



TO: Mayor/Chair and Council/Board

CC: Benefits Administrator

FROM: Anna-Maria Wijesinghe

Manager, Member and Association Services

**RE:** Group Insurance For Elected Officials

UBCM offers comprehensive group insurance coverage to all local government staff and elected officials in British Columbia. Historically, UBCM has offered group insurance benefits to elected officials and a number of our members have taken advantage of these benefits. With local government elections approaching, we wanted to remind members about this offer and provide details of the coverage and enrolment process as described below.

#### **COVERAGE OFFERED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

The following is information about the procedures for enrollment in the UBCM Group Benefits Plan for Elected Officials offered by our current carrier, Pacific Blue Cross/ BC Life:

#### A) Available Benefits

Elected officials who meet the eligibility requirements may now participate in the following benefits:

- Extended Health Care
- Dental
- Employee and Family Assistance Plan (EFAP)
- Optional Life Insurance
- Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment

(Elected Officials are excluded from participating in Group Life, Dependent Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Short Term and Long Term Disability and Critical Illness because these benefits are based on salary earned while employed.)

#### B) Eligibility

There must be a minimum of three (3) elected official applicants in your local government to enroll. Applications made by local governments that do not currently have their staff benefit plans under the UBCM Group Benefits Plan will be reviewed for consideration.

#### C) Benefit Provisions & Costs

#### 1. Extended Health and Dental

For those local governments that have their staff benefits through the UBCM Group Benefits Plan, there is the option to provide your elected officials with the same level of benefits/plan design that you provide to your non-union staff for Extended Health and Dental. Under this approach, the existing group rates for the non-union staff plan would apply.

If you do not have staff benefits under the UBCM Group Benefits Plan, or you do not wish to provide the same level of benefits to Elected Officials, then you can choose a standard package. The standard package cost and benefit limits include:

#### a. Standard Extended Health Benefit Plan (Standard EHB):

- 80% reimbursement of eligible expenses
- Lifetime maximum of \$50,000
- \$25 per year single or family deductible
- 60 day trip duration
- Premium of \$46.73 per month for single coverage and \$105.13 per month for couple/family coverage

#### b. Enhanced Extended Health Benefit Plan (Enhanced EHB):

- 80% reimbursement of eligible expenses
- Lifetime maximum of \$50,000
- \$25 per year single or family deductible
- 60 day trip duration
- Vision Care to a maximum of \$300 every two years
- \$100 every two years for eye exams
- \$300 per year for each covered practitioner (acupuncture, chiropractic, naturopath, physiotherapy, massage, podiatry, speech and psychologist)
- Premium of \$57.10 per month for single coverage and \$128.46 per month for couple/family coverage

#### c. Dental:

- 80% reimbursement of Plan A "Routine" expenses
- 50% reimbursement of Plan B "Major Restorative" expenses
- No annual maximum on Plan A or B
- Premium of \$49.94 per month for single coverage and \$129.57 per month for couple/family coverage

#### 2. Employee and Family Assistance Plan (EFAP):

- Premium of \$3.50 per month for single coverage and family coverage
- Employee and Family Assistance plan, delivered through a partner, Homewood Health, services provided include telephone assessment, consultation, resources, support, advice and coaching on a full range of issues faced by individuals, parents, families, teens and young adults throughout their lives.
- <a href="https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/group/group-efap.aspx">https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/group/group-efap.aspx</a>

#### 3. Optional Life Insurance:

Optional Group Life may be purchased in multiples of \$10,000 or \$25,000. However, only one multiple can be chosen and will apply to everyone in the group purchasing the optional group life coverage. **A rate sheet is attached**.

#### 4. Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D):

BC Life's Optional AD&D provides added financial security should one be faced with accidental death, accidental dismemberment of part or all of a limb, or loss of sight, hearing or speech. The monthly cost of this benefit is **\$0.055 per \$1,000 of coverage**.

