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## Comprehensive Coverage (64 years or younger)

This Comprehensive Coverage provides a package of *our* most popular product features and benefits to meet the needs of *your* allinclusive vacation plans. Whether *you* are taking a weeklong safari to Africa, a summer vacation with the kids or an exciting Caribbean cruise, this plan will provide *you* with coverage for *your* travel plans, *your* healthcare, and *your* personal belongings.

Benefits per Insured	Benefit Maximums
Trip Cancellation	Up to \$10,000 Canadian
Trip Interruption	Up to \$10,000 Canadian
Trip Delay	\$300 Canadian/Day – Maximum 2 Days
Emergency Medical and Dental Coverage	Up to \$5,000,000 Canadian (Overall policy maximum)
Emergency Medical Transportation	Included in the overall policy maximum
Vehicle Return	\$2,000 Canadian
Repatriation of Remains	\$5,000 Canadian
Accommodations and Meals	\$150 Canadian/Day – Maximum 10 days
Baggage Coverage	\$1,000 Canadian
Baggage Delay	\$200 Canadian
24-Hour Emergency Travel Assistance	Included

Your Comprehensive Coverage provides insurance for travellers who are age 64 or younger at the time the coverage is purchased.

This plan will provide you with coverage for the length of your trip to a maximum period of up to 183 days.

Your departure date and your return date are both counted and included as separate days when determining the duration of coverage.

For complete information, please read the *Policy* of Insurance below.

## **Policy of Insurance**

This product is underwritten by CUMIS General Insurance Company (herein called "we", "us", "our"), a member of the Co-operators group of companies, and administered by Allianz Global Assistance. Allianz Global Assistance is a registered business name of AZGA Service Canada Inc. and AZGA Insurance Agency Canada Ltd. AZGA Service Canada Inc. is a member of the Allianz Group. For purposes of the Insurance Companies Act (Canada), this document was issued in the course of CUMIS General Insurance Company's insurance business in Canada.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We have issued this Policy of Insurance to the person(s) named on the Declaration Page (herein called "you" or "your"). If you believe that the Declaration Page we sent you is incorrect, please contact Allianz Global Assistance immediately at the phone number(s) listed on your Declaration Page.

This *Policy* and *your* Declaration Page describe *your* insurance and its terms and conditions, which may limit benefits and amounts payable to *you*. Please read the *Policy* carefully to understand the conditions of all coverage for which *you* have paid a premium.

Be sure to take this document, your Declaration Page and your receipt with you on your trip.

This *Policy* contains a number of exclusions and limitations including a Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion, which may apply to a *medical condition* and/or symptoms that existed prior to *your trip*, please take time to read it before leaving on *your trip*.

#### PLEASE READ YOUR POLICY OF INSURANCE CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

## IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL OR DENTAL CARE WHILE TRAVELLING, YOU MUST CALL ALLIANZ GLOBAL ASSISTANCE AT ONE OF THE NUMBERS LISTED ON YOUR DECLARATION PAGE <u>BEFORE</u> SEEKING TREATMENT.

Allianz Global Assistance is here to help you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

#### Please have the following information ready for the Allianz Global Assistance representative when you call:

- your name and Policy Number (per your Declaration Page), and
- your location and local phone number.

Please note that Emergency Medical insurance provides for a reduction of benefits if you do not call before seeking *treatment*. If your medical condition prevents you from calling before seeking *emergency treatment*, you must call Allianz Global Assistance as soon as medically possible. As an alternative, someone else may call on your behalf.

#### **Right to Examine this Insurance**

If you notify us that you are not completely satisfied with your purchased plan within 10 days of the date of issue of this *Policy* of Insurance as indicated on your Declaration Page, we will provide a full refund if you have not already departed on your trip or filed a claim. Refunds are only available when *Allianz Global Assistance* receives your request for a refund before your departure date.

#### Insured benefits under this *Policy* of Insurance include:

- Trip Cancellation/ Trip Interruption and Trip Delay
- Emergency Medical and Dental Expenses
- Emergency Medical Transportation
- Baggage Coverage
- Baggage Delay

Please refer to your Declaration Page to determine which coverage you purchased and the corresponding maximum amounts of coverage.

#### What risks are insured?

This insurance covers the *reasonable and customary, medically necessary* expenses for medical care or surgery that is required as part of the *emergency treatment* arising from a *medical condition* that occurs while *you* are travelling outside of *your* province of residence; and protects *you* against situations or losses that result from sudden and unexpected conditions or events. We reserve the right, in *our* sole discretion, to reject applications for coverage.

## These insurance benefits do not cover conditions or events that, on the date of purchase, are either known to you or are likely to occur.

The Emergency Medical and Dental insurance covers only the *medically necessary* expenses *you* incur once *you* have left *your* province of residence. In addition, the Emergency Medical and Dental insurance covers only the expenses in excess of those covered under *your* government health insurance plan and by any other insurance or benefit plan under which *you* are covered.

#### What must you do in a medical emergency?

You must contact Allianz Global Assistance before seeking emergency treatment. Failure to call Allianz Global Assistance may result in a reduction to the amount reimbursed, or no reimbursement, for the expenses you have incurred. In addition, the medical advisors of Allianz Global Assistance must approve all medical procedures (including cardiac procedures and cardiac catheterisation) in advance.

When you contact Allianz Global Assistance, they will refer you or may transfer your call, when medically appropriate, to an accredited medical service provider within a network.

Allianz Global Assistance may also make a request for the medical service provider to bill the medical expenses covered under this insurance directly to us instead of to you. We will guarantee payments up to the amounts provided under this Policy of Insurance, if needed, to secure your medically necessary admission to a hospital.

In this *Policy,* certain terms have defined meanings. Those defined terms are as indicated on *your* Declaration Page, or as below in the section titled "Definitions", and appear throughout this *Policy* in italics.

#### Definitions

**Accident/Accidental** - a sudden, unexpected, unintended, unforeseeable external event, occurring during an insured *trip*, arising wholly from accidental means, which independently of any other cause, causes *injury*.

Accidental Bodily Injury - a bodily *injury* caused by an accident of external origin occurring during the period of insurance and being the direct and independent cause of the loss.

**Allianz Global Assistance** – Allianz Global Assistance, *our* administrator for assistance and claims services under this *Policy*.

**Baggage -** luggage and personal possessions, whether owned, borrowed or rented and taken by *you* on *your trip.* 

**Children** - unmarried persons who are dependent on *you* for support and are:

- under 21 years of age; or
- under 26 years of age if a full-time student; or
- mentally or physically incapable of self-support and over 20 years of age and became so while eligible as a dependent child.

**Common Carrier** - any land, air or water conveyance for regular passenger service, which is fully licensed to carry passengers for compensation or hire and which undertakes to carry all persons indifferently as to who may apply for passage, so long as there is room and there are no legal grounds for refusal.

