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Benefits at a glance

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Benefit	Eligibility	Coverage	Coverage at Termination, Retirement or Death	Monthly Cost
Medical	All permanent full-time employees will participate starting on the date of employment. Permanent part-time employees are eligible if they work a minimum of 20 hours per week. Front Desk employees are not eligible for enrolment. Coverage is mandatory if you do not have another medical plan. Eligible dependents are outlined in the Blue Cross booklet.	Prescription Drugs – Employee pays 10% to a maximum of \$10 for each eligible drug. Hospital and Ambulance Benefit – 100% semi-private or private room accommodation. Worldwide Travel Coverage – in the event of medical emergency, this benefit provides assistance in obtaining medical care when travelling. Certain limitations apply. Vision - \$400 every consecutive 24 months. Extended Health – 100% reimbursement to benefit maximum, see booklet for list of benefits. Paramedicals - \$500 per calendar year per practitioner (licensed massage therapist, chiropractor, osteopath, chiropodist, podiatrist, acupuncturist, physiotherapist, speech therapist). Combined maximum of \$500 every calendar year for naturopath and homeopath. \$75 per visit to a max of \$500 for occupational therapist. \$1,500 combined maximum per calendar year for psychologist, social worker, counselling therapist and psychotherapist. See your Medavie Blue Cross Booklet for more detailed information.	Coverage ends upon termination. Prescription drug coverage ends at age 65 (employee can apply to the NS Senior Pharmacare Program for drug coverage). All medical benefits end at age 70. Medical benefits can be carried into retirement until age 65. If medical coverage is terminated, you can call Medavie Blue Cross directly and ask about conversion options into a private plan.	Single - \$95.13 Family - \$231.38 Employer will pay 50% of the overall cost of benefits.

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Changes to your Benefits

- You can make changes to your benefit options during the annual group benefits renewal period in March. Any changes made during this time will be effective as of April 1st.
- Changes can also be made within 30 days of a life event. Qualified life events Include:

 - Marriage, divorce or separation
 Establishment or termination of a common-law* relationship
 Birth or adoption of a child
 Death of your spouse or dependent child
 A dependent becoming ineligible for coverage (e.g. child turns 21 and is not in school full-time)
 Your spouse loses or gains coverage at their job

*Living with the member in a conjugal relationship for at least one year.

• If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact HR Employee Services at (902) 490-6145 or MyHR@halifax.ca.

