

PLAN 2A POLICY WORDING

In the event of an emergency please contact the Assistance Company immediately at:

# 1-844-879-8379 toll free from Canada or the USA or

## +1-416-285-1722 collect where available

It is *your* responsibility to ensure that the *Assistance Company* has been contacted prior to receiving treatment. *Your* benefits will be limited to 80% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$25,000 if *you* fail to do so, other than in extreme circumstances when treatment is required to resolve a life-threatening medical crisis.

#### **10 DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE**

Please take the time to read this policy to ensure that it meets *your* needs and contact *your* agent if *you* have any questions. *You* may cancel this policy within 10 days of the purchase date for a full refund provided it is before the effective date. Other refunds available are described under Refunds in the General Provisions section of this policy.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ CARFULLY**

- Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. It is important that you read and understand your policy as your coverage may be subject to certain limitations or exclusions.
- Your policy may not cover medical conditions and/or symptoms that existed prior to your trip. Check to see how this applies in your policy
- and how it relates to your effective date.
- In the event of an accident, injury or sickness, your prior medical history will be reviewed when a claim is reported.
- Costs incurred in your country of origin are not covered.
- The *deductible* is shown on *your* confirmation of insurance.

# THIS POLICY CONTAINS A CLAUSE WHICH MAY LIMIT THE AMOUNT PAYABLE.

NOTE: Italicized words are defined terms whose definition appears in the definitions section of the policy.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

## To be eligible for coverage, on the effective date, you must:

- be a visitor to Canada or a person in Canada under a valid work or student visa, a Canadian or an immigrant not eligible for benefits under a government health insurance plan; and
- 2. be at least 15 days of age and no more than 90 years of age; and
- 3. not be experiencing new or undiagnosed signs or symptoms and/or know of any reason to seek medical attention; and
- 4. not be travelling against the advice of a *physician* and/or have not been diagnosed with a *terminal illness*; and
- 5. not require kidney dialysis; and
- 6. not have used home oxygen during the 12 months prior to the date of application; and
- 7. not have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or any other form of dementia; and
- 8. not have been diagnosed or treated for congestive heart failure; and
- 9. not have been prescribed or taken Furosemide for any reason in the last 12 months; and
- 10. not have been prescribed or taken insulin to control your diabetes in the last 12 months; and
- 11. not have had a heart, kidney, liver or lung transplant; and
- 12. not require assistance with the activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, eating, using the toilet or getting in or out of a bed or chair).

# **INSURING AGREEMENT**

- In consideration of having paid the required premium in full for the selected sum insured, the insurer agrees to pay the reasonable and customary costs up to the selected sum insured incurred by you in case of an emergency occurring while in Canada or while on a temporary visit to another country. There is no coverage while in your country of origin.
- The insurer will pay such eligible expenses, less any applicable deductible, up to the amount shown in the schedule of fees set by the government plan in your province or territory of residence in Canada for non-Canadian residents and only in excess of those reimbursable by any group or individual, private or public plan or contract of insurance, including any auto insurance plan.
- Subject to all terms and conditions of the policy, the benefits are payable to a maximum of the sum insured insofar as such services are medically

- necessary. Benefit limits are per insured person, per trip including any extensions.
- This policy, the application and the confirmation of insurance constitute your contract of insurance.
- The insurer reserves the right to decline any application or any request for an extension of coverage.
- 6. The plan type purchased and the *sum insured* selected cannot be changed after the effective date indicated on *your* confirmation of insurance.
- 7. Only one policy can be issued to you and all premiums paid for any additional policy will be returned to you. When more than one policy of this form is issued by the insurer and is in force with respect to you at the time of claim, only one such policy, the earliest by effective date, will apply.

# **DURATION OF COVERAGE**

- 1. The maximum coverage period under this plan is 1 year per policy and not to exceed 2 consecutive years with the *insurer*.
- Coverage will extend for a temporary visit during the coverage period. Proof of all travel dates will be required in the event of a claim.

#### 3. Effective Date

Your insurance policy commences on the latest of:

- a) the date and time you apply for and pay for this insurance;
- b) 12:01 a.m. (local time) on the effective date as shown on your confirmation of insurance. Proof of your date of arrival to Canada may be required;
- c) 7 days prior to the date and time of your arrival in Canada.
- 4. Waiting Period: If you purchase this coverage after your arrival in Canada there is no coverage for any sickness that began, or for which you experienced symptoms during the first:
  - a) Up to Age 85: 48 hours after the effective date if purchased within 30 days of your arrival in Canada or 7 days after the effective date if purchased more than 30 days after your arrival in Canada; or
  - Age 86-90: 15 days after the effective date if purchased after your arrival in Canada.

Exception: The waiting period will be waived if this policy is purchased on or prior to the expiry date of an existing Visitors to Canada Travel Insurance policy already issued by the Administrator, to take effect on the day following such expiry date provided no change in plan type or increase in the *sum insured* option is applied for. The existing policy must be in effect on the date of purchase and there must be no gap in coverage.

#### 5. Expiry Date

Coverage under this plan terminates on the earliest of:

- a) 12:01 a.m. (local time) on the expiry date shown on your confirmation of insurance;
- b) 1 year after the effective date of your insurance;
- the date you become eligible for a government health insurance plan in Canada;
- d) 7 days after the date and time you depart Canada with no intention to return to Canada during the coverage period;
- the date when you exceed 49% of your coverage period while visiting another country.