**Contamination** - the contamination or poisoning of people by nuclear and/or chemical and/or biological substances, which causes *illness* and/or death.

**Coverage Period** - the time insurance is in effect, beginning on the *effective date* and ending on the *expiry date*.

**Covered Service** - a service or supply, specified herein, for which we provide benefits under this insurance.

**Departure Date** - the date on which *you* are scheduled to start *your trip* as shown on the Declaration Page (using the local time at *your* Canadian address).

**Departure Point** - the city within Canada, from which *you* depart on *your trip* on *your departure date*.

**Effective Date** - has the following meaning depending on the coverage and benefit:

- Trip Cancellation and Interruption Coverage effective date means 00:01 on the day after your premium payment is received by us, (using local time at your Canadian address).
- Emergency Medical and Dental Coverage effective

*date* means the time and date on which *you* leave *your* province, or territory of residence (using local time at *your* Canadian address).

• All other coverage - effective date means 00:01 on the day you are scheduled to leave your departure point (using local time at your Canadian address).

**Emergency** - an unforeseen event that occurs during the period of insurance and makes it necessary to receive immediate *treatment* from a licensed *physician* or to be hospitalized.

**Emergency Dental Care/Treatment** - the services or supplies provided by a licensed dentist, *hospital* or other licensed provider that are immediately and *medically necessary*.

**Emergency Medical Care/Treatment** - the services or supplies provided by a licensed *physician*, *hospital* or other licensed provider (licensed physiotherapist, chiropractor, chiropodist, podiatrist or osteopath) that are *medically necessary* to treat any *illness* or other covered condition that is acute (onset is sudden and unexpected) and which cannot be reasonably delayed until *you* return to *your* home country without endangering *your* health.

**Essential Items -** means necessary clothing and/or toiletries purchased during the time period in which checked *baggage* has been delayed.

**Expiry Date** - the date on which *your* coverage ends under this insurance as shown on *your* Declaration Page.

**Family Member** - includes *your spouse*; parents; *children*, including *children* who are, or are in the process of becoming adopted; siblings; grandparents or grandchildren; step-parent; step-*children*; or step-sibling; in-laws (parent, son, daughter, brother or sister, grandparents); aunt; uncle; niece; nephew; legal guardian; or ward; whether or not they travel with *you*.

**Government Health Insurance Plan** - the health insurance coverage that Canadian provincial and territorial governments provide for their residents.

**Hospital** - an establishment that is licensed as a hospital and is operated for the care and *treatment* of *inpatients*, has a registered nurse always on duty, and has a laboratory and an operating room on the premises or in facilities controlled by the hospital. *Hospital* does not mean any establishment used mainly as a clinic, extended or palliative care facility, rehabilitation facility, addiction treatment centre, convalescent, rest or nursing home, home for the aged, or health spa.

**Illness** - a sickness, infirmity or disease occurring during the insured *trip* that requires *emergency* medical care, which did not occur prior to the *effective date*.

**Immediate Family** - means *your spouse*; parent; *children* (including all natural or adopted *children*); *your* sibling; *your* step-parents, step-*children*, *your* grandparent or grandchild.

**Injury** - bodily injury occurring during an insured *trip*, resulting directly and independently of all other causes, from an *accident*.

**Inpatient** - a person treated as a registered bed patient in a *hospital* or other facility and for whom a room and board charge is made.

**Medical Condition** - an *accidental bodily injury* or sickness (or a condition related to that *accidental bodily injury* or sickness), including disease, acute psychosis and complications of pregnancy occurring within the first 31 weeks of pregnancy.

**Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** - the services or supplies provided by a *hospital*, *physician*, dentist, or other licensed provider that are required to identify or treat *your illness* or *injury* and that *we* determine are:

- consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of your condition, illness, ailment or injury;
- appropriate with regard to standards of good medical practice;
- not solely for the convenience of you, a physician or other provider;
- the most appropriate supply or level of service that can be safely provided to you.

When applied to the care of an *inpatient*, it further means that *your* medical symptoms or condition requires that the services cannot be safely provided to *you* as an *outpatient*.

**Mountain Climbing** - the ascent or descent of a mountain requiring the use of specialized equipment, including crampons, pick-axes, anchors, bolts, carabineers and lead or top-rope anchoring equipment.

**Outpatient** - someone who receives a *covered service* while not an *inpatient*.

**Physician** - a person (other than an insured) who is not related to the insured by blood or marriage who is licensed to prescribe drugs and administer medical *treatment* (within the scope of such license) at the location where the *treatment* is provided. A physician does not include a naturopath, a herbalist or a homeopath.

**Policy** - the entire Policy of Insurance document containing the terms and conditions of this insurance and issued to *you* by *us*.

**Prepaid -** paid prior to your departure date.

**Prescription Drug** - a drug or medicine that can only be issued upon the prescription of a *physician* or licensed dentist and is dispensed by a licensed pharmacist.

**Professional** - engaged in a specified activity as *your* main paid occupation.

**Reasonable and Customary Charge** - a charge in an amount consistently made by other vendors/providers for a given service in the same geographic area, which reflects the complexity of the service taking into account availability of experienced personnel, availability of services or parts.

**Return Date** - the date on which *you* are scheduled to return to *your departure point* as shown on *your* Declaration Page (using the local time at *your* Canadian address).

**Sanction** - any business or activity that would violate any Canadian or any other applicable national economic or trade sanction law or regulations.

Spouse - the person who is:

- legally married or in a legal civil union with you; or
- is living with you in a conjugal relationship and is publicly represented as your spouse or your domestic partner in the community in which you reside. You may only have 1 spouse for the purposes of this insurance.

**Stable** - any *medical condition* or related condition (including any heart condition or lung condition) for which all the following statements for that *medical condition* or related condition (including any heart or any lung condition) are true:

- there has been no new *treatment* or prescribed medication;
- there has been no change in *treatment* or change in prescribed medication (including the amount of medication to be taken, how often it is taken, the type of medication or change in *treatment* frequency or type);
- there has been no new symptom, more frequent symptom or more severe symptom;
- there have been no test results showing deterioration;
- there has been no hospitalization or referral to a specialist (made or recommended) or the result of further investigations has not yet been completed.

**Terrorism or Act of Terrorism** - an act including, but not limited to, the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, including hijacking or kidnapping, of an individual or group in order to intimidate or terrorize any government, group, association or the general public, for religious, political or ideological reasons or ends, and does not include any act of war (whether declared or not), act of foreign enemies or rebellion.

**Travel Advisory** - a formal written notice issued by the Canadian government to advise travellers not to enter a foreign country or a given region in that country. It does not include travel information reports.

**Travelling Companion** - a person with whom *you* are sharing travel arrangements and *prepaid* accommodation.

**Travel Period** - the period of time from *your* departure from *your departure point* up to and including *your return date*, as shown on *your* Declaration Page.

