November 18, 2015

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/058/2015]

On October 28, 2015, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All documents pertaining to the policies surrounding the granting of MCP coverage to Out of Province and International applicants. I am seeking internal guidelines, policies, and manuals pertaining to the review, granting and renewal of MCP coverage for out of province and international students and the grounds on which the duration of an applicant’s MCP coverage is determined. Also any e-mails, notes, and correspondence regarding changes to the length of coverage since 2007.”

The Department has reviewed your request in the context of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) and is pleased to inform you that access to these records has been granted, in part. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed. Please note that we have divided the records into 4 sections, as follows:

- **Part 1 – Jurisdictional Scan** (These records reflect a point in time analysis. Please refer to the jurisdictions directly for up to date information regarding coverage).
- **Part 2 – Policies** (The most up to date policy has been released. Draft policies that contain policy options/proposals that were not implemented were withheld under s.29(1)(a).)
- **Part 3 – Legal Opinion** (Legal Opinions were withheld under s.30(1)(b))
- **Part 4 – Emails** (In an effort to reduce the file size we have removed attachments that were duplicates (i.e. provided or withheld in a previous sections).)
We thank you for your ATIPP request and wish to inform you that action has been undertaken with respect to coverage for international students. Specifically, the Department of Health and Community Services has implemented a change on November 4, 2015 where students can be outside the province for up to 6 months and may still maintain previously approved MCP coverage, which is consistent with our policy regarding international workers. As well, a meeting request has been sent to the Canadian Federation of Students and Memorial University to discuss this issue further and determine if there are outstanding issues that need to be addressed.

Generally, information that has been refused was prepared in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Act:

- Section 29(1)(a) – Policy advice or recommendations
- Section 30(1)(b) – Legal Advice
- Section 40(1) – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

The following pages are exempted under the above sections of the Act and have been removed:

- Pages 154 – 275 - s. 29(1)(a)
- Pages 296-499 - s. 29(1)(a)
- Pages 501-512 - s. 30(1)(b)
- Pages 522-525 – s. 40(1)
- Pages 529 – 537 - s. 30(1)(b)
- Pages 581-583 - s. 30(1)(b)
- Page 676 - s. 29(1)(a)
- Pages 681-688 - s. 30(1)(b)

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after
you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this
section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the
response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are
mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public
Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss this file in greater detail, please contact the
undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7007 or by email at angelapower@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Angela Power
ATIPP Coordinator
Part 1:

Jurisdictional Scan

The Jurisdictional Scan represents a point in time. Please refer directly to jurisdictions for updates and current policies regarding coverage.
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<td>Yes, temporary foreign workers typically serve a three-month waiting period</td>
<td>Yes. An eligible foreign worker as with any insured resident may be out of the province or Canada for up to 212 days in any 12 month period and still maintain their health insurance coverage provided that they continue to meet the requirements under the regulation (i.e. that they are working full-time in Ontario for no less than 6 consecutive months.)</td>
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<td>Yes up to six months provided work permit is for same period and worker returning to province</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>Yes up to six months provided student permit is for same period and student returning to province</td>
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<td>Yes, if permit is for &gt;6 months (waiting period and fees apply)</td>
<td>Within Canada: A temp doc holder is eligible for an absence of up to 6 months in a calendar year and must maintain coverage. If the absence is over six months in a calendar year, the person has the choice of suspending coverage or keeping it active for the first 6 months of the absence. The person has a wait period upon return to BC. Out Of Canada: A temp doc holder is eligible for an absence of up to 6 months in a calendar year and has the choice of suspending coverage or keeping it active If a temp doc holder is gone for more than 6 months, coverage is not available and coverage is cancelled at the end of the month of departure. The person has a wait period to complete upon return to BC.</td>
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Foreign Workers and International Students
Jurisdictional Scan (September 2012)

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<td>yes</td>
<td>Yes if work permit &gt; 1yr</td>
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Source: e-mail survey results September 2012.

2 jurisdictions (QE and AB) did not respond to the e-mail survey.

Foreign worker coverage
All responding jurisdictions (n=8) provide foreign worker coverage if the applicant’s work permit is for a period longer than 1 year.

QOP Coverage for foreign workers
- PE and NWT do not extend oop coverage to workers.
- NB extends oop coverage to workers on a case by case basis.
- YK did not respond to this question.
- Six jurisdictions (NS, MN, SK, ON, BC and NU) provide oop coverage to foreign workers.
- ON provides up to 212 days of oop / ooc coverage in any 12 month period provided they continue to meet the residency requirements. MN provides up to six months continuous oop coverage, provided the applicant has a valid work permit for the same or longer period and the applicant is returning to the province.

International student coverage
- NS, MN, NWT, BC and SK provide international student health coverage.
- BC, MN and SK provide oop coverage to international students.
- PE, NB, YK, ON and NU do not provide international student health coverage.
### Jurisdictional Scan: International Students and Foreign Workers

**Information request from Nova Scotia:**

- Does your jurisdiction provide coverage for international students?
- How long must the study permit be for?
- Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage?
- Are absences allowed?
- Does it include spouse/dependents?
- Are there any exclusions (for example, NS only provides coverage for services received in NS, not OOP/OOC)?
- How long is coverage provided for? (when does the health card expire?)
- What happens if the student or their spouse gives birth to a baby during their permit? Is the baby provided coverage?
- Is the above information outlined in legislation, Regulations, or policy?

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<td>First day of 13th month</td>
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<td>First day coverage</td>
<td>Practice is they must be present 6 months to qualify for absence</td>
<td>If listed on work permit</td>
<td>Must reside in NU</td>
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Good morning Kelly,

I had a chance to review our policy this morning and our written policy regarding international students is as follows:

People coming to Nova Scotia from outside the country who hold a **Study Permit** can apply for coverage the first day of the thirteenth month following the date of arrival in Nova Scotia as a student; providing they have not been outside the province for more than 31 consecutive days except in the course of their studies (for example a person arriving in Nova Scotia in July 2004 cannot apply until August 2005). For continuous coverage, a copy of each Study Permit must be submitted to MSI and a declaration must be signed each year. Persons on Study Permit are Eligible for insurance services in Nova Scotia Only. Services rendered while outside the province would be the responsibilities of the individuals.

**Children under the age of 19** are granted coverage on the same basis as their parents once the applicant has gained entitlement.

