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TRAVEL COVERAGE

NEW TRAVEL INSURANCE

1.1 Insured with RSA?

Starting May 1st, 2021 members assured with RSA's group travel insurance will now be covered with MSH International travel insurance.

Find all the information about the change of travel insurer, here.

1.2 Insured with Humania?

Members insured with Humania, are not concerned with any of the changes related to the travel insurance.

2. EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

2.1 Am I eligible for employment insurance during my quarantine period?

If you are in quarantine you may be entitled to receive EI sickness benefits. But for that, you would need medical proof and have worked the minimum required hours in the past year.

Service Canada is ready to support Canadians affected by COVID-19 and placed in quarantine, with the following support actions:

- 2.1.1.1 The one-week waiting period for <u>EI sickness benefits</u> will be waived for new claimants who are quarantined so they can be paid for the first week of their claim.
- 2.1.1.2 Establishing a new dedicated toll-free phone number to support enquiries related to waiving the El sickness benefits waiting period.
- 2.1.1.3 Priority El application processing for El sickness claims for clients under quarantine.

You are encouraged to follow the development on the **Government** website.

3. CANADA RECOVERY BENEFIT (CRB)

3.1 What is the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)?

The Canada Recovery Benefit will provide eligible workers with \$500 per week (taxable, tax deducted at source) for up to 26 weeks for those who have stopped working and who are not eligible for EI, or had their employment/self-employment income reduced by at least 50% due to COVID-19. This benefit will be paid in two-week periods.

Learn more about the Canada Recovery Benefit here.



4. MEDICAL EXPENSES

4.1 Will the treatment be covered by my plan if I'm infected with COVID-19?

To date, no treatment has been found for COVID-19. No specific reimbursement is therefore to be expected, but if a treatment was prescribed by a doctor, it would be eligible for medical coverage. We are monitoring the situation and we will keep you informed of any changes.

5. SCREENING

5.1 How can I get tested for COVID-19?

If you are worried you might have the COVID-19, you should call the **1 877 644 4545**. A nurse will evaluate your health situation and direct you to a COVID-19 designated clinic, if necessary.

In all cases, If you incur costs for a screening test, it may be covered by your plan as long as it is prescribed by a physician.

6. CLAIMS PROCESSING

6.1 If I am Covid-19 positive, will I be able to claim short-term disability?

If you have Covid-19 but cannot work, you must first apply for the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB). Otherwise, if your plan includes the Short-Term Disability benefit, it can supplement your income, subject to the terms and parameters of your Group Benefits PLAN.

For more information, please visit the **Government** website.

GPM is closely monitoring any changes that may affect group insurance plans.

^{*} This document will be updated as new information becomes available