**Treatment** - the medical advice, care and/or service provided by a *physician*. This includes, but is not limited to, diagnostic measures and *prescription drugs* (including pills and inhaled or injected medications). It does not include check-ups or cases where *you* have no specific symptoms.

**Trip** - a period of round-trip travel to a destination outside of *your* province of residence that is not for the purpose of obtaining health care or *treatment* of any kind.

We, Us and Our - refers to CUMIS General Insurance Company.

**You and Your** - refer to all persons listed on *you*r Declaration Page under the plan purchased when the required insurance premium has been paid for that person, before the *effective date*.

## What Do You Need to Know?

#### Are you eligible for coverage?

To be eligible for any insurance coverage you must:

- be a Canadian citizen or be a permanent or temporary resident of Canada;
- be covered under your government health insurance plan for the full duration of your coverage period;
- at the time this insurance is purchased, be age 64 or younger; and
- be travelling no longer than 183 consecutive days.

PLEASE NOTE: *You* must meet all of the above eligibility requirements to be insured under this *Policy*.

#### How do you become insured?

You become insured and this *Policy* becomes an insurance contract:

- when you are named on your completed insurance application and named on your Declaration Page; and
- upon payment of the required premium on or before *your effective date*.

#### When does your insurance start?

Your insurance starts on the effective date if:

- you are eligible;
- you are named on the application; and
- you pay the full required premium before the effective date.

For Trip Cancellation and Interruption Coverage to be in effect *we* must have received all premium due prior to the trip cancellation.

#### When does your insurance end?

Your insurance ends on the earliest of:

- the date your trip is cancelled when cancelled prior to your departure date;
- 23:59 on *your return date*; or
- upon your return to your province or territory of residence, except in the circumstances outlined under "When will your coverage be automatically extended?"

#### When will your coverage be automatically extended?

Regardless of *your expiry date*, coverage will be extended provided:

your entire trip falls within the coverage period; and

your return is delayed by unforeseeable circumstances beyond your control, including the hospitalization as an inpatient or medical condition of you, (your spouse or your children if they are travelling with you) or your travelling companion.

If coverage is extended for these reasons, coverage will end on the earliest of either:

- your arrival at your province of residence or return destination based on your travel itinerary; or
- 5 days after your scheduled return date; however, if you are hospitalized as an *inpatient*, if *medically necessary*, we will extend insurance for 72 hours from the time you are discharged but under no circumstances for more than 3 months from your scheduled return date.

#### What must you do if you decide to extend your trip?

If you decide to extend your trip you may purchase an extension of your coverage by contacting your travel supplier or Allianz Global Assistance:

- if you have not already departed on your trip; or
- if you have already departed on your trip, you have not had a medical condition during your trip and you call before your scheduled return date.

If you have already left on your trip and have had a medical condition during your trip, you may still be eligible for an extension of your coverage by contacting Allianz Global Assistance before your scheduled return date. The granting of an extension in this situation is subject to the approval of Allianz Global Assistance.

Any extension of coverage is subject to the following conditions:

- the total duration of *your trip* may not exceed 183 consecutive days;
- you are covered by your government health insurance plan for the entire duration of the *trip*,
- you must pay the required premium on or before your original scheduled return date.

#### Can you obtain a refund?

If you notify us that you are not completely satisfied with your purchased plan within 10 days of the date of issue of this *Policy* of Insurance as indicated on your Declaration Page, we will provide a full refund if you have not already departed on your trip or filed a claim.

Refunds are only available when *Allianz Global Assistance* receives *your* request for a refund before *your departure date.* 

#### **Description of Coverage**

The following insurance benefits protect *you* against situations or losses that result from sudden and unexpected conditions or events. The benefits do not cover conditions or events that, on the date of purchase, are either known to *you* or likely to occur.

#### **Trip Cancellation and Interruption Coverage**

**Trip Cancellation Coverage** provides reimbursement for the covered losses *you* incur for a *trip* that is cancelled before *your departure date*. The total amount paid for *your* trip cancellation will not exceed the maximum benefit amount of \$10,000

**Trip Interruption Coverage** reimburses *you* for covered losses *you* incur for *trips* that are interrupted or delayed after *your departure date.* The total amount paid for *your* trip interruption will not exceed the maximum benefit amount of \$10,000

#### **COVERED REASONS**

A maximum benefit up to \$10,000, is provided to cover the losses (identified under 'Covered Benefits') which result from the cancellation or interruption of *your trip* due to one of the following covered reasons

#### Medical Conditions and Death

Any serious *injury* or any unforeseen serious *illness* occurring to:

- you, or your travelling companion, which is so disabling as to cause a reasonable person to delay, cancel, or interrupt their *trip*;
- a *family member* that is life threatening or requiring hospitalization as an *inpatient;* or
- a family member who is dependent upon your care.

For Trip Cancellation benefits, a physical examination by a *physician* must take place within 72 hours from when the cancellation is made, and the *physician* must recommend in writing that *your trip* be cancelled.

For Trip Interruption benefits, this examination must take place during *your trip*, and the *physicia*n must recommend in writing that *your trip* be interrupted or delayed.

The death of *you*, a *family member* or a *travelling companion*, if the death occurs within 30 days prior to *your departure date*, or during *your trip*.

*Your* family or friends, with whom *you* were planning to stay on *your trip*, are unable to accommodate *you* due to life-threatening *illness*, life-threatening *injury* or death of one of them.

#### **Pregnancy and Adoption**

The pregnancy of *you, your spouse,* an *immediate family member* or *your travelling companion* if such a pregnancy:

- has been diagnosed after your trip has been booked, and your departure is scheduled within 9 weeks before or after the expected date of delivery; or
- the legal adoption of a child by you or your travelling companion, when the actual date the child is to be placed in your care is scheduled to take place during your trip and this date was not known until after the trip was booked.

#### **Government Advisories and Visas**

A *travel advisory* issued after *your trip* has been booked with respect to travel to *your* destination country during all or part of *your trip*.

The non-issuance of a travel visa to *you*, or *your travelling companion* for reasons beyond *your* or *your travelling companion's* control. The non-issuance of a travel visa due to late application is not covered. Non-issuance of an immigration or employment visa is not covered.

#### Terrorism

An *act of terrorism* committed by an organized terrorist group (recognized as such by the Canadian Government), occurring in the city and country of *your* destination:

- within 30 days of *your* scheduled *departure date* (for Trip Cancellation benefits);
- during *your trip* (for Trip Interruption benefits).

#### **Employment and Occupation**

You or your travelling companion:

- after having been with the same employer for at least 3 continuous years, are terminated or laid off, through no fault of *your* own, after *your effective date* of coverage;
- being required to serve on a jury or served with a court order or subpoena, excluding law enforcement officers who are required to appear in court;
- being summoned to service in the case of reservists, active military, police or fire personnel.