You may return to your country of origin for a temporary visit prior to your expiry date and your coverage will resume with no additional premium once you return to Canada providing you remain eligible. The premium for the number of days of your temporary visit will not be refunded or reissued. Any medical condition for which symptoms were present or you received medical treatment during a temporary visit is not covered.

## 6. Extending Your Coverage

If you wish to remain in Canada beyond the expiry date of this policy, you may purchase a new policy subject to the policy terms, conditions and premium schedule in effect at the time the new policy is requested. The cost of additional days of insurance will be calculated using your age on the effective date of the new policy provided that:

- a) you remain eligible for insurance;
- b) you have not experienced any changes in your health since your effective date or arrival date;
- the request for the new policy is received prior to the expiry date of *your* coverage;
- d) the required premium is paid.

Each policy is considered a separate contract subject to all limitations and exclusions.

Note: The minimum premium is \$20 per policy.

#### 7. Automatic Extension of Coverage

Upon notifying the *Assistance Company*, coverage will extend automatically, without additional premium, for up to 5 days if *you* or *your travel companion's* stay is prolonged beyond the expiry date due to one of the following reasons, whichever is earlier:

- You or your travel companion must delay your scheduled return to your country of origin because you or your travel companion are deemed medically unfit to travel by the insurer; or
- b) You or your travel companion are hospitalized due to an emergency on the expiry date indicated on the confirmation of insurance. Coverage will remain in force as long as you or your travel companion are hospitalized and the 5-day extension will commence upon the date of release from hospital.

Note: All claims incurred after the expiry date of *your* insurance policy must be supported by documented proof of the event resulting in *your* delayed return. This benefit does not include costs associated with flight change.

# **BENEFITS**

The *insurer* will reimburse the *reasonable and customary* costs for eligible expenses described in this section that are incurred as the result of a covered *emergency* up to the coverage limit, subject to all policy limitations, exclusions and provisions. However, certain expenses, as specified below, are covered only with the prior approval of the *Assistance Company*.

#### 1. Hospital Accommodation:

- a) Charges up to the semi-private room rate charged by the hospital. If medically necessary, expenses for treatment in an intensive care or coronary care unit are also covered.
- b) Emergency-room fees.
- Emergency out-patient services provided by a hospital when medically necessary.
- Medical Services: Medical treatment by a legally licensed physician, surgeon, anaesthetist or registered graduate nurse (other than an immediate family member of the insured person).
- 3. <u>Diagnostic Services</u>: Laboratory tests and x-rays that are ordered by the attending *physician* and that are part of the *emergency medical treatment*. This policy does not cover magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), cardiac catheterization, computerized axial tomography (CAT) scans, digital x-rays, sonograms or ultrasounds and biopsies unless such services are approved in advance by the *Assistance Company*.
- 4. Prescriptions: Drugs, including injectable drugs and sera, that can only be obtained upon medical prescription, that are prescribed by a physician and that are supplied by a licensed pharmacist when medically necessary for emergency medical treatment, except when needed to stabilize a chronic condition or a medical condition which an insured person had before the trip.

This benefit is limited to a 30-day supply per prescription.

- 5. Private Duty Nurse: Up to \$10,000 when approved in advance by the Assistance Company and prescribed by an attending physician for the professional services of a registered private duty nurse (other than by an immediate family member) as the result of a covered emergency when medically necessary and while hospitalized or in lieu of hospitalization.
- Paramedical Services: When approved in advance by the Assistance Company the costs incurred for the services (including x-rays) of a licensed chiropractor, physiotherapist, podiatrist, osteopath or acupuncturist to a maximum of \$500 per insured person, per profession listed above.
- Dental: When performed by a legally qualified dentist or oral surgeon, emergency dental treatment:
  - up to \$5,000 to repair or replace whole or sound natural teeth or permanently attached artificial teeth damaged as a result of an accidental blow to the face; and
  - up to \$500 for relief of pain caused other than by a blow to the face and for which you have not previously received treatment or advice

Treatment must be initiated within 48 hours from the time the *emergency* began and be completed no later than 90 days after treatment began and before *your* expiry date or *you* return to *your* country of origin.

