related anaesthesia.
<i>Rebase or reline</i>	Rebase or reline of an existing partial or complete denture.
<i>Other services</i>	Professional consultation.
<b>Major dental procedures</b>	<p>Your dental benefits include the following procedures used to treat major dental problems.</p> <p>We will pay 70% of the eligible expenses for these procedures, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per person for each benefit year.</p>
<i>Major restorations</i>	Inlays and onlays. Crowns and repairs to crowns, other than prefabricated metal restorations ( <i>Please see the Basic Dental Procedures section for prefabricated metal restorations coverage</i> ).
<i>Repair</i>	Repair of bridges or dentures.
<i>Prosthodontics</i>	<p>Construction and insertion of bridges or standard dentures, after the person has been covered continuously under this provision for a period of 12 months. 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:</p> <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>

**Orthodontic procedures**

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

We will pay 50% of the eligible expenses for these procedures, up to a maximum amount of \$2,500 in a covered person's lifetime.

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 (*Please see the Preventive dental procedures section for space maintainers*).
- comprehensive orthodontic treatment, using a removable or fixed appliance, or combination of both. This includes diagnostic procedures, formal treatment and retention.

**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.
- charges for appointments that you do not keep.

- charges for completing claim forms.
- services or supplies for which no charge would have been made in the absence of this coverage.
- supplies usually intended for sport or home use, for example, mouthguards.
- procedures or supplies used in full mouth reconstructions (capping all of the teeth in the mouth), vertical dimension corrections (changing the way the teeth meet) including attrition (worn down teeth), alteration or restoration of occlusion (building up and restoring the bite), or for the purpose of prosthetic splinting (capping teeth and joining teeth together to provide additional support).
- transplants, and repositioning of the jaw.
- experimental treatments.

We will also not pay for dental work resulting from:

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

**When and how to make a claim**

To make a claim, complete the claim form that is available from McMaster University. The dentist will have to complete a section of the form. Claims may be submitted electronically for some expenses. Please contact Benefits & Pensions for more information.

In order for you to receive benefits, we must receive a claim at the earlier of:

- prior to September 30th following the end of the benefit year (July 1 to June 30) in which the claims were incurred, or
- 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.

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## Life Coverage

<b>General description of the Life coverage</b>	Your Life coverage provides a benefit for your beneficiary if you die while covered.
<b>Life coverage for you</b>	<p><i>Amount</i> Your Life benefit is \$5,000.</p> <p>Eligible members who retire on or after July 1, 1997, you may elect at retirement to retain your Basic Life coverage in force immediately prior to retirement until age 65.</p> <p>On the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you reach age 65, coverage will reduce to \$5,000.</p>
<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>
<b>Converting Life coverage</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The request must be made within 31 days of the reduction or end of the Life coverage.</p> <p>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 McMaster University for details.</p>

**When and how to  
make a claim**

Claims for Life benefits must be made as soon as reasonably possible.  
Claim forms are available from Benefits & Pensions at McMaster  
University.

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