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- Important Changes With Drug Coverage

To: Participating School Boards
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Important changes with drug coverage

The British Columbia government is making changes to the drug coverage it provides to B.C. residents, effective May 1, 2003. As a result of these changes, Sun Life Financial is introducing a new drug claims process. This new process will affect you when you submit drug claims for you or your family.

What changes is B.C. introducing?

The British Columbia government has introduced Fair PharmaCare to replace the current PharmaCare program. The new program is designed to provide fair access to coverage for prescription drug users across the province.

As with the current program, all B.C. residents are eligible for Fair PharmaCare. The deductible, however, will vary depending on family income – the higher the income, the higher the deductible. To determine their deductible, B.C. residents must register with Fair PharmaCare. The deductible for residents who don't register will be set at \$10,000.

All B.C. plan members must register for the Fair PharmaCare program. This way, PharmaCare can assign the appropriate deductible and claims can be properly coordinated with group drug plans. To ensure this registration does take place, Sun Life is introducing a change in our drug claims process.

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What claims process is Sun Life introducing?

Sun Life has established threshold limits for drug claims. If you are 65 or older, your threshold limit is \$100. If you are under 65, your limit is \$600.

What this means is that your drug claims will be paid as they are now, until your threshold limit is reached. As you and your family near the threshold limit, Sun Life will notify you that they need confirmation of your Fair PharmaCare registration if you haven't already provided it. If Sun Life hasn't received confirmation, they won't process any claims you submit after reaching the threshold limit until they receive confirmation of registration.

To register for Fair PharmaCare, please go to the B.C. government's Web site at www.gov.bc.ca.