# TIPS 2024 SUMMER HOLIDAYS TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY

# **BEFORE YOU DEPART**

Take the time to read **your policy** and know what **you** are covered for. Pay special attention to bold words. They have a specifc meaning which is explained in the Definitions section of this **policy** on page 8. If **you** have any questions, contact **your** agent.

This **policy** covers only the specific situations, events and losses mentioned in this document and only under the conditions **we** describe.

Make sure you check your policy confirmation to confirm your benefits, coverage and limits.

This **policy** is secondary to all other sources of coverage. Any benefits payable under this **policy** are in excess of any other coverage **you** may have with any other insurance company or any other source of recovery.

# **10 DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE**

You may cancel this **policy** within **10 days** of purchase for a full refund if **you** have not departed on **your covered trip** and there is no claim in process.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

- Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. It is important that **you** read and understand **your policy** before **you** travel as **your** coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.
- Pre-existing condition exclusions may apply to medical conditions and/or symptoms that existed prior to your covered trip. Check to see how these apply in your policy and how they relate to your departure date, date of purchase or effective date.
- In the event of an **injury** or **sickness**, prior medical history may be reviewed when a claim is reported.
- This **policy** provides travel assistance and **you** are required to notify the **emergency assistance provider** prior to **treatment**. This **policy** limits benefits should **you** not contact the assistance provider within the specified time period.

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# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you do not meet the requirements listed below your insurance is void and the company's liability is limited to a refund of the premium paid:

- You must be under 61 years of age on the purchase date of this policy.
- You must not have a medical condition for which a physician has advised you against travel prior to your effective date.
- You must not have been diagnosed with a terminal sickness prior to your effective date.
- You must be insured under a valid Canadian federal, provincial or territorial government health insurance plan (GHIP) or Canadian university health insurance plan (UHIP). Otherwise the limit of coverage is \$25,000.
- Any child born during the covered trip is not entitled to coverage under this policy.
- The **policy** must be purchased prior to **your** first **departure date**.

SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM BENEFITS		
BENEFIT		BENEFIT MAXIMUM
1	TRAVEL ASSISTANCE	INCLUDED
2	EMERGENCY MEDICAL	
	HOSPITAL & MEDICAL EXPENSES	\$10,000,000
	ACCIDENTAL DENTAL	\$4,000
	EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION/RETURN HOME	\$10,000,000
	ACCOMMODATION & MEALS	\$1,750
	INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	\$250

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS**

A pre-existing condition is any medical condition, other than a minor illness, that exists prior to your effective date. Coverage is provided for a pre-existing condition if it was stable and controlled within the 60 days prior to each departure date.

Coverage is not provided for any claims arising from:

- a) a heart condition involving the taking of nitroglycerine more than once per week for the relief of angina;
- b) a lung condition treated with home oxygen or the taking of oral steroids (prednisone or prednisolone).

# PERIOD OF COVERAGE

### Effective Date – When Coverage Begins

Coverage commences the later of:

- a) The purchase date of this **policy**;
- b)12:01 a.m. June 1, 2024; or

c) The point in time when you leave your province or territory of residence on your covered trip.

### When Coverage Ends

Your coverage ends on the earlier of:

- a) The date you return to your province/territory of residence; or
  - b)11:59 p.m. September 3, 2024.

Coverage is provided for any number of trips outside **your** Canadian province/territory of residence during **your** Period of Coverage. No extensions are allowed beyond September 3, 2024.

### How Do You Become Insured

You become insured and this brochure becomes an insurance policy:

- When you are named on a completed insurance application; and
- When you pay the required premium on or before your coverage effective date.

Any child born during the **covered trip** is not entitled to coverage under this **policy**.

# TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

### When It Applies

If you require emergency medical or other help while travelling on your covered trip.

### What We Provide – 24/7

- a) Medical Assistance
- b) Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Assistance
- c) Emergency Return Home Travel Assistance
- d) Travel Arrangement Assistance
- e) Lost or Delayed Baggage or Document Assistance
- f) Legal or Translation Assistance

You will be responsible for any related charges not covered by the policy.