What this essentially says is that international students are eligible to apply for coverage after a twelve month waiting period. If at any time the student leaves Nova Scotia for more that 31 consecutive days, not including the day they leave and the date they return, the waiting period starts over. If the student leaves for more than 31 consecutive days after obtaining an MSI card, their coverage is terminated as of the date they left Nova Scotia and they must reapply upon returning as if they’ve never had coverage. The student would have to wait another 12 months to apply.

If the student takes an absence in access of 31 consecutive days directly related to their studies, and the university provides a letter with specific dates to support the absence, the student will be exempt from the 31 day rule for that absence. If the student moves outside of Canada or to another province, coverage is terminated on the date they leave Nova Scotia.

I hope this information helps but if you have any additional questions please don’t hesitate to inquire.

Best Regards,

Brian Fitzpatrick  
MSI Registration & Enquiry  
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To: Gibb, Bradley  

From: Brian.Fitzpatrick@medavie.bluecross.ca on behalf of MSIEnquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca  
Sent: Wed 4/2/2014 9:22 AM  
To: Ryan, Kelly  

Good morning Kelly,

Foreign mobile workers in Nova Scotia do have the same requirements and stipulations as foreign workers who don’t travel outside of the province for work. They have the same 31 day travel restriction, however if an absence from Nova Scotia exceeds 31 consecutive days and is for work purposes, the worker will be except from the 31 day restriction as long as they can provide a letter from their employer supporting the absence. The letter must include the dates of travel.

Hope this helps, if you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

Regards,

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From: "Ryan, Kelly" <KellyRyan@gov.nl.ca>  
To: <MSIEnquiry@medavie.bluecross.ca>  
Date: 01/04/2014 12:54 PM  

Hi Brian,

Thank you so much for the information. I just have one question right now: would foreign mobile workers with a work permit fall under the same stipulations as a regular foreign worker with a work permit?

Thanks again,
Good morning Kelly,

I had a chance to review our policy this morning and our written policy regarding international students is as follows:

People coming to Nova Scotia from outside the country who hold a Study Permit can apply for coverage the first day of the thirteenth month following the date of arrival in Nova Scotia as a student, providing they have not been outside the province for more than 31 consecutive days except in the course of their studies (for example a person arriving in Nova Scotia in July 2004 cannot apply until August 2005). For continuous coverage, a copy of each Study Permit must be submitted to MSI and a declaration must be signed each year. Persons on Study Permit are Eligible for insurance services in Nova Scotia Only. Services rendered while outside the province would be the responsibilities of the individuals.

Children under the age of 19 are granted coverage on the same basis as their parents once the applicant has gained entitlement.
What this essentially says is that international students are eligible to apply for coverage after a twelve month waiting period. If at any time the student leaves Nova Scotia for more than 31 consecutive days, not including the day they leave and the date they return, the waiting period starts over. If the student leaves for more than 31 consecutive days after obtaining an MSI card, their coverage is terminated as of the date they left Nova Scotia and they must reapply upon returning as if they've never had coverage. The student would have to wait another 12 months to apply.

If the student takes an absence in excess of 31 consecutive days directly related to their studies, and the university provides a letter with specific dates to support the absence, the student will be exempt from the 31 day rule for that absence. If the student moves outside of Canada or to another province, coverage is terminated on the date they leave Nova Scotia.

I hope this information helps but if you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to inquire.

Best Regards,

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Subject: RE: Urgent Request - EPA Survey INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NB Apologizes, this was still sitting in the draft queue, if you’ve already received this, please ignore. Thanks

NB response in red

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

International students in NB are not eligible for coverage if solely for the purpose of studying (i.e. only on a study permit), However, they may be eligible if they are married or common-law to/with an eligible NB resident.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

Same as above

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?
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As always, thank you for your help 😊
Gibb, Bradley

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PEI Response - We do not cover International Students.

Amanda Murphy
Registration Department
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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

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As always, thank you for your help ☺

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Hello All,

BC's response below in RED.

Thank You

Peter

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

BC provides medical coverage to students residing in the province that meet the definition of a resident per the Medicare Protection Act and Medical Health Care Services Regulation.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

In order to be eligible for medical coverage, the individual would have to hold permanent resident status in Canada, or have a study permit issued by Citizen and Immigration Canada valid for at least six month, make his or her home in BC, and be physically present in BC for at least six months in a calendar year.
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Hi there,

Alberta’s response is embedded below.

Carolyn

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

Yes. An individual from another country who is in Alberta for study may be deemed a resident, providing he/she meets eligibility criteria as outlined in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Regulation.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?
The individual has been lawfully admitted into Alberta, has established residence in Alberta and intends to reside in Alberta for 12 consecutive months or more. To be eligible for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) coverage, the individual must provide documentation to prove legal entitlement to be or remain in Canada, identity and Alberta residency.

Alberta Health will require the Study Permit to be valid for at least 3 months (with the intent to reside in Alberta for 12 months). The permit must be for an accredited Alberta educational institute. If the permit is not for an Alberta institute, the individual must provide a letter confirming enrolment of studies in an Alberta institute valid between 3 and 12 months and intend to reside in Alberta for 12 months.

If the individual is under the age of 18 and meet the criteria for residency and is eligible to apply for health coverage, he or she must be registered as a dependant on the AHCIP account of the Alberta resident responsible for their care.

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Subject: FW: Urgent Request - EPA Survey INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Importance: High

Hi Linda,

Yes, the NWT covers foreign students as long as their student visa shows an NWT address and their visa is for 12 months or longer.

Sincerely,

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Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

I'm sorry to say, I need your responses rather urgently.

As always, thank you for your help😊
Gibb, Bradley

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Subject: RE: Urgent Request - EPA Survey INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Good morning, international students are eligible if they have a study permit for 1 year (365 days) and provide proof of fulltime enrollment. Their families would not be covered if they are on visitor visas.

Annamarie Hedley
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Hello all,

Newfoundland and Labrador is currently reviewing our eligibility rules and so we’re keen to hear the results of this question. Our current policy is below in red:

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students. Yes

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

An applicant must present documentation that sufficiently proves that they are legally entitled to be in the Province and have established residency in the Province. A Student Authorization (Study Permit) issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada for a period of at least 12 months (365 days) combined with confirmation of full time enrolment at a specified NL school and a valid passport is generally sufficient documentation.

Coverage for the applicant (and their dependents) begins on the latter of the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador or the effective date of the Study Permit and expires on the earlier of the date when the person leaves the Province permanently or one year from the date of issuance.