#### Delays

If *your trip* has been delayed due to one of the covered reasons listed under the 'Trip Delay' coverage of this *Policy* and that delay results in a loss of more than 50% of the duration of *your* scheduled *trip*.

#### **OTHER COVERED REASONS**

You or a travelling companion:

- being hijacked or quarantined; or
- having your home made uninhabitable by flood, burglary, vandalism or natural disaster; or
- being directly involved in a traffic accident while en route to a *departure point* for a *trip;* or
- under Trip Cancellation benefit, being the victim of an indictable criminal assault within 10 days prior to *your departure date.* An indictable criminal assault inflicted by *you*, a *family member, travelling companion* or *travelling companion's family member* is not a covered reason under this insurance.

#### **COVERED BENEFITS**

#### Trip Cancellation Benefits (prior to departure)

We will reimburse you for the following covered losses providing you cancel your trip prior to your departure date:

- the forfeited, published, non-refundable *trip* payments or deposits incurred as a result of cancellation penalties and for which no credits or refunds were issued by the supplier; or
- the additional reasonable cost resulting from a change in the per-person occupancy rate for *prepaid* travel arrangements if a *travelling companion's trip* is cancelled for a covered reason and *yours* is not.

# Trip Interruption Benefits (after date and time of departure)

If *your trip* is interrupted for a covered reason *we* will reimburse *you* for the following:

- the unused portion of forfeited, published, nonrefundable *trip* payments or deposits incurred as a result of cancellation penalties and for which no credit was issued by the supplier;
- the additional reasonable cost resulting from a change in the per-person occupancy rate for *prepaid* travel arrangements if a *travelling companion's trip* is interrupted for one of the above covered reasons and *yours* is not;
- reasonable, additional accommodation, meal and transportation expenses up to \$100 per day up to a maximum of 5 days, if a covered travelling *family member* or *travelling companion* must remain hospitalized as an *inpatient;*
- reasonable\*, additional transportation expenses needed to return to *your departure point* or to travel from the place *your trip* was interrupted to the place where *you* can rejoin *your trip* and the unused portion of any nonrefundable land, sea and air arrangements that were paid as part of *your trip*; and
- reasonable\*, additional travel costs for you to reach your scheduled destination if you must depart after your departure date.
- \* The reasonable amount of benefit paid to you will not exceed the cost of economy airfare by the most costeffective route on the next available carrier, less any refunds paid to you.

#### **CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

You must notify the appropriate travel supplier(s) of your cancellation or interruption within 24 hours of the cause of cancellation or interruption, unless your condition, or situation prevents it, then as soon as reasonably possible. If you do not do so, your claim will not be payable.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. You are not covered for conditions that you are aware of when you book your trip, which might reasonably be expected to prevent you from travelling as booked.
- 2. You are not covered for the *medical condition* or the death of an ailing person when the *trip* was made to visit or attend to that person.

Trip Cancellation and Interruption Coverage are also subject to the General Limitations, Conditions and Exclusions as well as the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion.

#### **Trip Delay Coverage**

#### **COVERED REASONS AND BENEFITS**

If *your trip* is delayed from its scheduled departure time for more than 6 hours, *we* will pay *you* on a one-time per *trip* basis, up to a per person maximum of \$300 per day and a total of 2 days, for reasonable, additional accommodation, meal and travelling expenses.

Covered reasons for which we provide a Trip Delay benefit are:

- death or an emergency hospitalization as an *inpatient* of you, a member of your *immediate family* or your travelling companion;
- delays of your common carrier (including bad weather);
- lost or stolen passports, money, or travel documents;
- quarantine;
- unannounced strikes;
- natural disaster;
- civil disorder or unrest; or
- if you are hijacked (whether or not committed by an organized terrorist group recognized as such by the Canadian Government).

#### **CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. *Prepaid* expenses are not covered, unless as otherwise specified under Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption Coverage.
- 2. The additional expenses must be incurred by you.
- The total amount paid for these additional expenses for all persons will not exceed the benefit maximum listed on the Declaration Page.

Trip Delay Coverage is also subject to the General Limitations, Conditions and Exclusions as well as the Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion.

#### **Emergency Medical and Dental Coverage**

#### **COVERED BENEFITS**

Emergency Medical and Dental Coverage reimburses you for eligible expenses if you require emergency medical and/or dental care during your trip. This coverage will also cover expenses for emergency medical transportation back to your province of normal residence. In the event of *injury* or *illness* while on a *trip*, during the coverage period, we reimburse you for reasonable and customary charges for the following medically necessary expenses required by you.

#### **Emergency Medical Expenses**

*We* provide coverage up to the policy maximum amount up to \$5,000,000, for the following:

## Emergency Medical Treatment (including X-rays and lab)

This insurance covers *emergency* medical care or *treatment* of any *medical condition* that is acute (onset is sudden and unexpected) and considered life threatening or, if left unattended, could deteriorate resulting in serious and irreparable harm.

#### Emergency Dental Treatment (including x-rays and lab)

This insurance covers the following dental expenses when required as *emergency treatment* and ordered by or received from a licensed dentist:

- if you need dental treatment to repair or replace your natural or permanently attached artificial teeth because of an accidental blow to your face, you are covered for the emergency dental expenses you incur during your trip. You are also covered up to a maximum of \$1,000 to continue necessary treatment after your return to Canada. However, this treatment must be completed within 90 days after the accident.
- if you need emergency treatment to relieve dental pain, you are covered for the emergency dental expenses you incur during your trip, up to a maximum of \$250, and the complete cost of prescription drugs.

#### **Professional Fees**

This insurance covers expenses for *emergency treatment* by a licensed physiotherapist, chiropractor, chiropodist, podiatrist or osteopath, to a maximum of \$250 per profession.

#### Licensed Private Duty Nurse

This insurance covers the cost of licensed private duty nursing services to a maximum of \$5,000 while *you* are an *inpatient*, when pre-approved by *Allianz Global Assistance*.

#### **Prescription Drugs**

This insurance covers the cost of *prescription drugs*, limited to a supply of 30 days, if prescribed because of an *emergency* condition.

#### **Medical Appliances**

This insurance covers the cost of medical appliances including wheelchair, braces, crutches, walker, or *hospital*-type beds, if ordered by a licensed *physician*. We will pay the lesser of the rental or the purchase price.

#### Ambulance/Ground Transport

This insurance covers the cost of local ground transport to a medical service provider in an *emergency*.

#### Medical Assistance Services

#### Medical Assistance

If you have a medical problem or *emergency*, you must contact *Allianz Global Assistance*, who will refer you to a local *physician*, dentist, *hospital*, medical facility, or other appropriate resource.