# What To Do When You Need Assistance

Have your policy number or policy confirmation with you at all times. You can contact our assistance provider at the telephone numbers listed below. Access is available 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. If you cannot successfully place a collect call to the **emergency assistance provider** as instructed please dial direct and submit the charges incurred to make the call along with your claim documents.

USA & Canada	1-800-334-7787	
Direct Dial Collect	1-905-667-0587	
Email: assistance@oldrepubliccanada.com		

When contacting **our** assistance provider, please provide **your** name, **your policy** number, **your** location and the nature of the **emergency**. **You** will be referred to the most appropriate service provider for **your** situation. Where a claim is payable, **we** will arrange, to the extent possible, to have any medical expenses billed directly to the **company**.

# Limitation on Emergency Assistance Provider Services

The **company** and/or **the emergency assistance provider** reserve the right to suspend, curtail or limit services in any area or country in the event of:

- rebellion, riot, military uprising, war; or
- labour disturbances, strikes; or
- nuclear **accidents**, acts of God, or refusal by the authorities in the country where assistance is required, to permit the delivery of such services.

The emergency assistance provider will use its best efforts to provide the required services during any such occurrence.

The emergency assistance provider's obligation to provide services described in this policy is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions set out in this policy. The medical professional(s) suggested or designated by the company or the emergency assistance provider to provide services according to the benefits and terms of this policy are not employees of the company or the emergency assistance provider. Therefore, neither the company nor the emergency assistance provider shall be held responsible or liable for any negligence or other acts or omissions on their part, nor for the availability, quality, quantity or results of any medical treatment or service you may receive or your failure to obtain or receive any medical treatment or service.

# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL**

### When It Applies

If you experience a medical emergency while on your covered trip.

#### What We Cover

- 1. Emergency medical expenses: as listed below and ordered or prescribed by a physician as medically necessary for diagnosis or treatment of your emergency sickness or injury:
  - a) the services of a physician, surgeon or in-hospital duty nurse;
  - b) hospital room and board charges up to the semi-private room rate. This will include expenses for a cruise ship cabin or hotel room, not already included in the cost of your covered trip, if recommended as a substitute for a hospital room for recovery of an injury or sickness;
  - c) transportation furnished by a professional ambulance company to and from a **hospital**;
  - d) up to \$50 each way if a local taxi service is required to get **you** to and from the nearest medical service provider for a minor **emergency**;
  - e) your emergency evacuation from a remote location to the nearest appropriate hospital that can provide the necessary emergency medical treatment as determined and arranged by our emergency assistance provider;
  - f) diagnostic procedures, laboratory procedures and treatment, subject to prior approval by us;
  - g) medical equipment purchased or rented for therapeutic purposes subject to prior approval by us;
  - h)prescription medications required to **treat** any **emergency medical condition** or **injury**, which are prescribed by a **physician** and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist (maximum 30 day supply).
  - i) Follow up visit: We will cover one follow up visit following emergency treatment or one follow up visit following hospital discharge for an emergency that is covered by this policy. The follow up visit must be recommended by a physician at the time of discharge and take place within the required time frame recommended for an initial follow up visit. The cost of this follow up visit is limited to \$500.

- With respect to all **emergency** medical expenses, **you** or someone acting on **your** behalf are required to immediately contact **our** 24 hour assistance line at the telephone numbers provided on page 3 of this **policy** before admission to **hospital** or within 24 hours after a life or organ-threatening **emergency**. Failure to do so will result in **you** being responsible for 30% of any eligible expenses incurred.
- The company reserves the right to return you to Canada or to your departure point before any treatment or following emergency treatment for sickness or injury, if the medical evidence obtained from our medical advisor and your local attending physician confirms you are able to return to Canada without endangering your life or health.
- If you elect not to return to Canada following the company's recommendation to do so, any further expenses related to the emergency will not be covered by this policy and all benefits will end.
- 2. Prescription drugs: up to \$50 for prescription drugs lost, stolen or damaged during your covered trip. An additional \$75 will be allowed if the services of a local physician are required to secure the replacement prescription. You must contact our emergency assistance provider.
- 3. Emergency dental: treatment ordered by a licensed dentist or dental surgeon as follows:
  - a) Up to \$4,000 will be paid for **treatment** or repair of natural or permanently attached artificial teeth which are damaged by an **injury** to the head or mouth. Continuing dental **treatment** completed within 90 days after **you** return to Canada is available provided the **treatment** is related to the **injury**. Services performed by a **family member** are not covered;

b) up to \$300 to relieve acute pain and suffering not related to an injury. Services performed by a family member are not covered.