- Medical Appliances: When approved in advance by the Assistance Company and prescribed by the attending physician
  - minor appliances such as crutches, casts, splints, canes, slings, trusses, braces, walkers; and/or
  - the temporary rental of a hospital-type bed, wheelchair, iron lung or other durable equipment for therapeutic treatment, not exceeding the purchase price.
- Follow-up Visits: When approved in advance by the Assistance Company, up to 3 follow-up visits, provided they are directly related to your emergency and occur within 14 days of your emergency medical treatment.
- Ambulance Services: Licensed ground ambulance service (includes taxi fare in lieu of ambulance) to the nearest medical facility in an emergency.
- 11. <u>Transportation to Bedside</u>: When approved in advance by the *Assistance Company* single round-trip economy airfare plus up to \$150 per day to a maximum of \$1,500 for the cost of meals and commercial accommodation for one person of *your* choice to:
  - a) be with the insured person if the insured person is travelling alone and has been hospitalized as the result of a covered emergency. To be payable, this benefit requires that the insured person eventually be hospitalized as an in-patient for at least 3 consecutive days and that the attending physician provide written certification that the situation was serious enough to warrant the visit: or
  - identify the deceased insured person prior to the release of the body, where necessary.
- 12. <u>Hospital Allowance</u>: Up to \$150 per day to a maximum \$1,500 for incidental expenses billed by the *hospital* such as telephone, television or internet charges while you are *hospitalized* for at least 48 hours.
- 13. Emergency Air Transportation: When approved and arranged in advance by the Assistance Company:
  - a) air ambulance to the nearest appropriate medical facility or to a Canadian hospital or to a hospital in your country of origin for immediate emergency medical treatment;
  - transport on a licensed airline with an attendant (when required) for your emergency return to your country of origin or your province or territory of residence in Canada for immediate medical attention;
  - the fare for additional seats to accommodate a stretcher to return you to your country of origin or your province or territory of residence in Canada;
  - up to the cost of a one-way economy airfare to return your travel companion and any dependent children travelling with you on your trip and the cost of a round trip economy airfare on a commercial flight for an escort if the airline requires that dependent children be escorted;
  - up to the cost of a one-way economy airfare to return you to your country of origin or your province or territory of residence in Canada.
- 14. Meals and Accommodation: When approved in advance by the Assistance Company, up to \$150 per day, to an overall maximum of \$1,500 for your commercial accommodation, meals, essential telephone calls, internet fees, bus or taxi fare or rental car in lieu and child care costs for your dependents up to age 18 (excluding child care provided by an immediate family member), if, upon a physician's advice:
  - a) you or your travel companion are hospitalized on the date you are scheduled to return to your country of origin or place of residence in Canada; or
  - b) you or your travel companion are transferred to a different hospital in another city for emergency medical treatment.

The fact that an *insured person* is unable to travel must be certified by the attending *physician* and claims must be supported with original receipts from commercial organizations.

- 15. <u>Repatriation of Remains</u>: In the event of *your* death as a result of covered *accident* or unforeseen *sickness*:
  - up to \$10,000 toward the actual cost incurred for the preparation of remains and transportation (including a standard shipping container) to your country of origin; or
  - b) up to \$10,000 for cremation and/or burial at the place of death, including the cost of a casket or urn.

The cost of the funeral is not covered.

- 16. Return and Escort of Children: When approved and arranged in advance by the Assistance Company, up to economy airfare to return accompanying dependent children to the departure point in the event that you are hospitalized as an inpatient for more than 24 hours or returned to your country of origin under the Emergency Air Transportation or Repatriation of Remains benefits. The insurer will also pay for an escort to accompany the dependent children.
- 17. Return of Vehicle: When approved and arranged in advance by the Assistance Company, up to a maximum of \$1,000 for the cost of returning your vehicle or rental vehicle to your place of residence or the nearest commercial rental agency if as a result of a covered emergency, you are unable to return your vehicle or rented vehicle.

The following optional benefits apply only if *you* have selected and paid for the Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit as shown on *your* confirmation of insurance.

18. <u>Accidental Death & Dismemberment</u>: The *insurer* agrees to pay up to \$100,000, for loss of life, limb or sight of an *insured person* resulting directly from accidental *injury* occurring during the coverage period, except while boarding, riding in, or alighting from an aircraft.

Benefits are payable according to the following schedule:

- a) 100% of sum insured resulting from the same accidental injury for loss of:
  - i. life; or
  - ii. entire sight of both eyes; or
  - iii. both hands; or
  - iv. both feet; or
  - v. one hand and entire sight of one eye; or
- vi. one foot and entire sight of one eye.
- 50% of sum insured resulting from the same accidental injury for loss of:
  - i. entire sight of one eye; or
  - ii. one hand; or
  - iii. one foot.

Loss of hand or hands, or foot or feet means severance through or above the wrist joint or ankle joint, respectively.

Loss of eye or eyes means total and irrecoverable loss of the entire sight.

Only one amount is payable (the largest) if you suffer more than one of these losses.

## **Exposure and Disappearance**

If you are exposed to the elements or disappear as a result of an accident, a loss will be covered if:

- a) as a result of such exposure, *you* suffer one of the losses specified in the schedule of losses above; or
- b) your body has not been found within 52 weeks from the date of the accident. It will be presumed, subject to evidence to the contrary, that you suffered loss of life.
- 19. Flight Accident: Up to \$50,000 in case of death of an insured person as a result of an injury sustained during the coverage period while travelling as a fare-paying passenger on a commercial airline. If the total claims for the same accident exceed \$300,000, the insurer's liability for that accident is limited to \$300,000 which will be shared proportionately among all claimants involved in the same accident and who are covered under all policies underwritten by the insurer.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

This policy does not cover losses or expenses related in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to any of the following:

- Any sickness, injury or medical condition that existed or for which you
  experienced symptoms or received medical treatment prior to your
  effective date
- Expenses related to a sickness or injury that would have caused an ordinarily prudent person to seek medical treatment, advice, diagnosis or care during the 90-day period immediately prior to the effective date.
- Any sickness or injury which occurred prior to the effective date of your policy when coverage has been extended after your arrival in Canada
- Any costs incurred outside of Canada which exceeds the duration allowed under a temporary visit.
- Any medical treatment that is not emergency medical treatment for the immediate relief of acute pain and suffering, including any elective or cosmetic surgery or treatment.
- Any costs incurred due to your travelling against the advice of a physician
  or any loss resulting from your sickness or medical condition that was
  diagnosed by a physician as a terminal illness prior to the effective date.
- Any medical treatment which can reasonably be delayed until you
  return to your country of origin by the next available means of
  transportation, whether you intend to or not.
- Any medical treatment of an ongoing condition, regular care of a chronic condition, home health care, investigative testing, rehabilitation, convalescent or ongoing care or medical treatment of an acute sickness and/or injury after the initial emergency has ended.
- 9. Non-compliance with any prescribed medical treatment or therapy.
- Expenses incurred whereby this policy was purchased specifically to obtain medical treatment outside your country of origin, whether or not recommended by your attending physician.
- 11. Any medical treatment in your country of origin.
- 12. Any claims for sickness, injury, losses or damages arising directly or indirectly from any sickness, injury, loss or damage, fear or threat (whether actual or perceived) related to one or more of Diseases and Infections of Global Concern identified in the Definitions section of this policy whether acquired within Canada, external to Canada, or in an international jurisdiction.
- Transplants including, but not limited to, cornea or organ transplants or bone marrow transplants, artificial joints, prosthetic devices or implants including any associated charges.
- 14. The replacement of an existing prescription whether by reason of loss, unless otherwise specified elsewhere in this policy, renewal or inadequate supply or the purchase of drugs and medications (including vitamins) which are commonly available without a prescription or which are not legally registered and approved in Canada or which are not required as a result of an emergency.
- Loss or damage to hearing devices, eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses, or prosthetic teeth, limbs or devices and resulting prescription thereof.
- 16. Routine pre-natal care; *your* pregnancy, miscarriage or childbirth or complications thereof occurring in the 9 weeks before or after the expected delivery date.
- For children under 2 years of age any sickness or medical condition resulting from or related to a congenital defect.
- 18. Expenses for any benefit or medical treatment that requires prior approval by the Assistance Company if such approval was not provided, except in extreme circumstances where such medical treatment is performed on an emergency basis immediately upon admission to hospital to resolve a life-threatening emergency.

- A disorder, disease, condition or symptom that is emotional, psychological or mental in nature unless the *insured* is *hospitalized*.
- 20. Loss, death or *injury*, if at the time of the loss, death or *injury*, evidence supports that *you* were affected by, or the medical condition causing the loss was in any way contributed to by the use of alcohol, prohibited drugs or any other intoxicant.
- 21. Committing or attempting to commit an illegal act or a criminal act.
- 22. Suicide, attempted suicide or self-inflicted injury.
- 23. Rock or mountain climbing, hang gliding, parachuting, bungee jumping, or skydiving; participation in any motorized race or speed contest; participation in any sport as a professional athlete (for which the insured person is remunerated) or scuba diving (except if certified by an internationally recognized and accepted program such as NAUI or PADI, or if diving depth does not exceed 30 metres).
- 24. Death or *injury* sustained while operating or learning to operate any aircraft as pilot or crew.
- 25. Travel to, from or through any country, region or city for which, prior to your departure date, the Canadian Government, or any department thereof, has issued a warning to avoid all travel or to avoid non-essential travel during the time of your trip if the loss is the result of the reason for which the warning was issued.
- War, invasion, act of a foreign enemy, declared or undeclared hostilities, civil war, riot, rebellion, revolution or military power or your unlawful visit in any country.
- Contamination resulting from radioactive material or nuclear fuel or waste or the release of weapon(s) of mass destruction (nuclear, chemical or biological).
- 28. Service in, or training for, the armed forces, national guard or organized reserve corps of any country or international authority.

# The following additional exclusions are also applicable to the Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefits

- Mental incapacity whether the loss or claim results directly or indirectly from a disorder, disease, condition or symptom that is emotional, psychological or mental in nature.
- 30. Sustained while the *insured* is undergoing the medical or surgical treatment of any *sickness*, *injury* or medical condition.
- Stroke or cerebrovascular condition, cardiovascular condition including, but not limited to, myocardial infarction or heart attack, coronary thrombosis and aneurysm.
- 32. Travel or flight in or on (including getting in or out of, or on or off of) any vehicle used for aerial navigation, if *you* are:
  - a) riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers; or
  - b) performing, learning to perform or instructing others to perform as a pilot or crew member.
- 33. Infections of any kind regardless of how contracted, except bacterial infections that are directly caused by botulism, ptomaine poisoning or an accidental cut or wound independent and in the absence of any underlying sickness, injury or medical condition including but not limited to diabetes.
- 34. An act, attempted act, or omission taken or made by *you*, or an act, attempted act or omission taken or made with *your* consent, for the purposes of interrupting the blood flow to *your* brain or to cause asphyxiation to *you*, whether with intent to cause harm or not.
- 35. Natural causes.

# **DEFINITIONS**

Certain italicized terms used in this policy are defined in this section.

**Accident** means a sudden, unforeseen, unexpected and unintentional event exclusively attributable to an external cause resulting in bodily *injury*.