#### D) Enrollment

Once you have the minimum three Elected Officials wanting to enroll they must register as a group and choose **one** of the following combinations of coverage:

Option 1: Standard EHB <u>and</u> Dental benefits
Option 2: Enhanced EHB <u>and</u> Dental benefits

Option 3: Option 1 (Standard EHB & Dental) <u>and</u> EFAP
Option 4: Option 2 (Enhanced EHB & Dental) <u>and</u> EFAP

Option 5: Either the optional life and/or optional AD&D benefits (applications can

be made independent of one another)

Option 6: A combination of option (1) and (5)
Option 7: A combination of option (2) and (5)
Option 8: A combination of option (3) and (5)
Option 9: A combination of option (4) and (5)

Each elected official will need to fill out the attached enrollment form with the same options.

For those local governments that have their staff benefits through the UBCM Group Benefits Plan, the elected officials will be added as a separate class to your existing contract/policy.

Enrollment for benefits must be made within four (4) months of appointment to council, therefore, the deadline for enrollment is February 28, 2019. Failure to apply within the required timeline will elicit PBC late-applicant rules (which may include providing evidence of insurability, back-billing of premiums, and/or coverage restrictions). Also, enrollment must be for the full term of office; this is to protect against abuse of the Plan.

We strongly recommended having all elected officials who do not wish to participate complete Part 6 of the application form to waive group benefits to indicate that the benefits have been offered.

It would be our preference that the payments of premiums follow the same structure as your non-union staff plans. That is, if your non-union staff plans are 100% employer paid then that arrangement should continue for Elected Officials, understanding that each local government may have different policies.

If the elected official is new or returning, please fill out the applicable attached forms to join the Plan:

- 1. Application for Group Benefits; and/or
- 2. For optional life "Application for Optional Life"
- 3. For optional AD&D "Voluntary Accidental Death & Dismemberment"

When the forms are completed please attach all the documents and include a covering letter summarizing the names of the elected officials that are applying for these benefits. Please forward all completed forms to:

Elected Officials' Benefits c/o Anna-Maria Wijesinghe Union of BC Municipalities Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

For further details regarding coverage or if you would like assistance with the enrollment of your elected officials, please contact:

Anna-Maria Wijesinghe, UBCM Nathan Roeters,

Manager, Member & Association Services Account Executive, PBC Ph: 604.270.8226 ext. 111 Ph: 604.419.2412

Email: <a href="mailto:amwijesinghe@ubcm.ca">amwijesinghe@ubcm.ca</a> Email: <a href="mailto:nroeters@pac.bluecross.ca">nroeters@pac.bluecross.ca</a>

If you are not currently participating in the UBCM Group Benefits Plan, we would encourage you to request a quote. We can provide you with information on cost savings, as well as the other advantages of participation.

#### E) Retiring Council Members or Elected Officials Not In Office

Please note that retiring council members or elected officials not currently in office should **not** remain on your benefits plans. You must inform Pacific Blue Cross/BC Life that coverage is to be terminated. **The effective date of termination will be no later than the end of December 2018.** 

Retiring council members and elected officials no longer in office have the option of converting to individual policies (within 60 days for Extended Health and Dental benefits and 31 days for Optional Life and Optional AD&D) with the advantage of not needing to provide medical evidence.

- For information on <u>individual health and dental benefits</u> available to those not on the Group Plan any longer, we would encourage you to provide the following link: <a href="https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/group/group-conversion.aspx">https://www.pac.bluecross.ca/group/group-conversion.aspx</a>. Conversion options are available for 60 days.
- For those wishing to convert to an individual life insurance policy must apply within 31 days after terminating the group coverage and if they are under the age of 65. For more information regarding conversion, members may contact BC Life at email: BCLClaimsServices@pac.bluecross.ca





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#### **APPLICATION FOR GROUP BENEFITS**