- 4. **Emergency paramedical services**: performed by a chiropractor, chiropodist, physiotherapist, osteopath or podiatrist for **emergency treatment** up to \$300 per category of practitioner. Services performed by a **family member** are not covered.
- 5. Accommodation and meals: commercial accommodation, meals, essential telephone calls, taxi fares or rental vehicle charges incurred by you, your travelling companion, or a family member travelling with you if one of you is relocated to receive emergency medical treatment or one of you is hospitalized beyond your return date due to sickness or injury.
  - This benefit is limited to \$350 per day to a maximum of \$1,750. Original receipts and the local attending **physician's** written diagnosis of the **sickness** or **injury** must be submitted for this benefit to qualify for payment.
- 6. Medical evacuation or return home: in response to an emergency sickness or injury as follows:
  - a) the extra cost of a one way fare on a commercial airline via the most direct route to return you to your place of residence; or
  - b) the cost to accommodate a stretcher on a commercial airline via the most direct route to return **you** to **your** place of residence or to the most appropriate medical facility closest to **your** home, plus the reasonable cost of meals, accommodations and airfare expenses for a qualified medical attendant to accompany **you** if it is deemed **medically necessary**; or
  - c) air ambulance transportation when it is medically necessary.
  - Benefits must be pre-approved and arranged by **us** in consultation with **our** medical advisors, the local treating **physician** and **our emergency assistance provider** for coverage to apply. If **your** unused return travel ticket is refundable, **we** will deduct the value of the refund from the return transportation cost **we** arranged or **you** may choose to turn **your** unused return ticket over to **us**.
- 7. Bedside visit: if you are admitted to hospital for an emergency sickness or injury and the local attending physician recommends that a relative or close friend should visit at your bedside, remain with you, or accompany you home, we will reimburse the cost of a round-trip fare by the most direct route and up to \$750 for commercial accommodation and meals. We will automatically insure the accompanying family member or friend for Emergency Medical coverage under this policy until you are medically stable to return to Canada, subject to the eligibility, limitations, conditions, & exclusions of this policy.
  - These benefits are subject to prior approval by us.
- 8. Return and escort of children: this benefit is payable if you are confined to a hospital for more than 24 hours or you must return to your home because you have a medical emergency which is covered by this policy or in case of your death. We will pay for the transportation expenses incurred, up to the cost of a one way fare for the return home of any children who are accompanying you. If your child is under 18 years of age, we will also pay the extra cost of a round trip airfare via the most direct route, overnight commercial accommodation, and reasonable meal expenses for an escort to accompany your child home. If the unused return travel ticket is refundable, we will deduct the value of the refund from the return transportation cost we arranged or you may choose to turn your unused return ticket over to us.
- 9. Child care cost: if you are admitted to hospital for an emergency sickness or injury during your covered trip and need to be relocated to receive emergency medical treatment or are delayed beyond your return date, we will reimburse you up to \$50 per day to a maximum of \$500 for the professional child care cost incurred during your covered trip to care for children travelling with you.
  - Original receipts from the professional child care provider are required.

- 10. Return of travelling companion: if you must return to your departure point because of a medical emergency covered by this policy, we will reimburse you for the extra cost of a one way fare on a commercial flight via the most direct route to return your travelling companion back to your departure point. If the unused return travel ticket is refundable, we will deduct the value of the refund from the return transportation cost we arranged.
- 11. Repatriation of remains: if you die during your covered trip, we will reimburse the reasonable and customary expenses for:
  a) preparing and transporting your remains or ashes back to your departure point; or
  b) the cremation or burial of your remains at the location where death occurs, up to \$10,000.

No benefit is payable for the cost of a headstone, casket and/or funeral service expenses.

