

GSC UPDATE

Important update on travel coverage

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many Canadians' travel plans to a halt, specifically with the federal Government's global travel advisory in place since March. But, as some countries begin to re-open their borders, a portion of Canadians will start to look beyond our country in their travel plans. These remain perilous times, and while we continue to view the Government advisory as the primary guideline, we understand that some GSC plan members will make their own choices around travelling, and we firmly believe that providing them with peace of mind is the right thing to do.

In response, we are pleased to announce a significant update on travel coverage for all GSC clients with out-of-country coverage. For the period of August 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021, all **standard** GSC travel plans will include coverage for emergency medical expenses related to COVID-19, up to the existing maximums of each plan.

If your out-of-country travel coverage is under a pure ASO funding arrangement or you have an out-of-country pooling limit, we are also extending the COVID-19 coverage to your plan. Please contact your GSC account team for more information.

While we acknowledge that only some plan members will look to make travel plans for this summer and the rest of 2020, we encourage you to point those that do to the [GSC Support Centre](#) for more details on the prudent steps to take before booking/undertaking travel. This includes the importance of consulting the travel restrictions and guidelines in place at their destination before departure as well as the reporting, testing, and quarantine requirements that may be necessary upon re-entry into Canada. We will also circulate further information for plan sponsors to share, as needed, with plan members.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding during these challenging times. Stay tuned for further updates in the weeks ahead.