Continued coverage is based on the applicant’s ability to produce either a valid study permit or work permit.

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students.

International students in Ontario solely for the purpose of studying (i.e. only on a study permit), are not eligible for OHIP coverage. However, they may be eligible if they have another immigration status that is considered eligible under Regulation 552 of the Health Insurance Act, such as:

1) They have a valid work permit and are working full-time for an employer in Ontario for a minimum of 6 consecutive months.
2) They have applied for permanent residence in Canada and CIC has confirmed that they meet the eligibility requirements to apply for permanent residence.

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?
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As always, thank you for your help 😊
Good morning Linda,

Nova Scotia's response is highlighted below in "Red".

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Good day all,

Would you please advise if you extend health care insurance coverage to international students. Yes

If so, what are the criteria and any parameters for continued coverage?

1) Coverage effective the first day of the thirteenth month after the student’s arrival in Nova Scotia; providing the student is in possession of a valid Study Permit and has not been absent from Nova Scotia for more than 31 consecutive days during that period or any subsequent year (except in the course of their studies)

2) Such coverage valid only for health services received in Nova Scotia
3) Dependants of Students to be granted coverage on the same basis once the student has gained entitlement

4) Coverage effective until the expiry date on the Study Permit or Health Card. To maintain coverage, the student must not be absent from Nova Scotia for more than 31 consecutive days (except in the course of study) and a declaration (renewal) must be presented to MSI each year

5. Once coverage has terminated, the student is treated as never having qualified for health services and must comply with paragraph (1) above before coverage will be extended

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Hi Jennifer,

I apologize for the late response. Alberta’s responses are noted below.

Carolyn

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Subject: EPA request International students and workers

Hi everyone,

It was wonderful to meet some of you during the last EPA call.

Nova Scotia is currently investigating coverage for international students (study permit) and foreign workers (work permit). If you could please provide the answers to the below questions by October 1, it would be greatly appreciated. I will provide a summary of the responses by October 3.

1. Does your jurisdiction provide coverage for international students?
Yes. Alberta Health will cover international students and their dependants, if applicable, for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) coverage if they meet the residency requirements under legislation to be considered a deemed resident. Foreign students, who are under 18 years old, must have an Alberta guardian, and provide guardianship papers with residency requirements, in order to be eligible for AHCIP coverage.

2. How long must the study permit be for?
The permit must be for at least 12 months, but Alberta Health will accept a permit less than 12 months with the student’s intent to reside in Alberta for 12 consecutive months or more.

3. Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage?
If an international student meets eligibility requirements to be deemed a resident and provides acceptable registration validation documents, Alberta Health provides AHCIP coverage as follows:

From another country:
- On the later date of the date of residency in Alberta or the date signed, providing application is made within three months of establishing residency, providing application is made within three months of the residency date. Students who move to Alberta from another Canadian jurisdiction within three months of arrival in Canada are assigned coverage under this policy.

From another province/territory
- The first day of the third month after establishing residency in Alberta providing application is made within three months of the residency date. Students who move to Alberta from another Canadian jurisdiction after three months of arrival in Canada are assigned coverage under this policy.

Late registration
- If application is not made within three months of the residency date, Alberta Health assigns coverage on the earlier of the three months prior to application, or the date a health service was obtained in Alberta, providing eligibility requirements and the permit is valid for that date.

4. Are absences allowed?
Under current legislation, Alberta considers residents, including deemed residents, temporarily absent when their absence outside Canada is under six months, or within Canada, under 12 months. However, we are reviewing AHCIP eligibility policies and are considering changes to the provision of temporary absence coverage for deemed residents.

5. Does it include spouse/dependents?
Yes, providing they have appropriate permits and also intend to reside in Alberta for 12 consecutive months or more.

6. Are there any exclusions? (For example, NS only provides coverage for services received in NS, not OOP/OOC)
No. We are reviewing AHCIP eligibility policies and this may be a consideration.

7. How long is coverage provided for? (When does the health card expire?)
AHCIP coverage ends on the expiry date of the Study Permit. The health card similarly has the same expiry date.

8. What happens if the student or their spouse gives birth to a baby during their permit? Is the baby provided coverage?
Alberta Health will cover children born in Alberta to international students based on the parents’ meeting Alberta eligibility requirements.

9. Is the above information outlined in legislation, Regulations, or policy?
Eligibility requirements for deemed residents are legislated under Section 5 of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Regulation.

10. Does your jurisdiction provide coverage for foreign workers?
Yes. Alberta Health will cover foreign workers and their dependants, if applicable, for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) coverage if they meet the residency requirements under legislation to be considered a deemed resident.
11. How long must the work permit be for?  
See response to Q2.

12. Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage?  
See response to Q3.

13. Are absences allowed?  
See response to Q4.

14. Does it include spouse/dependents?  
See response to Q5.

15. Are there any exclusions?  
See response to Q6.

16. How long is coverage provided for? (When does the health card expire?)  
See response to Q7.

17. What happens if the worker or their spouse gives birth to a baby during their permit? Is the baby provided coverage?  
See response to Q8.

18. Is the above information outlined in legislation, Regulations, or policy?  
See response to Q9.

Thanks,
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Are absences allowed? Yes but are reviewed on case by case basis
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How long must the work permit be for? 12 months or more
Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage? Coverage corresponds with date on work permit
Are absences allowed? Yes but are reviewed on a case by case basis
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Hello Jennifer,

BC’s response below in BLUE.

Thank You
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How long must the work permit be for? One year
Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage? Three months
Are absences allowed? No
Does it include spouse/dependents? Dependents under the age of 19 that are listed on the parent work permit and have their own study/visitor permit are provided coverage.
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Yes, the Department of Health and Social Services in the NWT provides coverage to International Students holding a student visa that is for one year or longer. The Student Visa must show an NWT mailing address and the name of the school they are attending.

How long must the study permit be for?

The Student Visa must be for 12 months or longer.

Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage?

First day coverage is provided when the client arrives from outside Canada.
Are absences allowed?

Yes, if the student is sent to Edmonton for medical services by an NWT doctor.

Does it include spouse/dependents?

Yes, if the spouse/dependents are listed on the study permit of the student visa holder or if they have their own valid immigration documents.

Are there any exclusions (For example, NS only provides coverage for services received in NS, not OOP/OOC)

The NWT will pay for cost only when the client is sent to Edmonton by an NWT doctor for services not available in the NWT.