- 12. Identification of remains: if someone is legally required to identify your remains before your body is released, we will reimburse the cost of one person to travel to the place where your remains are located via a round-trip fare by the most direct route and up to \$500 for commercial accommodation and meals. We will automatically insure this person for Emergency Medical coverage under this policy for not more than 3 days until they return to Canada, subject to the eligibility, limitations, conditions, and exclusions of this policy.
  - This benefit must be pre-arranged and approved by **us**.
- 13. Vehicle return: we will pay the expenses associated with returning your vehicle to your home or your rental vehicle to the appropriate rental agency if you are unable to do so because of a medical emergency, up to \$2000. Return of commercial vehicles is not covered.
- 14. Return of baggage and personal effects: in the event of your medical evacuation or repatriation of remains arranged by the company, if there is insufficient space to accommodate your baggage and personal effects aboard the transport provided, we will reimburse you up to \$500 to cover the cost of shipping these items to your departure point.
- 15. Incidental expenses: if you are required to stay in a hospital for treatment of an emergency sickness or injury as an in-patient while on your covered trip, we will reimburse you up to \$250 for your out-of-pocket expenses such as television, wi-fi and parking charges. Original receipts (no copies) must be submitted.
- 16. **Eyeglasses replacement:** in the event **your** eyeglasses are damaged as a result of a covered **injury**, **we** will reimburse **you** up to \$200 to replace them during **your covered trip**.

#### What We Pay

You will be reimbursed for the **reasonable and customary** charges in excess of any government health insurance plan (GHIP) allowance, **your** Canadian university health insurance plan (UHIP) allowance or any private medical plan for the eligible **emergency** medical expenses listed above up to the maximum benefit amount described on the Schedule of Maximum Benefits.

If **you** have other insurance that may provide the same benefits **you** must notify **us** of that insurance, cooperate with **our** efforts to co-ordinate benefits payable by another insurer, and reimburse **us** for any payment that **we** have made that **you** receive from another insurer.

# **POLICY EXCLUSIONS**

There is no coverage and no benefits will be payable for claims resulting from:

- Any pre-existing condition or related medical condition that was not stable and controlled during the 60 day period immediately prior to your departure date or which, in the opinion of your physician, would be expected to require treatment in the foreseeable future;
- 2. Any sickness or injury resulting from:
  - a) a heart condition involving the taking of nitroglycerine more than once per week for the relief of angina within the 60 days immediately prior to **your departure date**;
  - b) a lung condition treated with home oxygen or the taking of oral steroids (prednisone or prednisolone) within the 60 days immediately prior to **your departure date**;
- 3. Expenses incurred for medical care or services where **your covered trip** was undertaken contrary to medical advice or after receiving a prognosis of a **terminal sickness**;

#### 4. Any treatment:

- a) not required for the immediate relief of acute pain and suffering;
- b) which can reasonably be delayed until you return to your province or territory of residence;