#### **Medical Consultation and Monitoring**

If you are hospitalized, Allianz Global Assistance's medical staff will keep in contact with you and your treating physician to get information on the care you are receiving and determine the need for further assistance. Allianz Global Assistance will also contact your personal physician and family at home, if necessary.

#### **Emergency Medical Transportation**

We will arrange and pay for medical transportation services as specified below, which are required by *you* as a result of an *injury* or *illness* that occurs during the *coverage period* that requires transportation to an appropriate medical facility or return to *your* province of residence.

All *emergency* medical transportation services must be authorized in advance and organized by *Allianz Global Assistance*. Such services that *Allianz Global Assistance* does not pre-authorize shall not be covered.

#### Transportation to an Appropriate Medical Facility

If our consulting *physician* and the local attending *physician* determine that adequate *treatment* is not available locally and that *treatment* is *medically necessary, you* will be transported to the nearest appropriate medical facility.

#### Return to your Province of Residence

Once you have received *emergency* medical care and *our* consulting *physician* determines you are able to and recommends that you return home, we will arrange for you to return to your province of residence.

We will arrange and pay, up to the amount included in the overall policy maximum, for the following services and expenses to evacuate *you* to *your* province of residence:

- the cost of an economy class one-way ticket on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route, less any refunds from any unused return trip tickets. If medically necessary or required by the airline, we will also pay the expenses for a qualified medical attendant to accompany you.
- the cost of a stretcher fare on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route to your province of residence, if a stretcher is *medically necessary*.
- the cost of air ambulance transportation to the most appropriate facility in *your* province of residence, if the use of an air ambulance is required and *medically necessary*.

#### Accommodation & Meals

A maximum benefit of up to \$150 per day (up to a total of 10 days) is provided to cover hotel expenses, meals and taxi fares, if *you* or *your travelling companion*, because of receiving a covered *emergency treatment*:

- are delayed beyond the initial *return date*; or
- have to relocate to receive the medical attention.

#### **Bedside Visits**

If you are travelling alone and will be hospitalized during your trip as an *inpatient* for more than 3 consecutive days, we will pay for the cost of a round-trip economy fare on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route, to bring a *family member* or a close personal friend to your bedside. We will also pay up to \$150 per day (up to a total of 10 days) for that person's reasonable accommodation, taxi fares and meals. Verification from the attending *physician* that the situation is serious enough to warrant the visit will be required.

This benefit is subject to pre-authorization and must be arranged by *Allianz Global Assistance*.

#### **Repatriation of Remains**

In the event of *your* death during *your trip* from a *medical condition* covered under this insurance, the insurance covers a maximum benefit of up to \$5,000 in total for:

- the cost for reasonable and necessary services needed for the transport of *your* remains from the place of death to *your* city of residence; or
- the burial or the cremation of *your* remains where *your* death occurred. The cost of a burial coffin or urn is not a covered expense.
- if someone is legally required to identify *your* remains, this *Policy* covers the cost of a round-trip economy fare on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route for that person. Meals and accommodations for that person are covered up to a maximum of \$150 per day (up to a maximum of 3 days).

#### **Return of Travelling Companion**

If you are travelling with a *travelling companion*, this insurance covers him or her for the extra cost (i.e. transfer fees) of a one-way economy air fare on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route to their *departure point*, if *you* must return to Canada because of a *medical condition* covered under this insurance.

This benefit is subject to pre-authorization and must be arranged by *Allianz Global Assistance*.

## Return of Children and Escort for Children to their Departure Point

If *children* insured under one of *our* emergency medical insurances travel with *you* or join *you* during *your trip* and *you* are hospitalized for more than 24 hours or *you* must return to Canada because of *your* emergency medical *condition* covered under this insurance, this insurance covers:

- the extra cost of a one-way economy air fare on a commercial flight via the most cost-effective route for the return of those *children* to their *departure point*; and
- the cost of a round-*trip* economy air fare via the most cost-effective route on a commercial flight for an escort, if the airline requires that the *children* be escorted.

#### **Vehicle Return**

If, as a result of a covered medical *emergency*, *you* are unable to return *your* vehicle or *your* rented vehicle to its point of origin, this insurance covers the reasonable costs up to \$2,000 in total to return the vehicle to *your* residence or to the rental agency, when pre-authorized by *Allianz Global Assistance*.

#### **CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

- 1. You must contact Allianz Global Assistance before seeking care. If you do not notify Allianz Global Assistance or if you choose to receive treatment from a service provider other than that suggested by Allianz Global Assistance, you may be responsible for 30% of your medical expenses under this insurance. If your medical condition prevents you from calling Allianz Global Assistance before seeking emergency treatment, you must call as soon as medically possible.
- 2. As an alternative, someone else (*family member*, friend, *hospital* or *physician's* office staff, etc.) may call on *your* behalf.
- 3. The medical staff of *Allianz Global Assistance* must approve all cardiac procedures, including cardiac catheterization, angioplasty and cardiovascular surgery in advance.
- 4. If *your* employer (or former employer if *you* are retired) provides an extended health insurance plan and:
  - if *your* lifetime maximum coverage is less than \$50,000, we will not co-ordinate payment;
  - if your lifetime maximum coverage is more than \$50,000, we will co-ordinate payment only in excess of \$50,000 in accordance with the coordinating coverage guidelines issued by the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

Coverage is not provided for:

- 1. Any *treatments*, services, supplies, or charges *we* determine are non-emergent or can be reasonably delayed until *your* return to *your* province or territory of residence;
- 2. Any *treatment* received in unlicensed facilities or given by unlicensed health care providers, or given by a *family member* or a *travelling companion*, whether or not a licensed provider;
- 3. Regular care of a chronic condition;
- 4. Any *treatment* received if the purpose of the travel is to receive medical care, medication or *treatment*;

- 5. Any *medical condition* for which it was reasonable to expect *treatment* or hospitalization during *your trip*;
- Any condition for which you had symptoms before your effective date that would have caused a prudent person to seek diagnosis or treatment (including emergency treatment);
- 7. Any recurrence or complication of any *medical condition* following medical *treatment* during *your trip* where *Allianz Global Assistance* determined and recommended *you* should return home and *you* chose not to do so;
- 8. Any cardiac catheterization, angioplasty, or cardiovascular surgery unless approved in advance by *Allianz Global Assistance*;
- 9. *Treatment* for any *medical condition* for which future investigation or *treatment* was planned before the *effective date* (other than routine monitoring);
- 10. *Treatment* or surgery for a specific condition, or a related condition, which:
  - had caused your physician to advise you not to travel; or
  - you contracted in a country during your trip when, before your effective date, a travel advisory was issued advising Canadians not to travel to that country, region, or city.

Emergency Medical and Dental coverage is also subject to the General Limitations, Conditions and Exclusions, as well as the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion

#### **Baggage Coverage**

#### **COVERED REASONS AND BENEFITS**

This insurance covers loss, damage or theft of *baggage* occurring on a covered *trip*.

