

Understanding My Coverage



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Mass contract amendment – nurse practitioners

We're pleased to announce that we're updating your Extended Health Care (EHC) benefit effective, December 1, 2020. Where provincial law allows, we'll clarify that nurse practitioners (NPs) can prescribe certain supplies and services.

Why we're making this change

We want to help you and your dependents get access to the care you need, when you need it.

Some examples of what a nurse practitioner (NP) can prescribe include certain paramedical services and medical equipment.

New contract wording

We're adding this wording to the *General description of coverage* in the EHC section of your benefits plan:

Reference to Doctor may also include a nurse practitioner – If the applicable provincial legislation permits nurse practitioners to prescribe or order certain supplies or services, Sun Life will reimburse those eligible services or supplies prescribed or ordered by a nurse practitioner the same way as if they were prescribed or ordered by a doctor. For drugs, refer to *Other health professionals allowed to prescribe drugs*.

For ease of reference, the *Other health professionals allowed to prescribe drugs* is as follows: Sun Life will reimburse certain drugs prescribed by other qualified health professionals the same way as if the drugs were prescribed by a doctor or a dentist if the applicable provincial legislation permits them to prescribe those drugs.

Your benefit plan already includes this term.

Questions? We're here to help.

Please call us at 1-800-361-6212, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

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