- c) for follow-up treatment, recurrence of a medical condition or subsequent emergency treatment or hospital stay for a medical condition or related medical conditions for which you had received emergency treatment during your covered trip;
- d) routine or general physical examinations, drugs or medication available without a prescription, eyeglasses or contact lenses, or services which are not **medically necessary**;
- 5. Transplants of any kind;
- 6. Unless prior approval is obtained from **us**, any **emergency** air transportation, MRI, CAT scan, surgery, cardiac procedures, including but not limited to cardiac catheterization, angioplasty or surgery;
- 7. Expenses incurred for all medical care or services including those related to an **accident** when this **policy** was purchased specifically to obtain **hospital** or medical **treatment** outside **your** province or territory of residence, whether or not recommended by a **physician**;
- 8. Any expenses related to an **injury** or **sickness** that occurred when another insurance was in force;
- 9. Expenses incurred for ongoing or recurring **medical conditions**. Once **emergency treatment** and care is completed, no further benefits for the same or related **medical conditions** will be covered;
- 10. Arthritis, cataracts, gout, varicose veins, corns, calluses and bunions or any **medical conditions** resulting from the medical care thereof;
- 11. Artificial joints within one year of any surgery;
- 12. All medical and emergency evacuation costs associated with child birth that occurs after 26 weeks gestation or voluntarily induced abortion;
- 13. All neo natal, medical care and evacuation costs related to a baby born during the covered trip;
- 14. Your mental or emotional disorders including, but not limited to stress, anxiety and depression unless admitted to hospital. This exclusion is not applicable to major psychiatric illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia and major affective mood disorders;
- 15. Any elective medical treatment;
- 16. Your use of drugs, alcohol, or any medication that results directly or indirectly in the condition causing a claim;
- 17. Any sickness or injury resulting from long term excessive consumption of alcohol or drugs;
- 18. Your attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury unless admitted to hospital;
- 19. Your participation in adventurous activities;
- 20. Your participation in organized professional sporting activities;
- 21. Driving a motorcycle, moped, or scooter, whether or not **you** are driving on publicly maintained roads, driving off-road or on private property (unless **you** hold an applicable valid Canadian driver's license);
- 22. Your riding, driving or participating in:
  - a. motorized races of speed or,
  - b. races of endurance;
- 23. Piloting an aircraft or air travel on any air supported device other than as a fare-paying passenger on a flight operated by a **common carrier**;
- 24. Fraud, concealment or deliberate misstatement in relation to any matter affecting this insurance or in connection with the making of any claim hereunder;
- 25. Your participation in a crime or malicious act;
- 26. Participation in a riot or insurrection;
- 27. War or act of war (whether declared or undeclared), invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military uprising or usurped power;
- 28. Act of terrorism by nuclear means and terrorism by dissemination of biological, chemical and or bio-chemical agents and substances;
- 29. Participation in the armed forces;
- 30. Events related to "Avoid Non-Essential Travel" and "Avoid All Travel" advisories issued by the Government of Canada prior to **your** effective date that were or continue to be in effect for any country, region or city of destination on **your covered trip**, as reflected in **your** travel itinerary;
- 31. Orbital and suborbital flights;
- 32. A condition that is directly or indirectly related to any **medical condition** for which **you** have declined or delayed recommended **treatment**, diagnostic testing or prescription medication in the 2 years prior to the date it gives rise to a claim under this **policy**;

- 33. Contamination resulting from radioactive material or nuclear fuel or waste; or
- 34. Any trip outside **your** province or territory of residence as a driver, operator, co-driver, crewmember, or passenger on any commercial vehicle used to carry goods for sale, resale or income.

# **GENERAL POLICY PROVISIONS**

Assignment of benefits: Where the company has paid expenses or benefits to you or on your behalf under this policy, the company has the right to recover, at its own expense, those payments from any applicable source or any insurance policy or plan that provides the same benefits or recoveries. This policy also allows the company to receive, endorse and negotiate eligible payments from those parties on your behalf. When the company receives payment from any Canadian provincial or territorial government health insurance plan, any other insurer, or any other source of recovery to the company, the respective payor is released from any further liability with respect to the claim.

Autopsy: In the event of your death, the company may request an examination or autopsy subject to any applicable laws relating to autopsies.

**Concealment and misrepresentation:** The entire coverage will be void, if before, during or after a loss, any **material fact** or circumstance relating to this **policy** has been concealed or misrepresented.

**Conformity with existing laws**: Any provision of this **policy** which is in conflict with any federal, provincial or territorial law where this **policy** is issued is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of that law. In all other respects, the terms and provisions of this **policy** shall apply.

Despite any other provision contained in the contract, the contract is subject to the statutory conditions in the Insurance Act respecting contracts of accident and sickness insurance.

**Contract changes:** This **policy** is a legal contract between **you** and **us**. It, including any endorsements and attached papers are the entire contract. No change in this **policy** is valid unless approved in writing by one of **our** officers. No agent has the right to change this **policy** or to waive any of its provisions.

**Coordination of benefits**: The **company** will coordinate benefits payable under this **policy** with benefits available to **you** under any other policy or plan, so that payments made under this **policy** and from all other sources will not exceed 100% of the eligible expenses incurred. Coordination of benefits will be in accordance with the Coordination of Benefits Guidelines issued by the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association with respect to Out of Country/Province Medical Expenses. However, if **you** are covered as an active or retired employee under **your** current or former employer's group health insurance plan for Extended Health Care benefits and the lifetime maximum amount is:

1. \$50,000 or less, coordination of benefits will not apply to such amount; or

2. More than \$50,000, coordination of benefits will apply only to the amount of insurance in excess of \$50,000.

**Currency**: All premiums and benefits under this **policy** are payable in Canadian currency based on a) the rate of exchange set by any chartered bank in Canada on the last date of service, or b) on the date the payment is issued to the provider of service.