**Assistance Company** means the company designated by the *insurer* to provide *emergency* assistance services.

**Country of Origin** means the country for which the *insured person* holds a passport. If the *insured person* holds more than one passport, the country of origin will be taken to mean the country that the *insured person* has declared on the application. Where a *family* is to be covered by the policy, there will be deemed to be one country of origin for the *family*, which will be the country of origin declared on the application.

**Deductible** means the amount (if applicable), in Canadian dollars, which the *insured* must pay before any remaining eligible expenses are reimbursed under this policy. The deductible applies once per *insured person*, per covered *emergency*.

**Dependent Children** means unmarried persons residing with *you* and dependent on *you* for support if *you* are their parent, grandparent or legal guardian, and on the effective date they are at least 15 days of age and:

- a) under 21 years of age; or
- b) under 26 years of age and a full-time student; or
- c) have a mental or physical impairment.

Diseases and Infections of Global Concern means any one or more of: African Tick-Bite Fever, African Trypanosomiasis, Avian Flu, Bird Flu, Murray Valley Encephalitis Virus, Chagas Disease, Chikungunya, Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), Cholera, Dengue, Ebola, Ebola virus disease, Hendra virus infection, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Hepatitis E, Japanese Encephalitis, Lassa fever, Leptospirosis, Marburg virus disease, Meningococcal Meningitis, MERS-CoV, Monkey Pox, Malaria of any kind, Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), Nipah virus infection, Plague, Polio, Polio virus of any kind, Rift Valley Fever, Ross River virus disease, SARS-CoV-1, Schistosomiasis, Tick-borne Encephalitis, Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis of any kind, Tularaemia or Tullaraemia, West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever or Zika.

**Emergency** means an unexpected and unforeseen *sickness* or *injury* occurring during the coverage period for which *you* require immediate *medical treatment* for the relief of acute pain or suffering occurring while on a covered *trip* and that such *medical treatment* cannot be delayed until *your* return to *your country of origin*, whether *you* intend to or not. An emergency no longer exists when *you* are declared medically fit to travel by the Medical Director of the *Assistance Company* and no further benefits are payable in respect of the medical condition which caused the emergency.

**Family** means you and/or your spouse up to age 70 and your dependent children when your names appear on the application or confirmation of insurance. Coverage dates must be the same for all family members. All family members must live at the same address while in Canada.

**Government Health Insurance Plan** means the health care coverage provided by Canadian federal, provincial and territorial governments to their residents.

Hospital means an institution which is designated as a hospital by law; which is continuously staffed by one or more *physicians* available at all times; which continuously provides nursing services by graduate registered nurses; which is primarily engaged in providing diagnostic services and medical and surgical treatment of a *sickness* and/or *injury* in the acute phase, or active treatment of a chronic condition; which has facilities for diagnosis, major surgery and *in-patient* care. The term hospital does not include convalescent, nursing, rest or skilled nursing facilities, whether separate from or part of a regular general hospital, or a facility operated mainly as a clinic, extended or palliative care facility, rehabilitation facility, addiction treatment centre or health spa.

**Hospitalization** or **Hospitalized** means an *insured* occupies a *hospital* bed for more than 24 hours for *medical treatment* and for whom admission was recommended by a *physician* when *medically necessary*.

Immediate Family Member means the *spouse*, natural or adopted child, step-child, parent, step-parent, legal guardian, legal ward, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, in-law, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew of the *insured person*.

**Injury** means an unexpected and unforeseen harm to the body that is caused by an *accident*, sustained by an *insured person* during the coverage period and that requires *emergency* treatment that is covered by this policy.

**Insured, Insured Person** means any eligible person named on the application and confirmation of insurance for whom the required premium has been paid.

**Insurer** means Berkley Insurance Company, which provides this insurance. **In-patient** means a patient who occupies a *hospital* bed for more than 24 hours for *medical treatment* and for whom admission was recommended by a *physician* when *medically necessary*.

**Medical Treatment** means any reasonable procedure which is medical, therapeutic or diagnostic in nature, which is *medically necessary* and which is prescribed by a *physician*. Medical treatment includes *hospitalization*, basic investigative testing, surgery, prescription medication (including prescribed as needed) or other treatment directly related to the *sickness*, *injury* or symptom.

**Medically Necessary**, in reference to a given service or supply, means such service or supply:

- is appropriate and consistent with the diagnosis according to accepted community standards of medical practice;
- b) is not experimental or investigative in nature;
- c) cannot be omitted without adversely affecting the condition of the *insured* person or quality of medical care;
- d) cannot be delayed until the *insured person* returns to his/her *country* of origin.

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

**Physician** means a medical practitioner who is registered and licensed to practice in accordance with the regulations applying in the jurisdiction where the person practices. A physician must be a person other than the *insured person* or an *immediate family member*.

**Reasonable and Customary Costs** means costs that are incurred for approved, covered medical services or supplies that do not exceed the standard fee of other providers of similar standing in the same geographical area, for the same treatment of a similar *sickness* and/or *injury*.

**Sickness** means a sudden and unforeseen disease or disorder of the body which results in loss during the coverage period. The sickness must be sufficiently serious to prompt a reasonably prudent person to consult a *physician* for the purpose of *medical treatment*.

**Spouse** means the person to whom the *insured* is legally married or with whom the *insured* has been living with in a common-law relationship for at least the last 12 months.