We will reimburse *you* an amount up to the maximum of \$1,000 for the loss, damage or theft of one or more items of *baggage* occurring on *your* covered *trip*.

#### **CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

 You must notify the appropriate local authorities at the place the loss occurred and inform them of the value and description of *your baggage* within 24 hours after the loss. You must file written proof of loss with us within 90 days from the date of *your* loss. If applicable law provides for a longer period, *you* must submit *your* claim within the longer period provided for by law.

*You* must attach copies of airline, cruise line or *common carrier* claims forms, original police reports, an itemization and description of lost items and their estimated value, and all receipts, credit card statements, cancelled cheques, photos, or other appropriate documentation as may be required.

2. All benefits payable to *you* under this coverage are in excess of any payments provided by a *common carrier* or any other insurance *you* have.

- 3. The insurance will pay the lesser of:
  - the actual purchase price of a similar item;
  - the actual cash value of the item at the time of loss, which includes deduction for depreciation (for items without receipts, the program will pay up to 75% of the determined depreciated value); or
  - the cost to repair or replace the item.
- 4. You must have taken all reasonable measures to protect, save and/or recover your baggage.
- 5. *Baggage* items valued at \$500 or more, *we* will only provide *you* with reimbursement if *you* submit receipts.
- 6. If an item is damaged and *we* pay a benefit hereunder to replace the item, the damaged item becomes *ours*.

#### EXCLUSIONS

The following baggage, property or losses are not covered:

- 1. Animals;
- 2. Automobiles and equipment, motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and motors;
- 3. Bicycles, skis, snowboards (except when checked with a *common carrier*);
- 4. Aircraft, boats or any other vehicles or conveyances;
- 5. Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, artificial teeth and limbs;
- 6. Tickets, keys, money, securities, bullion, stamps, credit cards, documents (travel or otherwise) and deeds;
- 7. Property shipped as freight or shipped prior to *your departure date;*
- 8. Rugs or carpets of any type;
- 9. Perishables, medicines, perfumes, cosmetics and consumables;
- 10. *Baggage* or personal effects that are unaccompanied or left unattended in a public place.
- 11. Property used in trade, business or for the production of income;
- 12. Antiques or collectors items;
- 13. Accidental loss, theft or damage to *baggage* or personal effects left unattended, unsecured and unlocked in *your* accommodation or the motor vehicle in which *you* are travelling; or
- 14. Damage to the property resulting from defective materials or workmanship, ordinary wear and tear, and normal deterioration.

Baggage Coverage is also subject to the General Limitations, Conditions and Exclusions.

## **Baggage Delay Coverage**

#### **COVERED REASONS AND BENEFITS**

If your personal baggage is delayed or misdirected for at least 12 hours by a common carrier, we will reimburse you \$200 for the reasonable cost to purchase essential items.

#### **CONDITIONS, LIMITATION AND EXCLUSIONS**

- 1. Verification of the delay by the common carrier and receipts for the emergency purchases must accompany any claim.
- 2. Purchases must be made within 36 hours of your arrival at your destination.
- 3. The costs of items purchased under this benefit will reduce the maximum amount payable under the Baggage Coverage benefit, if it is later determined that your personal baggage has been lost, stolen or damaged.

Baggage Delay Coverage is also subject to the General Limitations, Conditions and Exclusions.

### 24-Hour Emergency Travel Assistance Services

#### **Travel Document and Ticket Replacement Assistance**

If your passport or other travel documents are lost or stolen, we will provide you with information and assistance to obtain replacing documents. We will also help you to replace lost airline and other travel tickets and assist you in obtaining money for this purpose. These funds will come from you, your family or friends. We will make all necessary arrangements for you and assist you to return home if your trip is interrupted.

#### Legal Assistance

If you have legal issues while travelling, our assistance coordinators will help you find a local legal advisor. If you require the posting of bail or immediate payment of legal fees, we will help arrange a cash transfer from your family or friends.

### **Emergency Cash Transfer**

If your cash or traveller's cheques are lost or stolen, or if you need funds for the immediate payment of unexpected expenses, we will help arrange for emergency cash (in currency, traveller's cheques or any other form acceptable to us) to be transmitted to you in a timely fashion. These funds will come from you, your family or friends. Our assistance coordinators will make all the necessary arrangements for you.

## **Emergency Message Center**

In an emergency, call Allianz Global Assistance, identify yourself by name and your Policy number, and give the assistance coordinator your message. We will make at least 3 attempts in 24 hours to reach your requested party, and we will provide you with an update on the results of our efforts to deliver the message. We are not responsible for delivery of a message if the recipient cannot be reached. This service can be used for trips anywhere in the world.

## **General Conditions, Limitations and Exclusions**

Your insurance coverage is subject to the terms set out as follows in this document.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

- All premiums, benefit maximums and benefit payments are 1. stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. At our option, we may pay a claim for benefits in the currency where the loss occurred or in Canadian currency.
- 2. You and we agree that all disputes, controversies or claims arising under this Policy or otherwise in connection with this Policy, whether of law or fact and of any nature whatsoever (including but not limited to all disputes or controversies related to determinations made under the Policy) shall be decided by arbitration which shall be binding and without recourse to the courts or to an appeal. This arbitration shall be before a single arbitrator in the Canadian province or territory in which this Policy was issued under the rules embodied in the arbitration legislation of that province or territory. In the absence of such legislation, the Commercial Arbitration Act, R.S.C. 1998, C.17 (second supp.), as amended shall apply. In any event, any action or arbitration proceeding against us for the recovery of a claim under this Policy shall not be commenced more than one year after the occurrence, which gives rise to the claim. If, however, this limitation is invalid according to the laws of the province or territory where this Policy was issued, you must commence your action or arbitration proceeding within the shortest time permitted by the laws of that province or territory. In addition you, your heirs and assigns consent to the venue of any action or arbitration being only in the province or territory where the Policy was issued and at a venue we and/or Allianz Global Assistance choose.
- 3. No agent or other person has authority to accept or make representations of information or alter, modify or waive any of the provisions of this Policy.
- 4. You must submit claims to Allianz Global Assistance within 90 days from date of loss. If applicable law provides for a longer period, you must submit your claim within the longer period provided for by law.

For your claim to be valid, you must provide all of the documents we require to support your claim.

- 5. We may void this Policy in the case of fraud or attempted fraud by you or if you conceal or misrepresent any circumstance or fact that is material. The application for insurance must be completed fully and correctly, failing which we may, at our option, void all your coverage.
- You must repay to us amounts paid or authorized for 6. payment on your behalf, if we determine the amount is not payable under this insurance.
- 7. We may require a *physician*(s) of *our* choice to physically examine you as often as reasonably needed while a claim is pending. We may also require an autopsy in the case of death, where law does not forbid it. We will bear all necessary costs.
- 8. References to your age refer to your age on the date you applied for insurance.