Limitation of liability: The company's liability under this policy is limited solely to the payment of eligible benefits, up to the maximum amount purchased for any loss or expense. The company upon making payment under this policy does not assume any responsibility for the availability, quality, results or outcome of any treatment or service, or your failure to obtain any treatment or service covered under the terms of this policy.

Medical examination: The company reserves the right to have you medically examined in the event of a claim.

**Medical records**: In the event of a claim, **you** agree to provide access to and **we** reserve the right to review any and all medical records or documentation relating to **your** claim(s) from any licensed **physician**, dentist, medical practitioner, **hospital**, clinic, insurer, individual, institution or other provider of service relating to the validity of **your** claim.

Refund of premium: Other than the "10 Day Right to Examine" on page 1, no refunds are available.

**Right of recovery:** In the event that **you** are found to be ineligible for coverage, any benefit is paid in error, payment is made in excess of the amount allowed under the provisions of this **policy**, a claim is found to be invalid, or benefits are reduced in accordance with any **policy** provision, the **company** has the right to collect from **you** any amount which it has paid on **your** behalf to medical providers or other parties or seek reimbursement from **you**, **your** estate, any institution, insurer or person to whom the payment was made.

**Secondary coverage:** The benefits in this **policy** are secondary to those available under any other coverage **you** may have including but not limited to government health insurance, group or personal accident and sickness insurance, extended health or medical care coverage, any automobile insurance or benefits plan, homeowner, tenant or other multi-peril insurance, credit card benefit insurance and other travel insurance.

Subrogation: If you suffer a loss caused by a third party, the company has the right to subrogate your rights of recovery against the third party for any benefits payable to or on your behalf, and will, at its own expense and in your name, execute the necessary

documents and take action against the third party to recover such payments. You must not take any action or execute any documents after the loss that will prejudice the **company**'s rights to such recovery.

**Sworn statements:** We have the right to request that claims documents be sworn under oath and have you examined under oath in respect to any claim documents submitted.

# DEFINITIONS

Accident means a happening due to external, violent, sudden or fortuitous causes beyond your control which occurs during your Period of Coverage.

Act of terrorism or terrorism means the unsanctioned and illegal use of violence (excluding general civil disturbance, rioting and act of war (declared or undeclared) or the intentional release of a biological material), which caused destruction of property, injury or death for the express or implied purpose of achieving a political, ethnic or religious goal or result.

Adventurous activities means participating in any of the following: all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), bungee jumping, BASE jumping, dirt biking (off-road), hang-gliding, skiing or snowboarding in an area accessed by helicopter or outside of marked trails, hot air ballooning, mountain climbing, parachuting, paragliding, rock climbing (not mountaineering), scuba diving (unless qualified and not diving deeper than 130 feet), skydiving, any other activity not listed unless the activity is provided by a **travel supplier** that is regulated or licenced where required.

**Baggage and/or personal effects** means items or articles of necessity, adornment or for personal convenience including clothing and other personal effects worn on the person that are usually carried by travellers for their individual use while travelling.

**Children** means **your** child or grandchild who is unmarried and is travelling with **you** or who joins **you** during **your covered trip** and is either: i) under 21 years of age; ii) under 26 years of age if a full-time student; or iii) of any age who is mentally or physically handicapped.

**Common carrier** means commercial airline carrier, cruise ship, ferry, bus, train, taxi, limousine or other similar vehicle that is licensed, intended and used primarily to transport passengers for hire not including rented, leased or privately owned vehicles.

Company, we, our, us means Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

Contamination means poisoning of people by nuclear, chemical and/or biological substances that cause sickness or death.

Covered trip means trips undertaken outside your province/territory of residence during the Period of Coverage of this policy.

Departure date means the later of the date shown as such on the policy confirmation or the date you actually depart on your covered trip.

Departure point means the city, province, territory or country you depart from on your covered trip.