How long is coverage provided for? (When does the health card expire?)

Coverage is only provided for the duration of the visa that is for 12 months or longer.

What happens if the student or their spouse gives birth to a baby during their permit? Is the baby provided coverage? Is the above information outlined in legislation, Regulations, or policy?

Yes, the newborn will be provided with coverage as of the date of birth.

This is found in the Guidelines for NWT Health Care Plan Registration.

Does your jurisdiction provide coverage for foreign workers?

Yes, the Department of Health and Social Services provides first day coverage to foreign workers who hold a work permit that is for one year or longer.

How long must the work permit be for?

The permit must be for one year or longer and their work visa must show an NWT address and provide place of work in the NWT.

Is there a waiting period? Or is it first day coverage?

1) Foreign workers holding a valid work permit are eligible for coverage on the first day if the permit is for a period of 12 months or longer and they are present in the NWT on that day. If the foreign worker arrives in the NWT later than the date specified on the work permit, then coverage will begin on the latter date.

2) Foreign workers who come into the NWT holding an “OPEN WORK PERMIT” from another province/territory will be provided with coverage on the first of the 3rd month; as long as their work permit is for 12 months from date of arrival into the NWT and their place of employment is in the NWT.

Are absences allowed?

Yes, foreign workers are allowed leave from the NWT for 1 month only.
Does it include spouse/dependents?

Yes, as long as they have their own immigration documents.

Are there any exclusions?

Refugee Claimants are not provided with NWT health care as they are covered by the Interim Federal Health Program.

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International Students

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The program applies to any foreign individual issued an official study permit by Citizenship and Immigration Canada before entering the country. The individual must be attending a recognized post-secondary educational institution in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 months. Dependents of the student will also be covered under MCP, provided they are living in the province and have relevant documentation to support their application.

Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of enrollment in a full time post secondary program. Eligible students must present a letter of enrollment from the educational institution at the time of registration. Coverage is renewable on a yearly basis, with a current enrollment letter, and will terminate upon completion of the study program or the date of departure from the province, whichever is earlier. Students must be attending school and residing in the province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside the province are not covered.

Only services listed under the Medical Care Insured Services Regulations and the Hospital Insurance Plan Regulations will be accessible for International Students. Health insurance for other services (i.e. coverage of prescription drugs) is currently available for International Students to purchase through post-secondary institutions such as Memorial University.

International students will be eligible for coverage while visiting (30 days or less) outside the province only during the period specified on their study permit provided the authorization remains valid through Citizenship and Immigration Canada. If it is determined that an International Student is outside of the province for extended periods of stay their eligibility for coverage in Newfoundland and Labrador may be re-evaluated.

All applicants must complete a form for coverage under MCP.

- Medical Care Plan (MCP) Application Form (423 KB)

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International Students to be Covered Under Province’s Medical Care Plan

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"There are approximately 1,000 international students studying in the province annually each contributing between $18,000 and $25,000 to the provincial economy each year," said the Honourable Ross Wiseman, Minister of Health and Community Services. "Providing health care coverage for these individuals will give them peace of mind in knowing that they will not have to pay for their health care services, which further enhances our province’s ability to recruit international students."

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Coverage will become effective for eligible students on the date of arrival in the province or the effective date of the study permit, whichever is later. Coverage terminates upon expiry of the study permit or the date of departure from Newfoundland and Labrador, whichever is earlier. Budget 2007 allocates $300,000 for this initiative with an annualized cost of $550,000.

All applicants must complete a form for coverage under MCP. New application forms for the MCP program have been distributed to post-secondary institutions across the province, including Memorial University and the College of the North Atlantic. Private institutions can request copies of the application form from the MCP office. Additionally, forms and contact information are available on the Provincial Government Web site at www.health.gov.nl.ca/mcp/.

"International students represent a large pool of highly-skilled, talented and creative potential immigrants to our province," said the Honourable Shawn Skinner, Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment. "The extension of MCP coverage to international students supports two key goals under the immigration strategy, including, increasing the enrolment of international students to our post-secondary institutions and the retention of these students upon graduation."

The Provincial Immigration Strategy, Diversity – Opportunity and Growth is focused on 18 goals to significantly increase the attraction and retention of immigrants to the province. It is the result of extensive community consultation and collaboration. Budget 2007 included a $6 million commitment, over the next three years, to implement the strategy’s goals and objectives including the establishment of an Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism. Further information regarding the immigration strategy can be found at http://www.hrle.gov.nl.ca/hrle/immigration/english/new.htm.

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FAQs

MCP International Students

What is the procedure for obtaining coverage?

An Application for Newfoundland and Labrador Health Care Coverage must be completed by the applicant. Forms can be obtained from post-secondary institutions and via the Government Web site at www.health.gov.nl.ca/mcp/

What documents are required to obtain coverage?

The applicant must supply a copy of a student work permit issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) which meets the following criteria:

- Issued before coming to Canada, and
- Issued for an educational institution located in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 months.

When will coverage begin and end?

Coverage will begin the later of:

- The date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador, or
- The effective date of the study permit issued

Coverage will end the earlier of:

- The date of permanent move from Newfoundland and Labrador, or
- The expiry date of the study permit

What health care benefits will be covered?

Health care benefits listed under the Medical Care Insured Services Regulations and the Hospital Insurance Plan Regulations will be accessible. A detailed explanation of these services can be found on the Provincial Government Web site at www.health.gov.nl.ca/mcp/.

Will international students also be covered under other programs, such as the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program?

No, only services listed under the Medical Care Insured Services Regulations and the Hospital Insurance Plan Regulations will be accessible for international students. Health insurance for other services (i.e. coverage for prescription drugs) is currently available for International Students to purchase through post-secondary institutions such as Memorial University.

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Will dependants of International Students be eligible for coverage?

Dependents of the student will also be covered under MCP, provided they are living in the province and have relevant documentation to support their application (i.e. marriage certificate, birth certificate and official immigration documents).

Will an International student be covered while traveling outside of the province?

International students will be eligible for coverage while visiting outside the province only during the period specified on their study permit provided the authorization remains valid through Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Will this have any effect on MCP coverage for current beneficiaries/residents of the province?

No, extending coverage to international students will not affect MCP coverage for other beneficiaries.