Mail: PO Box 7000	, Vancouver, BC V6B 4E	1   Drop it o	off: 4250 Canad	a Way, Burr	aby, BC   Fax: 6	504 419-2149	enrollment@	pac.blue	cross.ca
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#### TIPS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

- 1. List all your dependents (your spouse and children) even if they are waiving coverage.
- 2. You may waive Dental Care and Extended Health Care coverage if you have similar coverage under another plan. Otherwise these and other benefits may be waived if the group plan rules specifically allow you to do so.
  - If you are waiving benefits, complete Part 7 Waiver of Group Benefits.
- 3. Time limits may apply. Sign and date the application and submit it to your employer or Plan administrator as soon as possible.
- INCOMPLETE INFORMATION MAY DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION.



MAIL YOUR APPLICATION

Pacific Blue Cross PO Box 7000, Vancouver, BC V6B 4E1

Page 17 OFF 4250 Canada Way Burnaby, BC V5G 4W6

**FAX IT** 604 419-2149

enrollment@pac.bluecross.ca

www.pac.bluecross.ca

## Application for Optional Life Insurance

Medical Underwriting Department PO Box 7000 Vancouver BC V6B 4E1 Telephone 604 419-8040 Toll-free 1 888-275 4672 Fax 604 419-8055

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### Application for Optional Life Insurance

Medical Underwriting Department PO Box 7000 Vancouver BC V6B 4E1 Telephone 604 419-8040 Toll-free 1 888-275 4672 Fax 604 419-8055

#### Applicant's statement of health (continued)

Please tick "Employee" or "Spouse" on the left and give complete details of all questions answered "Y" (yes) on previous page. If additional space is needed, use separate sheet.

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Please recheck the form and make sure all questions on both sides have been answered. If all the requested information is not provided, this form will be returned to you for further completion.

Mail to: PO Box 7000, Vancouver, BC V6B 4E1.

#### NOTIFICATION - Please read carefully and detach for your own records.

Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. British Columbia Life & Casualty Company or its reinsurers may, however, make a brief report to the Medical Information Bureau, a non-profit membership organization of life insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. If you apply to another Bureau member company for life or health insurance coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, the Bureau, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

Upon receipt of a request from you, the Bureau will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. If you question the accuracy of information in the Bureau's file, you may contact the Bureau and seek a correction. Their address is: **Medical Information Bureau, 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5G 1R7.** 

British Columbia Life & Casualty Company may also release information in its file to other life insurance companies to whom you may apply for life or health insurance, or to whom a claim for benefits may be submitted.



British Columbia Life & Casualty Company

PO Box 7000, Vancouver, BC V6B 4EI Street Address: 4250 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

# APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT (VAD&D) BENEFITS

#### Applicant - complete this section

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#### **UBCM Optional Life**

**Provisions** 

- Waiver of premium to age 65
- Suicide excluded in first two years of coverage
- Medical evidence required
- Coverage terminates at age 65
  - Conversion available to employee only
  - Spouse benefit cannot exceed employee's combined basic and optional life

	Age Band	Females	Male
	Under 30	\$0.045	\$0.063
	30 - 34	\$0.045	\$0.081
Non-Smokers Rate	35 - 39	\$0.063	\$0.090
Schedule per \$1,000	40 - 44	\$0.077	\$0.119
Insured Benefit	45 - 49	\$0.128	\$0.204
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	55 - 59	\$0.383	\$0.587
	60 - 64	\$0.629	\$1.088
	Age Band	Females	Male
	Under 30	\$0.060	\$0.120
	30 - 34	\$0.060	\$0.120
Smokers Rate	35 - 39	\$0.080	\$0.140
Schedule per \$1,000	40 - 44	\$0.130	\$0.230
Insured Benefit	45 - 49	\$0.210	\$0.440
	50 - 54	\$0.370	\$0.670
	55 - 59	\$0.650	\$1.250
	60 - 64	\$1.110	\$2.180