Effective date means the date your insurance coverage under this policy or a specific benefit of this policy begins. (See page 2)

**Emergency** means a sudden and unforeseen **medical condition** that requires immediate **treatment**. An **emergency** no longer exists when medical evidence indicates that no further **treatment** is required at **your** destination or **you** are able to return to **your** province/territory of residence for further **treatment**.

**Emergency assistance provider** provides the **emergency** service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, during **your** Period of Coverage. (See page 2)

**Family member** means **spouse**, parent, legal guardian, step-parent, grandparent, grandchild, in-laws, natural or adopted child, stepchild, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, foster child, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

Fare means the lowest single seat fare from any International Air Transportation Association carrier.

**Hospital** means an institution that is licensed, staffed and operated for the care and **treatment** of in-patients and out-patients. **Treatment** must be supervised by **physicians** and there must be registered nurses on duty 24 hours a day. Diagnostic and surgical capabilities must also exist on the premises or in facilities controlled by the establishment.

A **hospital** is not an 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.

Injury means sudden bodily damage caused by an accident during your Period of Coverage causing you to seek medical treatment.

Material fact means any fact that would cause us to decline your application for insurance or charge more premium than you have paid for the insurance policy.

Medical condition means any disease, illness or injury including symptoms of undiagnosed conditions.

Medically necessary means treatment or services that are appropriate for the relief of sickness or injury in an emergency, based on generally accepted professional medical standards.

**Minor illness** means an infection that ends 30 days prior to the **effective date** of coverage and does not require: use of medication for a period greater than 15 days; more than one follow-up visit to a **physician**; hospitalization; surgical intervention; or, consultation with a medical specialist. A chronic illness or the complication of a chronic illness is not a **minor illness**.

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

**Physician** means a person who is not **you** or **your family member** or **your travelling companion** who is legally licensed in the jurisdiction where the services are provided, to prescribe and administer medical **treatment**.

Policy means this document and your policy confirmation issued at the time the required premium has been paid.

**Policy confirmation** confirms the insurance coverage **you** have purchased indicating **your policy** number, and **your** purchase date along with a brief summary of benefits. This document forms an integral part of the **policy** contract.

Pre-existing condition means any medical condition other than a minor illness that exists prior to your effective date.

**Reasonable and customary** means charges incurred for goods and services that are comparable to what other providers charge for similar goods and services in the same geographical area.

**Recurrence** means the appearance of symptoms caused by or related to a **medical condition** which was previously diagnosed by a **physician** or for which **treatment** was previously received.

Return date means the date on which you are scheduled to return to your province/territory of residence from your covered trip.

**Sickness** means an acute illness, acute pain and suffering or disease that requires **emergency** medical **treatment** or hospitalization due to the sudden onset of symptoms during **your** Period of Coverage.

**Spouse** means the person who is legally married to **you**, or if not married to **you**, has been living in a conjugal relationship with **you** for a continuous period of at least one year.

#### Stable and controlled means a medical condition where:

- 1. there has not been any new treatment prescribed or recommended, or change(s) to existing treatment (including a stoppage in treatment); and
- 2. there has not been any change to any existing prescribed drug (including an increase, decrease, or stoppage to prescribed dosage), or any recommendation or starting of a new prescription drug. If you require a routine adjustment to the dosage of your prescription for Coumadin, Warfarin or Insulin (unless it is newly prescribed or stopped) to ensure correct blood levels are maintained, such a change is not considered an alteration in medication provided the condition remains unchanged; and
- 3. the medical condition has not become worse; and
- 4. there has not been any new, more frequent or more severe symptoms; and
- 5. there has been no hospitalization or referral to a specialist; and
- 6. there have not been any tests, investigation or **treatment** recommended, but not yet complete, nor any outstanding test results; and
- 7. there is no planned or pending **treatment**.

All of the above conditions must be met for a **medical condition** to be considered **stable and controlled**.

**Terminal sickness** means a **medical condition** from which no recovery is expected and which carries a prognosis of death within 12 months of **your effective date**.

**Travelling companion** means someone who shares travel arrangements and accommodations with **you** on **your covered trip** up to a maximum of five persons, including **you**.