**Sum Insured** means the maximum sum payable (\$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000) that *you* have selected at the time of purchase and paid for, or that applies to a given insurance coverage.

**Temporary Visit** means travel to a country outside of Canada as part of *your* covered *trip* which does not exceed:

- a) 49% of your covered trip's duration; and
- b) 30 days if it originates and terminates in Canada; or
- c) 7 days if it originates or terminates in Canada

**Terminal Illness** means the *insured person* has a condition that is cause. for the *physician* to estimate that the *insured person* has less than 6 months to live.

**Travel Companion** means someone who shares travel arrangements with *you* up to a maximum of 3 people.

**Trip** means the period between the effective and expiry date shown on *your* confirmation of insurance.

You, Your, Yourself means the insured person.

# **LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

# **Notification to Assistance Company**

The Assistance Company must approve in advance any surgery, invasive procedure, diagnostic testing or treatment (including, but not limited to, cardiac catheterization), prior to the insured undergoing such surgery, procedure, testing or treatment. It remains your responsibility to inform your attending physician to call the Assistance Company for approval, except in extreme circumstances where such action would delay surgery required to resolve a life-threatening medical crisis.

In the event of a medical *emergency, you* must notify the *Assistance Company* within 24 hours of admission to a *hospital* and before any surgery is performed.

If you fail to do so without reasonable cause, then the *insurer* will pay 80% of the claim payable to a maximum of \$25,000. You will be responsible for any expenses that are not payable by the *insurer*.

#### **Limitation of Benefits**

Once the *insured person* is deemed medically stable to return to their *country of origin* or by virtue of discharge from a medical facility, the *emergency* will be deemed to have ended, whereupon any further consultation, treatment, recurrence or complication related to the *emergency* will no longer be eligible for coverage under this policy.

#### **Inability to Obtain Medical Records**

In the event that the *insurer* is unable to obtain medical records from *your* 

country or origin your medical history will be based on information developed from your attending physician's report, medical examination or other sources of pertinent information.

#### **Availability and Quality of Care**

Neither the *insurer* nor the *Assistance Company* shall be responsible for the availability or quality of any *medical treatment* (including the results thereof) or the failure of the *insured person* to obtain *medical treatment* during the coverage period.

#### **Medical Transfer or Repatriation**

The Assistance Company on behalf of the insurer reserves the right, as reasonably required and at its expense, to transfer you to any hospital or to transport you to Canada or your country of origin following an emergency.

If you refuse to be transferred or transported when declared medically fit to travel by the Medical Director of the Assistance Company, any continuing costs incurred after your refusal will not be covered and the payment of such costs becomes your sole responsibility. Coverage ceases upon your refusal and no coverage will be provided to you for the remainder of the coverage period.

#### Limitation of Assistance Services

The Assistance Company reserves the right to suspend, curtail or limit services in any area or country in the event that war, political instability or hostility renders the area inaccessible by the Assistance Company. The Assistance Company will use its best efforts to provide services during any such occurrence.

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION FEES**

#### 1. Premium Refunds

The following fees will be deducted from any eligible refund if *you* cancel *your* policy for any of the reasons stated.

a) Denial of travel visa prior to the effective date	No Fee
b) Any reason prior to departure (other than a)	\$250
c) Prior to expiry to return to Country of Origin	\$50
d) Prior to expiry and remaining in Canada	\$250

#### 2. Date Changes

A fee of \$50 may be applied to any requests for a change of dates, other than a policy extension.

#### AGGREGATE LIMIT

The total aggregate limit for all losses resulting from any one incident under all travel insurance policies underwritten by the *insurer* is \$20,000,000 CAD.

#### **APPLICABLE LAW**

The relationships to which this contract of insurance applies shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the province of Ontario

The relationship between the *insurer* and the *insured person* is governed by the law of the Canadian province or territory of residence of the *insured person*. Any legal proceeding by the *insured person*, his/her heirs or assigns shall be brought in the courts of the Canadian province or territory of residence of the *insured person*.

The *insurer* will not be liable to provide any coverage or make any payment hereunder if to do so would be in violation of any sanctions law or regulation which would expose Berkley Canada, its parent company or its ultimate controlling entity to any penalty under any sanctions law or regulation.

### CURRENCY

All sums payable under this policy are in Canadian currency unless otherwise indicated.

# LIMITATION OF ACTIONS

Every action or proceeding against an *insurer* for the recovery of insurance money payable under the contract is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act or any other applicable legislation.

# MISREPRESENTATION AND NON-DISCLOSURE

The entire coverage under this policy shall be voidable if the *insurer* determines, whether before or after loss, that the *insured person* has concealed, misrepresented or failed to disclose any material fact or circumstance concerning this policy or his interest therein, or if the *insured person* refuses to disclose information or to permit the use of such information, pertaining to any of the *insured persons* under this policy. Consequently, and following a loss, no claim shall be payable by the *insurer* and the *insured person* shall be solely responsible for all expenses relating to his claim, including medical repatriation costs.

#### MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If your age has been misstated to the *insurer*, the coverage and/or premium may be adjusted in accordance with the correct age as of the date you applied for coverage to become effective. Any premium adjustment is payable upon receipt of a premium notice.