- 9. If you incur losses covered by this insurance because of a third party, we may take legal action against that party at our expense. We have full rights of subrogation. You agree to allow us to fully assert our right to subrogation and to cooperate fully with us by delivering such documents. You agree to do nothing that would prejudice our rights to recover funds from any source.
- 10. We, Allianz Global Assistance and our agents are not responsible for the availability, quality or outcome of any medical treatment or of any medical transportation, or your failure to obtain medical treatment.
- 11. All benefit payments under this *Policy* are in excess of similar insurance benefits payable by another insurer. If *you* are eligible under more than one insurance plan for benefits, which are similar to those for which *you* are insured hereunder, the total benefits paid to *you* by all insurers cannot exceed *your* actual covered losses.
- 12. Notice of Statutory Conditions Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, this contract is subject to the statutory conditions in the Insurance Act respecting contracts of accident insurance. This condition does not apply to the province of Quebec.
- 13. If a covered loss incurred is either directly or indirectly as the result of an "*Act of Terrorism*", payment for a covered loss will be subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption benefits will be paid to a maximum of 100% of the sum insured. Benefits payable for Trip Cancellation and Interruption losses will be directly reduced by the value of any alternate or replacement benefits or travel options given or offered by the airlines, tour or travel operators, cruise or travel suppliers as replacement, even if the alternative or replacement arrangements are declined by *you* and not used.
  - All other benefits insured under this *Policy* will be paid at 100% of the Sum Insured.
  - If the total amount claimed under this and all Certificates or policies issued by us for Trip Cancellation and Trip Interruption coverage (in respect of the same terrorist incident, or series of terrorist incidents occurring within a 72 hour period), exceeds \$20,000,000, the amount payable will be prorated among all eligible claimants. The amount paid will not exceed \$20,000,000 in the aggregate.

#### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS EXCLUSION

This insurance does not pay for any expenses incurred directly or indirectly as a result of:

- 1. Your medical condition or related condition, if at any time in the 90 days before your effective date, your medical condition or related condition has not been stable.
- 2. Your heart condition, if at any time in the 90 days before you depart on your trip:
  - any heart condition has not been stable; or
  - *you* have taken nitro-glycerine more than once per week specifically for the relief of angina pain.

- 3. Your lung condition, if at any time in the 90 days before you depart on your trip:
  - any lung condition has not been *stable*; or
  - you have been treated with home oxygen or taken oral steroids (prednisone or prednisolone) for any lung condition.
- 4. Any *medical condition* for which future investigation or *treatment* was planned before the *effective date* (other than routine monitoring).

#### **GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

These exclusions apply to all program benefits and services. This insurance provides no payment for any loss arising directly or indirectly out of or as a result of the following:

- 1. Intentionally self-inflicted harm, suicide or attempted suicide (whether sane or insane);
- Except as specifically provided for in the Trip Cancellation and Interruption benefit under Pregnancy and Adoption, routine pre-natal care, fertility *treatments*, elective abortion, a child born during *your trip*, complications of *your* pregnancy when they occur in the 9 weeks before or after the expected date of delivery;
- 3. Mental, nervous or emotional disorders that do not require immediate hospitalization;
- 4. Abuse of any medication or non-compliance with prescribed medical *treatment* or therapy;
- 5. Any *injury* or *accident* occurring while *you* are under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol (where the concentration of alcohol in *your* blood exceeds 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood) or when *you* illustrate a visible impairment due to alcohol or illicit drugs and any chronic illness or hospitalization related to, or exacerbated by, the habitual use of alcohol or illicit drugs;
- 6. War (whether declared or undeclared), acts of war, military duty, civil disorder or unrest; *terrorism* or *act of terrorism* (unless specifically covered);
- 7. Amateur or *professional* sports, or other athletic activities, which are organized and/or sanctioned. Full-contact bodily sports, skydiving, hang gliding, bungee jumping, parachuting, *mountain climbing* (where ropes or guides are normally used), caving, heli-skiing, any skiing or snowboarding outside marked trails, any motorized race or motorized speed contest. This exclusion does not include: amateur athletic activities, which are non-contact and engaged in by an insured person solely for leisure, recreational, entertainment or fitness purposes;
- Scuba diving, unless *you* hold a basic SCUBA designation from a certified school or other licensing body or *you* are accompanied by a dive master or are diving in water not deeper than 10 metres;
- 9. Nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination;
- 10. Biological or chemical contamination;
- 11. Seepage, pollution or *contamination*;

- 12. Epidemic or pandemic;
- 13. Financial collapse or default of any transport, tour or accommodation provider and/or any other service providers;
- 14. Any unlawful acts committed by *you*, *family members*, or *travelling companions*, whether they are insured or not;
- 15. Prohibition or regulation by any government which interferes with *your trip*,
- 16. Cosmetic or any other elective surgery;
- 17. Organ harvesting surgery;
- 18. Air travel except while *you* are riding, boarding or alighting as a ticketed passenger on a certified passenger aircraft provided by a regularly scheduled airline on a regularly scheduled trip or charter;
- 19. Any *medical condition* or related condition when *you* knew prior to *your trip* that *you* would require or seek *treatment* or surgery for that condition; or
- 20. Your travel to a country, region or city for which the Canadian government has issued a *travel advisory* in writing prior *your departure* date or;
- 21. Your travel to a *sanctioned* country for any business or activity to the extent that such cover would violate any applicable national economic or trade sanction law or regulations.

## **Claim Filing Procedures**

Please contact *Allianz Global Assistance* at the phone number listed on your Declaration Page or visit <u>www.allianzassistanceclaims.ca</u> to obtain a claim form.

All benefits will be paid in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated. If currency conversion is necessary, *we* will use the exchange rate on the date the last service was rendered to *you*. This insurance will not pay for any interest.

#### Information to Submit When Filing a Claim

As a condition to the payment of benefits under this insurance, *we* will require certain information from *you* if *you* need to file a claim. This documentation will include, at a minimum and is not limited to, the following:

#### **General Documentation Requirements**

- Original receipts, invoices and itemized bills for all expenses.
- The fully completed claim form supplied to *you* by *Allianz Global Assistance*.
- Proof of departure from your province of residence.

*You* must submit all claims to *Allianz Global Assistance* within 90 days from date of loss. Failure to complete the required claim & authorization form in full will delay the assessment of *your* claim.

#### Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Delay Claims

General documentation requirements and the following:

1. Any appropriate documentation that officially explains the cause of *your* trip cancellation or interruption. The report of *your* physical examination (if applicable), and any

explanation of diagnosis along with original itemized bills, receipts, and proof of other insurance payments.