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(Human Resources, Labour and Employment)

The following statement was issued today by Paul Shelley, Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment. It was also read in the House of Assembly:

I am pleased to inform this house that full-time international students studying at Memorial University or College of the North Atlantic can now apply for an Off-Campus Work Permit.

Previously, these students could only work on the campuses at which they were studying. Local employers did not have access to this pool of talented individuals, who bring valuable skills and global connections to the workplace.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has signed agreements with provinces and has recently changed its policy. International students can now seek employment in the province where they live while studying. They may work off-campus up to 20 hours per week during the school year and work full-time during study breaks. In addition to supplementing their income, they can gain Canadian work experience, and can better integrate into our labour force.

Students here and across Canada have been encouraging this policy change. During consultations for our provincial immigration strategy, we heard that local students wanted the government to allow this off-campus work. This agreement benefits the approximately 850 full-time students at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic whom already make a considerable contribution both economically and culturally to our province.

This is a positive step forward, providing benefits for the students themselves, for our post-secondary institutions, for our local labour market, and for our province.

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International Students Contribute Significantly to the Atlantic Economy

International students contributed $566 million to the Atlantic Canadian economy, in 2009-10, according to a new study, *The Economic Impact of Post-Secondary International Students in Atlantic Canada*, released today by the Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAMET). In addition to their significant contributions to the region’s economy, the study highlights that international students are a major source of potential immigrants for Atlantic Canada.

International students provide an immediate economic impact and return on investment in Atlantic Canada. The study determined that international students contributed $175 million of new money to the region’s economy in 2009-10. Furthermore, international students spent $2.68 of new money in Atlantic Canada for every dollar spent by the four Atlantic governments.

"The findings of this study support Newfoundland and Labrador’s commitment to international education," said the Honourable Darin King, Minister of Education. "The study also provides useful information for future consultations and decision-making among governments and stakeholders on attracting and retaining international graduates."

Working together and individually, the four Atlantic provinces are implementing strategic initiatives aimed at attracting and retaining more immigrants to the region to address demographic challenges associated with an aging population. The study highlights they are ideal candidates for immigration as international students think highly of Atlantic Canada, and are young, skilled, language proficient, and already integrated into local communities.

"We value the economic contribution of international students to our province," said Education Minister Marilyn More. "The province’s new immigration strategy will identify recruitment of international graduates as a great way to tap into younger, well educated professionals who are already in Nova Scotia."

"International students provide a significant boost to Atlantic Canada’s economy and generate millions in revenue," said the Honourable Donald Arseneault, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour.

The study underlines the cultural contributions of international students, strengthening and enhancing Atlantic Canada’s profile and ties to the world. It also indicates that the market for international students is becoming more competitive since students make choices based on costs and institutional reputation. Since 2006, the price competitiveness of Atlantic Canadian universities has improved and the number of international students in the region has increased steadily by approximately a third, with forty per cent of students coming from China, the United States, and India.

"Prince Edward Island’s post-secondary institutions are world-class and our cost of living and quality of education and life are attractive to international students," said the Honourable Allan Campbell, Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning. "We are well positioned to attract more international students to our province and Atlantic Canada."

*The Economic Impact of Post-Secondary International Students in Atlantic Canada* study was commissioned by CAMET, in partnership with the Association of Atlantic Universities, the Atlantic Provinces Community College Consortium, and EduNova, and was undertaken by researchers at Dalhousie University’s School of Public Administration. Fazley Siddiq was the principal investigator.

for the study and Warren C.E. Nethercote was the project manager.

During the winter term of 2009-10, the study utilized an on-line survey of international students registered and attending classes at Atlantic Canada's universities and community colleges. The survey addressed five main themes, including academic and living expenditures by international students, demographics and employment status, as well as future intentions to remain in Atlantic Canada.

The summary report of key findings is attached below. To view the full report, please visit the CAMET website, www.camet-camef.ca.

CAMET is an agency of the Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP), and its purpose is to enhance cooperation in public (Entry-12) and post-secondary education in Atlantic Canada by working together to improve learning, optimize efficiencies and bring added value to provincial initiatives.

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BACKGROUND

Summary Report of the The Economic Impact of Post-Secondary International Students in Atlantic Canada

Background: Atlantic Canada faces a serious demographic challenge. The region's population is aging and the proportion of younger people is in decline. Atlantic Canada's dependency ratio will rise in the future with negative consequences, such as increased costs of social services. Over the next 15 years, Atlantic Canada's labour force is expected to decrease (Martel et al., 2007; Everenden, 2008); this is not encouraging in the face of increasing social services costs.

Sustained economic growth will be required to offset the cost of providing social services to an aging population. Barring a significant change in the nature of Atlantic Canada's economy, growth in the labour force will be required to support economic growth. Alternatively, change in the nature of Atlantic Canada's economy to a greater proportion of knowledge-based activities will require increasing numbers of the very demographic group, the young, that is in decline. In both of these scenarios, immigration would be a key contributor to an effective labour force.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2008) credits immigration with avoiding population shrinkage in Atlantic Canada. This observation belies the true situation in Atlantic Canada, where immigrants make up less than 4 per cent of the population, compared to about 18 per cent for Canada as a whole (Akbari, 2008).

The Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAMET) contracted Dalhousie University to analyse the economic impact of post-secondary international students in Atlantic Canada by means of an expenditure analysis. The study used a survey of international students and a combination of the literature, government and information from post-secondary institutions.

Results: A cross-jurisdictional review revealed a competitive international market for international
students, in which Canada is ranked seventh as an academic destination and attracts only a four per cent share of international students. Across the globe, international students are valued, both as economic assets and as potential future immigrants who will be well-prepared to contribute to knowledge-based economies. Australia, Belgium, Canada, and the United Kingdom are the only nations charging differential tuition fees to international students. All others treat international and native students equally, in recognition of their benefit culturally and economically, and to maximize opportunities to attract future immigrants. Immigrants augment the stock of human capital which is diminishing in some jurisdictions due to demographic trends.

The initial economic impact of international students in Atlantic Canada was found to be $376 million in 2009-2010, including an initial injection of $175 million of new money to Atlantic Canada. The total economic impact of international students was $565 million in 2009-2010 after application of the spending multiplier. Direct spending by international students averaged $29,000 during the same period.