#### **NO ASSIGNMENT**

Any benefits payable or which may become payable under this policy cannot be assigned by *you*. The *insurer* is not responsible for and will not be bound by any assignment entered into by *you*. In the event of an assignment, *you* agree to defend and indemnify the *insurer* in respect of any dispute regarding benefits payable or which may become payable as a consequence of an assignment.

#### OTHER INSURANCE

This insurance is a second payor plan. For any loss or damage insured by, or for any claim payable under any other liability, group or individual basic or extended health insurance plan, or contracts including any private or provincial or territorial auto insurance plan providing *hospital*, medical, or therapeutic coverage, or any other insurance in force concurrently herewith, amounts payable hereunder are limited to those covered benefits incurred outside *your country of origin* that are in excess of the amounts for which an *insured person* is insured under such other coverage.

You may not claim or receive in total more than 100% of the loss caused by the insured event.

#### **OVERPAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

Nothing in this policy will prevent the *insurer* from recovering from the person or organization to which such payment has been made any overpayment of benefit, irrespective of the cause of such overpayment.

#### PREMIUM PAYMENT

The required premium is due and payable at the time of application and will be determined according to the rate schedule then in effect. The minimum premium is \$20 per policy. Premium rates, policy terms and conditions are based on *your* age as of the effective date. If the premium paid is insufficient for the coverage selected, the *insurer* will charge and collect any underpayment. Coverage will be null and void if the premium is not received, if a cheque is not honoured for any reason, if credit card charges are invalid or if no proof of *your* payment exists.

## PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

The *insurer* places great importance on the protection of *your* privacy. *Your* personal information will be collected, used and disclosed only for the purpose of providing *you* with the insurance services *you* requested. This information remains confidential, as is required under applicable federal and provincial laws. In the event of a claim, the *Assistance Company* and the *insurer* may collect *your* personal health information held by a third party. This information may be released to employees of the *Assistance Company* and the *insurer* for claims analysis and to better serve *you*.

In no case will the *insurer* release this information to any person or organization that is not clearly entitled to it without first seeking *your* consent. For details of the *insurer*'s privacy policy please see:

# www.berkleycanada.com/privacy

# COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

If an *insured* has a complaint or inquiry, the *insured* may communicate their complaint or inquiry in writing to our Ombudsperson:

Berkley Canada

1000-145 King Street West Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2H2

Email: <a href="mailto:ombudsman@berkleycanada.com">ombudsman@berkleycanada.com</a>

#### **REFUNDS**

Other than as provided under the 10 Day Right to Examine, if termination of this policy is requested a pro-rata refund will be provided for unused days of coverage provided no claim has been made or will be made, subject to an Administration Fee.

Note: Requests for refunds must be received in writing by your broker or sales agent no later than 60 days from the date you became eligible and/or covered under a government health insurance plan, or the date of your early return, or the expiry date of your policy. Once your broker or sales agent receives satisfactory proof (e.g. airline ticket/boarding pass, customs/immigration stamp), of your early return, or proof of the date you became eligible and/or covered under a government health insurance plan, your refund will be calculated from that date, otherwise calculation of such refunds will be based on the postmarked date of your written request.

A request for a premium refund will be considered only if no claim has been paid or is pending. No refund will be issued if the amount of premium to be reimbursed is less than \$20 per policy.

#### SUBROGATION

If an insured person suffers a loss covered under this policy, the insurer is granted the right from the insured person to take action to enforce all the insured person's rights, powers, privileges, and remedies, to the extent of benefits paid under this policy, against any person, legal person or entity which caused such loss. Additionally, if "no fault" benefits or other collateral sources of payment of medical expenses are available to the insured person, regardless of fault, the insurer is granted the right to make demand for, and recover, those benefits. If the insurer institutes an action it may do so at its own expense, in the name of the insured person, and the insured person will attend at the place of loss to assist in the action, in addition to providing the insurer all information, cooperation and assistance as the insurer may reasonably require. If the insured person institutes a demand or action for a covered loss, the insured person shall immediately notify the insurer so that the insurer may safeguard its rights. The insured person shall take no action after a loss that will impair the rights of the insurer set forth in this paragraph and shall do all such things as are necessary to secure such rights.

# STATUTORY CONDITIONS (GENERAL CONDITIONS IN QUEBEC)

Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, this contract is subject to the Statutory Conditions in the Insurance Act respecting contracts of accident insurance.

#### THE CONTRACT

The application, this policy, any document attached to this policy when issued and any amendment to the contract agreed on in writing after this policy is issued constitute the entire contract and no agent has authority to change the contract or waive any of its provisions.

#### WAIVER

The *insurer* is deemed not to have waived any condition of this contract, either in whole or in part, unless the waiver is clearly expressed in writing signed by the *insurer*.

#### **COPY OF APPLICATION**

The *insurer* must, upon request, furnish to the *insured* or to a claimant under the contract a copy of the application.

#### **MATERIAL FACTS**

No statement made by the *insured* or a person insured at the time of application for the contract shall be used in defence of a claim under or to avoid the contract unless it is contained in the application or any other written statements or answers furnished as evidence of insurability.