- 2. Original unused tickets, copies of invoices, proof of payments, and other documents that substantiate the cost or occurrence of the trip cancellation or interruption.
- 3. Documentation of refunds received from the travel supplier(s) and/or *common carrier*(s).
- 4. Copy of the supplier's literature that describes penalties.
- 5. A letter from the tour operator or an itemized bill from the travel agent stating the non-refundable amounts of the *trip* costs.

### **Emergency Medical and Dental Claims**

General documentation requirements and the following:

- 1. Any explanation of diagnosis along with *your* original itemized bills, receipts, and proof of other insurance payment(s).
- 2. For accidental dental expenses, we require proof of the accident.

#### **Baggage Insurance Claims**

General documentation requirements and the following:

- 1. Original claim determination from the *common carrier*, if applicable.
- 2. Original police report or other report from local authorities.
- 3. Original receipts and list of stolen, lost or damaged items.
- 4. Statement of loss providing amount of loss, date, time and cause of loss.

#### **Baggage Delay Claims**

General documentation requirements and the following:

1. Written proof from the *common carrier* that personal *baggage* was delayed or misdirected for at least 12 hours.

### **Questions?**

#### Let Us Know

If you have any questions or concerns about our products, services, your Policy, or claim please feel free to contact Allianz Global Assistance anytime:

Toll Free: 1-866-520-8823 Collect: 1-519-742-9013 Email: guestions@allianz-assistance.ca

#### Escalate Your Concern

If *you* would like to escalate *your* concern please submit a written appeal with any new information or new documentation that *you* would like *us* to consider.

Contact Details:

By Mail:	Appeals Department
	P.O. Box 277
	Waterloo, ON
	N2J 4A4

Email: Appeals@allianz-assistance.ca Fax: 1-519-742-9471 Attention: Appeals Department

#### **Contact the Ombuds Office**

If *you* are not satisfied with the outcomes of the previous steps, *you* may request additional consideration of *your* concern in writing to the Ombuds Office. Please note, the Ombuds Office will only review concerns that have gone through the appropriate steps above so *you* will want to indicate with whom *you* have already spoken with.

By mail:	Ombuds Office
-	The Co-operators Group Limited
	130 Macdonell Street, Box 3608
	Guelph, ON N1H 6P8

E-mail:	Ombuds@cooperators.ca
Phone:	1-877-720-6733
Fax:	1-519-823-9944

After the Ombuds Office's review, *you* will receive a written response, except in the case where a simple concern can be resolved over the phone. Most investigations are completed within 30 business days of receiving *your* complaint and all supporting documentation. If this deadline cannot be met, *you* will be contacted as to why extra time is required and when *you* can expect a response.

The written response from the Ombuds Office is considered the company's final position. Unless *you* present any new and relevant information that was not previously reviewed, *your* concern will not be reopened.

#### **External Recourse Options**

If we have not been able to resolve your concerns to your satisfaction, and you wish to pursue the matter further, you may contact the OmbudService for Life & Health Insurance (OLHI). OLHI is an independent service that offers recourse to consumers who have not been able to resolve their complaint by dealing with their insurance company. The OmbudService may be reached at 1-888-295-8112 or through their website at www.OLHI.ca.

## Note: *You* must follow the company's Complaint Resolution Process before OLHI will become involved.

**For Quebec clients:** if *you* are not satisfied with how *your* concern was handled, or the results of our investigation, the law gives *you* the right to request, in writing, that a copy of *your* concern file be transferred to the Autorité des marches financiers (AMF). *You* can reach the AMF by calling 1-877-525-0337 or by email at renseignement-consommateur@lautorite.gc.ca

#### The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) provides consumers with accurate and objective information about financial products and services, and informs Canadians of their rights and responsibilities when dealing with financial institutions. FCAC also ensures compliance with the federal consumer protection laws that apply to banks and federally incorporated trust, loan and insurance companies.

## **Privacy Information Notice**

CUMIS General Insurance Company (the "insurer") and the insurer's insurance administrator, *Allianz Global Assistance*, and the insurer's agents, representatives and reinsurers (for the purpose of this Personal Information Notice collectively "we" "us" and "our") require personal information including:

- details about you including your name, date of birth, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, employer, and other identification
- medical records and information about you
- records that reflect your business dealings with and through us

This personal information is collected for the following insurance purposes when offering and providing insurance and related services:

- To identify and communicate with you
- To consider any application for insurance
- If approved, to issue a Certificate or *Policy* of insurance
- To administer insurance and related benefits
- To evaluate insurance risk, manage and coordinate claims, re-price medical expenses and negotiate payment of claims expenses;
- To investigate claims and to determine eligibility for insurance benefits
- To provide assistance services
- For fraud prevention and debt collection purposes
- As required or permitted by law.

We only collect personal information necessary for insurance purposes from individuals who apply for insurance, from Certificate or Policy holders, insureds and claimants. In some cases we also collect personal information from members of a Certificate or Policy holder's, insured's or claimant's family or their friends when they are unable, for medical or other reasons, to communicate directly with us. We also collect and disclose information for the insurance purposes from, to and with, third parties such as, but not necessarily limited to, health care practitioners and facilities in Canada and abroad, government and private health insurers and family members and friends of the insured, Certificate or Policy holder or claimant. We may also use and disclose information from our existing files for the insurance purposes. Our employees who require this information for the purposes of their duties will have access to this file.

Upon your request and authorization, we may also disclose this information to other persons.

From time to time, and if permitted by applicable law, we may also collect, use or disclose personal information in order to offer additional or upgraded products and services (the "optional purposes").

When an individual applies for, purchases, or is covered by one of our insurance policies or submits a claim for insurance benefits, he or she is presumed to consent to the personal information practices described in this notice. If an individual does not wish to have their personal information used for the optional purposes they need only notify *Allianz Global Assistance*. A person may decline to have their information collected, used or disclosed for the insurance purposes but in that instance we will likely be unable to provide insurance and related services. Personal information is maintained in the Certificate or Policy holder's, insured's or claimant's file that we establish and maintain in the offices of *Allianz Global Assistance*. In some instances we may additionally maintain or communicate or transfer information to health care and other service providers located outside of Canada. As a result, personal information may be accessible to regulatory authorities in accordance with the law of these other jurisdictions. For information about how to obtain access to written information about our policies and procedures with respect to service providers outside of Canada, please contact the Privacy Officer at **privacy@allianz-assistance.ca**.

We will retain the personal information we collect for a specified period of time and in a storage method appropriate with legal and our internal corporate requirements. Personal information will be securely destroyed following the expiration of the appropriate retention period.

Individuals have a right to request to access or correct personal information we have on file by contacting the Privacy Officer at **privacy@allianz-assistance.ca** or by writing to:

Privacy Officer Allianz Global Assistance 4273 King Street East Kitchener, ON N2P 2E9

For a complete copy of our Privacy Policy please visit **www.allianz-assistance.ca**.