International students spent 1.3 times the amount spent for their benefit by governments, universities and private sources. International students spend over $1.91 of new money in Atlantic Canada for every dollar spent by Provincial Governments on their education and health care. This ‘return on investment’ varies from province to province in Atlantic Canada, from $1.78 in New Brunswick to $4.04 in Nova Scotia. This province-to-province variation is due both to variations in spending from province-to-province by students and variations in spending from province-to-province by governments.

International students in Atlantic Canada are generally satisfied with Atlantic Canada and its educational institutions and 40 per cent of the respondents to the survey expressed interest in applying for permanent residence in Canada. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2008) indicates that 39.6 per cent of foreign students transition to foreign worker status nationally, but that only 15.6 per cent transition to permanent resident status. There appear to be opportunities to improve the retention rate for those international students who choose to work in Canada after completing their education, to the benefit of Atlantic Canada’s labour force.

Significance: International students think highly of Atlantic Canada and its educational institutions, and are acclimatized to Atlantic Canada; therefore, they are ideal candidates for immigration, to help address Atlantic Canada’s demographic challenges. International students alone cannot address demographic issues in their entirety, even if they immigrated as a cohort, but improving the retention rate for international students can contribute to offsetting the negative effects of an aging society.

International students also have an important, immediate economic impact on Atlantic Canada. For example, most international students live in rental accommodations, to the benefit of local rental markets. The study estimates that the overall economic impact of international students on Atlantic Canada’s economy is $565 million in 2009-2010, or almost 0.6 per cent of GDP. International students inject more new money into the economy than governments spend for their benefit; therefore, international students represent an important, profitable export market for Atlantic Canada.

Provincial Governments in Atlantic Canada should view international students positively, whether as potential immigrants to address future labour force problems, or as ongoing contributors to Atlantic Canada’s economy.

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Policies
PURPOSE:
The Beneficiary Registration Policy identifies the circumstances and documentation required that, when produced by an applicant, may sufficiently prove that the applicant is a bonafide resident of the province for the purpose of qualifying for MCP coverage. The documentation required by an applicant is dictated by the individual circumstances of the applicant.

BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
A person must apply for coverage and present documentation that, in the opinion of the Department, sufficiently proves that the applicant is a resident of the Province or is establishing residency in the Province. Dependants of MCP beneficiaries are also entitled to MCP coverage provided they can demonstrate that they are also resident in the province.

Resident
The Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 defines a "resident" as a person lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada, who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in the province, but does not include a tourist, transient or visitor to the province. In order to be deemed a resident for MCP purposes a person must:

1. Be “lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada”.
   For MCP beneficiary purposes, this requires that a person provide original documentation (see documentation list) that proves that they are able to meet the criteria of one of the following groups:
   i. Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada; or
   ii. International Worker with an appropriate Employment Authorization from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) valid for at least 365 days from the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador; or
   iii. International Health Care Worker employed by the Department of Health and Community Services or a Regional Health Authority with an appropriate Employment Authorization from Citizenship and Immigration Canada; or
   iv. International Post-Secondary Student with a valid Study Permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada entitling them to stay in the country for at least 365 days; or
   v. Convention Refugee, Resettled Refugee or “Person in Need of Protection” as defined by the Immigration Board. With valid immigration documents; or
   vi. Dependant of an MCP beneficiary entitled to be in Canada for at least 365 days; and

2. Must prove that they make their “home” in the province.
   To satisfy this requirement an applicant must provide sufficient original documentation to prove that they maintain their primary place of residence in the
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. (see document list for appropriate documents); and

3. Must prove that they are “ordinarily present in the province”.
   To satisfy this requirement an applicant must provide sufficient original documentation to prove that they are in the province for a minimum of 183 days in any 365 day period and that they intend to reside in the province for a period of at least 365 days.

**Ineligible applicants:**
- Members of the Canadian Forces who are covered by the federal government.
- Persons with less than 365 days eligibility to remain in Canada unless they are renewing a valid MCP number as an International Student or International Worker. Eligibility for these applicants is limited to their eligibility to remain in Canada.
- Students or residents of another Canadian Jurisdiction who are entitled to coverage from that jurisdiction.
- Refugee Claimants
- Tourists
- Transients
- Visitors

**APPLICATION AND DEFINITIONS**

**365 Day Residency Requirement**
Applicants who arrive in Newfoundland and Labrador with less than 365 days of eligibility to remain in Canada may be deemed to have met the 365 day requirement if they can demonstrate that their current authorization to remain in Canada was for 365 days or more and they can provide the Manager of MCP Public Services with reasonable evidence as to why their arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador was delayed. The Manager of MCP Public Services is afforded a one (1) week discretion for these purposes.
Annual Renewal Requirement
Applicants who are required to renew their MCP coverage annually (such as International Students, International Workers and their dependants) must meet all beneficiary eligibility requirements in order to renew their coverage however the 365 day residency requirement is waived for subsequent renewals provided that the applicant’s MCP number has not expired at the time of renewal. Coverage for these renewal applicants shall not exceed their eligibility to remain in Canada.

Dependants of MCP Beneficiaries
"Dependant" means a person who is a resident and depends upon another resident for maintenance. Dependents may include but are not limited to a spouse or minor child. Dependents of MCP beneficiaries must apply for coverage and demonstrate that they are resident in the province however dependants are not expected to provide proof that they maintain a residence in Newfoundland and Labrador but must reside with the MCP beneficiary.

Notes:
- Dependant coverage must not exceed the beneficiary’s coverage.
- If the dependant is not a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident documentation from Citizenship and Immigration Canada valid for at least 365 days is required.
- A marriage certificate, birth certificate or other suitable documentation may be required in order to prove the link between a dependant and a beneficiary.

Documentation
- The Department requires original documents; however, a legible photocopy of an original document may be accepted in some cases.
- A legal affidavit may be used in some cases by Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada only where applicable documentation cannot be obtained.
- A legal affidavit may be used for: a) proof of residency status; b) intent to reside in the province for a minimum of 365 days; and/or c) to prove marital status.
Effective Date of Coverage
The Effective Date of Coverage is the latter of the date of an approved application or as follows:

- For persons arriving from another country, coverage for the beneficiary and their dependant(s) begins on the latter of the person’s arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador, the effective date of their required documents; or the date their application is approved.
- For persons arriving from another Canadian province or territory, coverage for the beneficiary and their dependant(s) begins on the latter of the remainder of the month of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador plus two (2) additional months or the date their application is approved.
- For persons arriving from another Canadian province or territory who are not eligible for coverage from that jurisdiction, coverage begins on the latter of their date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador or the date their application is approved.