**Treat, treated** or **treatment** means a procedure prescribed, performed or recommended by a **physician** for a **medical condition**. This includes but is not limited to prescribed medication, investigative testing and surgery.

You or your means a person who is eligible and named on the **policy confirmation** for insurance under this **policy** and for whom the required premium has been paid.

In this **policy**, words and terms denoting the singular shall be interpreted to mean the plural and vice versa, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

# If You Are Travelling

Contact the **emergency assistance provider** at the numbers listed on **your policy confirmation** or on page 3 of the **policy**.

# **Contact Us**

Travel Claims Department 100 King St W Suite 1100, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1A2 Toll Free in Canada & USA: English: 1-888-831-2222 French: 1-800-245-1662 Direct English: 905-523-4731 Toll Free Fax: 1-866-551-1704 Fax: 905-528-8338 Email: traveladmin@orican.com

# How To Submit A Claim

You can submit a claim directly on our website:

#### www.oldrepubliccanada.com/Claims/TIPS

by selecting Go to eClaims. You can also download a claim form from this site and send it to us at the address above.

If you have any questions, you can contact us at the numbers above.

To make a claim for benefits under this **policy**:

- Submit your claim forms as soon as is reasonably possible;
- Written proof of the claim must be submitted no later than 12 months after the date of the event or loss.

Written proof of a claim includes:

- 1. the completion of any claim forms furnished by the company;
- 2. original receipts;
- 3. a written report, complete with the diagnosis by the attending **physician**, if applicable; and
- 4. any other information we deem necessary to adjudicate your claim.

Original substantiating claims documentation must be provided, however, the **company** may accept certified copies if the original documentation cannot be provided for a reasonable cause. Failure to provide applicable substantiation for a claim shall invalidate any claim under this **policy**. All documents required to support or validate the claim, including English or French translations of such documents, must be provided free of expense to the **company**.

### **Claim Payments**

We will pay covered claims within 30 days of receiving all of the necessary information required to accurately assess your claim.

Benefit payments will be made to **you** or to any person or entity having a valid assignment to such benefits. In the event of **your** death, any balance remaining or benefits payable for loss of life will be paid to **your** estate, unless otherwise indicated.

### **Limitation of Action**

If **you** have a claim in dispute under this **policy**, **you** must begin any legal action or proceeding against the **company** within 24 months following the date of the event which caused 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 any legal action or proceeding within the shortest time limit permitted by the laws of that province or territory. All legal actions or proceedings must be brought in the province or territory of Canada where **you** permanently reside, or if mutually agreeable, the action can be brought in the province where the head office of the **company** is located.

# PRIVACY

The **company** is committed to protecting **your** privacy. Collecting personal information about **you** is essential to **our** ability to offer **you** high-quality insurance products and service. The information provided by **you** will only be used for determining **your** eligibility for coverage under the **policy**, assessing insurance risks, managing and adjudicating claims and negotiating or settling payments to third parties. This information may also be shared with third parties, such as other insurance companies, health organizations and government health insurance plans to adjudicate and process any claim. In the event that **we** must share **your** information with a third party who conducts business outside of Canada, there is a possibility that this information could be obtained by the government of the country in which the third party conducts business. **We** take great care to keep **your** personal information accurate, confidential and secure.

**Our** privacy policy sets high standards for collecting, using, disclosing and storing personal information. If **you** have any questions about the **company's** privacy policy, please visit <u>www.orican.com/privacy</u>, or contact **our** Privacy Officer at <u>privacy@orican.com</u> or 1-800-530-5446.

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Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada is a proud member of THiA; and our collective goal is to ensure every claim submitted has the opportunity to be paid. The industry has come together and designed the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities to deliver a clear statement as to what you can expect from your travel insurance policies along with responsibilities you have when purchasing travel insurance. The Travel Insurance Bill of Rights and Responsibilities builds upon the following golden rules of travel insurance:

- Know your health
- Know your trip
- Know your policy
- Know your rights

Everyone deserves a carefree trip and the Bill of Rights and Responsibilities will help provide all travelling Canadians with additional confidence in their travel insurance purchase knowing their company is supporting their rights as a consumer and making them aware of their responsibilities.