## NOTICE AND PROOF OF CLAIM

The *insured* or a person insured, or a beneficiary entitled to make a claim, or the agent of any of them, shall,

- a) give written notice of claim to the insurer,
  - by delivery thereof, or by sending it by registered mail to the head office or chief agency of the *insurer* in the province, or
  - II. by delivery thereof to an authorized agent of the *insurer* in the province,

not later than 30 days from the date a claim arises under the contract on account of an accident, sickness or disability;

- within 90 days after the date a claim arises under the contract on account of an accident or sickness, furnish to the insurer such proof as is reasonably possible in the circumstances of:
  - the happening of the accident or the start of the sickness,
  - ii. the loss caused by the accident or sickness,
  - iii. the right of the claimant to receive payment,
  - iv. the claimant's age, and
  - v. if relevant, the beneficiary's age; and

c) if so required by the *insurer*, furnish a satisfactory certificate as to the cause or nature of the *accident*, *sickness* or disability for which claim may be made under the contract and as to the duration of such *sickness* or disability.

#### **FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE OR PROOF**

Failure to give notice of claim or furnish proof of claim within the time required by this condition does not invalidate the claim if

- the notice or proof is given or furnished as soon as reasonably possible, and in no event later than 1 year after the date of the accident or the date a claim arises under the contract on account of sickness or disability, and it is shown that it was not reasonably possible to give the notice or furnish the proof in the time required by this condition, or
- in the case of death of the person insured, if a declaration of presumption of death is necessary, the notice or proof is given or furnished no later than 1 year from the date a court makes the declaration.

#### INSURER TO FURNISH FORMS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM

The *insurer* shall furnish forms for proof of claim within 15 days after receiving notice of claim, but if the claimant has not received the forms within that time the claimant may submit his or her proof of claim in the form of a written statement of the cause or nature of the *accident*, *sickness* or disability giving rise to the claim and of the extent of the loss.

## **RIGHTS OF EXAMINATION**

As a condition precedent to recovery of insurance money under the contract,

- a) the claimant must give the *insurer* an opportunity to examine the person of the person insured when and as often as it reasonably requires while the claim is pending, and
- in the case of death of the person insured the *insurer* may require an autopsy, subject to any law of the applicable jurisdiction relating to autopsies.

## WHEN MONEYS PAYABLE

All money payable under this contract shall be paid by the *insurer* within 60 days after it has received proof of claim.

# **ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

If you require medical treatment during your trip, you must contact the Assistance Company immediately at:

1-844-879-8379 +1-416-285-1722

toll-free from Canada and the USA collect where available

email: assist@epicamericas.com

It is *your* responsibility to ensure that the *Assistance Company* has been contacted prior to receiving treatment. *Your* benefits will be limited to 80% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$25,000 if *you* fail to do so, other than in extreme circumstances when treatment is required to resolve a life-threatening medical crisis.

**Emergency Call Centre** — Professional assistance personnel are available to take *your* call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Referrals** — The Assistance Company will refer you to nearby medical providers (hospitals, clinics and physicians).

**Benefit Information** — Explanation of this policy is available to *you* and to the medical providers who are treating the *insured person*.

**Medical Consultants** — The *Assistance Company's* team of medical professionals, available 24 hours a day, will monitor the services given in the event of a serious *emergency*.

**Direct Billing** — Whenever possible, the *Assistance Company* will instruct the *hospital* or clinic to bill the *Assistance Company* directly.

**Claims Information** — The *Assistance Company* will answer any questions *you* have about the eligibility of *your* claim, standard verification procedures and the way that the benefits under this policy are administered.

# **CLAIMS**

#### **CLAIMS PROCEDURES**

The *insured person* may designate a beneficiary for the Repatriation of Remains and Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefits to receive the amount payable for his/her death. In the absence of such designation, the beneficiary shall be the estate of the *insured person*. All other benefits are payable to the *insured person*.

The *insured person* is responsible for providing all the documents outlined below and for any charges levied for these documents. To file a claim, the *insured person* must submit the following within 90 days of receipt of services payable under the policy:

- a) a fully completed claim form that will be provided by the Assistance Company upon notification of claim;
- all original itemized bills from the medical provider(s) stating the claimants full name, complete diagnosis, and dates and times of treatment;
- all original itemized bills from the service provider(s) stating the claimant's full name, complete list of services, and dates and types of services received;

- original prescription drug receipts (not cash receipts) from the pharmacist, physician or hospital showing the name of the prescribing physician, prescription number, name of preparation, date, quantity and total cost;
- a copy of your passport confirming entry into and departure from Canada. For temporary visits proof of departure from and return to Canada must be provided based on your method of travel. This could include boarding passes, airline tickets, train tickets, toll highway receipts, and gas receipt;
- additional information pertinent to the insured person's claim, as may be required by the Assistance Company after receipt of the claim;
- g) the unused portion of the insured person's air ticket to the Assistance Company, if the Emergency Air Transportation or Repatriation of Remains benefit is used.

Berkley Insurance Company reserves the right to exclude costs incurred on all invoices submitted which cannot be verified by the *insurer*.

All pertinent documents should be sent to the Assistance Company.

Epic Health Solutions 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 625 Cochrane Drive Markham, Ontario L3R 9R9 claims-tor@epicamericas.com

# **IDENTIFICATION OF INSURER**

Underwritten by:
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Toronto, Ontario M5H 1J8

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