Expiry Date for Beneficiaries and Dependents Legally Entitled to Remain in Canada
(i.e. Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada)
Initial beneficiary coverage is for 5 years and may be renewed. Coverage expires on the earlier of the date of expiry printed on their MCP number; or

- For person leaving Newfoundland and Labrador to reside in another Canadian province or territory, coverage expires two (2) months after the month of the move;
- For persons leaving Newfoundland and Labrador to reside outside the country, coverage expires the day after the move; or

Expiry Date for Beneficiaries and Dependents Legally Entitled to Be in Canada
(i.e. International Workers, International Post-Secondary Students and Refugees)
Initial coverage is for 1 year and may be renewed in most cases if residency requirements continue to be met. Coverage expires on the earlier of the date the beneficiary leaves the province permanently; the date of expiry on the person’s MCP number; or the date of expiry on the person’s required documents (i.e. immigration documents, work or study permits).

Name on MCP Card
The name that appears on the MCP card is the full legal name (first, middle and last name) of the applicant. The full legal name is that stated on a government issued birth certificate or immigration document. If a change is requested to the name on the card, the applicant must submit a government issued birth certificate, legal name change document or other acceptable government issued documentation of legal name change.

Photo Identification
All applicants receiving an MCP card, in person, must provide at least one piece of acceptable photo identification.
Proof of Eligibility
Each applicant must provide proof of eligibility that satisfies the requirements of the Department before being approved for coverage. The burden of proof remains with the applicant.

Eligible Applicant Groups
1. Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada
2. Dependant(s) of Canadian Forces Personnel
3. Dependant(s) of Members of Another Country’s Armed Forces in the Province under North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Agreements
4. Newborn Child Born in Newfoundland and Labrador
5. Adopted Child of a Beneficiary
6. Persons Released from Penitentiaries
7. International Post-Secondary Students Registered in a Degree Program
8. International Workers with Employment Authorizations
9. International Health Care Workers with Employment Authorizations
10. International Clergy
11. Professional Hockey Players
12. Convention Refugees, Resettled Refugees and Persons in Need of Protection
13. Individuals Approved by the Medical Assessment Committee
14. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE APPLICANT GROUPS

1. Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada

In addition to providing documentation which demonstrates that the applicant(s) is a resident these applicants **must** provide proof of Canadian Citizenship or Landed Immigrant/Permanent Resident.

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Is the Applicant a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident?

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The applicant is not eligible for MCP coverage as a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

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2. Canadian Forces Personnel

Is the Applicant a Member of the Canadian Armed Forces?

If Yes

Reject Application

Is the Applicant a Dependant of a Member of the Canadian Armed Forces?

If Yes

Is the Applicant a Resident of NL?

If Yes

Approve Application

Canadian Forces personnel are not eligible for MCP coverage as medical care is provided by the federal government, however, their dependants may qualify.

Upon discharged from Newfoundland and Labrador, coverage for Canadian Forces personnel begins on the day after the date of discharge. If discharged from service outside Newfoundland and Labrador, the province where discharge occurred must provide coverage for the remainder of the month of discharge, plus an additional two months.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
In order to receive this benefit proof of discharge (i.e. a letter from the Canadian Forces) indicating where and when discharge occurred is required.

Dependant coverage: Effective June 12, 2012, the waiting period for dependants of Canadian military families is waived. Coverage for dependants of Canadian military families begins on approval of the dependant’s application for MCP coverage (the effective date of coverage must not be prior to the date of transfer).
3. Dependant(s) of Members of Another Country’s Armed Forces in the Province under North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Agreements

Members of another country’s armed forces in the province under NATO agreement are not eligible for MCP coverage as medical care is provided by the federal government, however, their dependants may qualify.

*Additional Eligibility Requirements:*
A letter from the NATO Force’s Commanding Officer certifying length of the tour of duty of the parent. Valid immigration documents issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada are required for the dependant.
4. Newborn Child Born in Newfoundland and Labrador

MCP coverage is provided for all newborn children born in Newfoundland and Labrador regardless of their parent’s eligibility. Coverage begins on the date of birth. The regular beneficiary eligibility requirements are waived for the child only. In order for MCP benefits to be extended to the parent, the regular eligibility requirements must be met by the parent.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
A duly completed application form must be completed by one the child’s parents; and the child’s birth certificate* indicating that the child was born in Newfoundland and Labrador.

*Notes: An original birth certificate or certified copy must be provided at the time of application if the parents are not MCP beneficiaries or members of the Canadian Forces. A photo copy of the birth certificate is not acceptable for this coverage.

Coverage for children with parents who are not MCP beneficiaries is valid only while the child is physically present in the province and ceases when the child leaves the province. No out of province coverage is provided.
5. Adopted Child of a Beneficiary

The Parent or legal Guardian(s) must:
1. Duly complete and sign a registration form; and
2. Provide a copy of the adoption papers; and
3. If the child was born outside of Canada, provide valid immigration document(s) or a Permanent Resident card in the child's name.

- Coverage begins on the date of birth if the child is born in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- If the child is born in Canada outside of Newfoundland and Labrador, coverage begins on the date the child arrives in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- If the child is born outside of Canada, coverage begins on the latter of the date of the effective immigration document or the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

i. A duly completed registration form, signed by at least one parent or legal guardian, who has a valid MCP number; and
ii. A copy of the official adoption papers or a “Notice of Adoption Placement” from the Department of Child, Youth, & Family Services; and
iii. Valid immigration document(s) or a Permanent Resident card in the child’s name if the child is born outside of Canada.
6. Persons Released from Penitentiaries

- Persons being held in federal penitentiaries or in federal custody receive medical coverage from the federal government and are therefore not eligible for MCP coverage until released.
- If a person is released from a federal or provincial penitentiary and does not establish residence in the province of release but immediately moves permanently to this province (within two days of release) or is released in Newfoundland and Labrador and remains in the province, he or she is immediately eligible to apply for coverage. Coverage begins on the later of the date of release or the date of arrival in the province.
- If a person is released from a federal penitentiary and does not immediately move to this province, the province where they are released must provide the initial coverage for the remainder of the month of arrival plus two full months.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
Release Certificate from Correctional Service Canada showing where and when release occurred is required if applicant is seeking first day coverage.
7. International Post-Secondary Students Registered in a Degree Program

- Beneficiaries and their dependants must remain in Newfoundland and Labrador for a minimum of 183 days per 365 day period.
- Beneficiaries must provide proof of active full time enrollment in a Newfoundland and Labrador post-secondary educational institution.

Notes:
- If the confirmation of full time enrollment in an acceptable post-secondary education program is for less than 12 months, the student must provide a satisfactory written explanation for the shortage to MCP. This letter is used as a tool to determine whether or not coverage will be granted.
- If the applicant holds a study permit issued from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for an educational institution located outside Newfoundland and Labrador, a letter from a Newfoundland and Labrador post-secondary educational institution certifying that the applicant is attending school in the Province is acceptable provided the study permit is for at least 365 days.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
- Student Authorization (Study Permit) issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which meets the following criteria:
  a) Issued for an approved post-secondary educational institution located in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
  b) Issued for a period of at least 365 days; and
- Confirmation of full time enrollment at the specified school.
International “Post-Secondary” Students Registered in an English as a Second Language Program (ESL).

5. Is the applicant a resident of NL?
6. Does the applicant have a valid study permit issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada for an initial period of at least 365 days?
7. Does the applicant have documentation from a NL post-secondary institution indicating that their acceptance in a degree program is conditional upon successful completion of their language (ESL) studies?

ESL students may be eligible for temporary MCP coverage if they can produce documentation from a Newfoundland and Labrador post-secondary institution indicating that their acceptance in a degree program is conditional upon successful completion of their language studies. They must also meet all requirements for coverage as an international post-secondary student.

ESL students who do not have an acceptance for a degree program from a NL post-secondary institution are not eligible for MCP coverage.
8. International Workers with Employment Authorizations

Is the application for an International Worker with a valid CIC work permit? If Yes

Is the applicant a resident of NL?

Does the work permit meet ALL of the following criteria:
- Specifies an employer in NL; and
- Specifies a job within NL; and
- Is for an initial period of at least 365 days?

If Yes to all:

Approve Application

If No to any:

Reject Application

Beneficiaries and their dependants must remain in Newfoundland and Labrador for a minimum of 183 days per 365 day period.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
An applicant must hold an authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) which meets ALL of the following criteria:

i. For a specified employer in Newfoundland and Labrador; and

ii. For a specified job within the Province; and

iii. For an initial period of at least 365 days.

Note: Applicants must re-apply annually for coverage. If the applicant holds an “Open” Work Authorization issued from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, a letter from a specified employer located in Newfoundland and Labrador confirming employment, length of contract, and rotation schedule (if applicable) is required.

Is the application for an International Healthcare Worker with Employment Authorization?  
If Yes  
Is the applicant a resident of NL?  
If Yes to all  
Does the employment authorization meet ALL of the following criteria:  
- Specifies HCS as the employer; and  
- Specifies a job within NL; and  
- The period of employment is stated?  
If No to any*  
Reject Application

Additional Eligibility Requirements:
Employment Authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which meets all of the following criteria:
- the employer must be the Department of Health and Community Services (HCS), or
- one of the four Regional Health Authorities; and
- the job must be specified and be within the province; and
- the period of employment must be stated and may be for less than 365 days.

*Note: If the applicant holds an Open Work Authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, a letter from an employer (listed above) is accepted as long as the job is specified and located within the province.
10. International Clergy

Is the application for an International Clergy?

If Yes

Is the applicant a resident of NL?
Does the applicant have ALL of the following:
- Letter from Clergy's administrative office stating an employment term in NL of at least 365 days; and
- A valid passport stamped by Canadian Border Services.

If Yes to all

If No to any*

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

i. Letter from Clergy's administrative office stating an employment term in Newfoundland and Labrador of at least 365 days; and

ii. A valid passport stamped by Canadian Border Services, (for initial 6 months may be accepted to allow time to obtain proper immigration documents); or

iii. Proper immigration document from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
11. Professional Hockey Players

Does the applicant have **ALL** of the following:
- Letter from the Hockey Club's administrative office stating an employment term in NL; and
- A valid immigration document from CIC.

**If Yes to all**

**If No to any**

*Additional Eligibility Requirements:*
  i. Letter from the Hockey Club’s administrative office stating an employment term in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
  ii. Valid immigration document from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
12. **Convention Refugees, Resettled Refugees and Persons in Need of Protection**

- **If Yes**
  - **Is the application for a Convention Refugee, Resettled Refugee or Person in Need of Protection?**
  - **Is the applicant a resident of NL?**
    - **Does the applicant have a “Notice of Decision” from the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada that their claim has been heard and accepted?**

- **If No to any**
  - **Reject Application**

  **Additional Eligibility Requirements:**
  A “Notice of Decision” from the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada that their claim has been heard and accepted. Coverage becomes effective on the effective date of the “Notice of Decision” document if the applicant is present in the Province at that time or the date of arrival into the Province, whichever is later.
13. Individuals Approved by the Medical Assessment Committee

These applicants do not meet the eligibility requirements for entry into Canada, but are given special consideration because of strong humanitarian and/or compassionate grounds. Each case is reviewed by the Medical Assessment Committee in the Department. A recommendation to approve an individual under this category must be approved by the Minister of Health and Community Services.

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

i. Temporary Resident Permit authorizing the person to remain in Canada; and

ii. A copy of the Minister of Health and Community Services’ letter to Citizenship and Immigration Canada indicating that the Department will allow the person to become eligible for coverage.
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Legal Opinion
Part 4:

Emails
From: Ryan, Kelly  
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 4:45 PM  
To: Hicks, Cherry A.  
Subject: Requested Information

Hi Cherry,

Here is what I have so far, all of the policies are in draft format. Please let me know if you have any questions otherwise I will see you on Tuesday.

Thanks,

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We are seeing an increased number of International students coming in with recently expired or expiring MCP cards for April and May and I’m sure we’ll see them for June as well. Many of these students will state to us that they are not attending MUN for the summer semester but staying in the province and many more will tell us they will only be studying part time. For these students, if they are not studying or are only studying part time our policy doesn’t deem that we would continue with their coverage. It’s unfortunate that their MCP cards expired in April, May and June. If their MCP cards had expired in Aug or September to January at the beginning of a semester when they were attending courses full time MCP would have issued up to 1 year of coverage and we wouldn’t be any wiser that they would not be attending MUN full time studies for that summer semester. This would then take them out of that Summer semester of April, May and June and permitting them to still be eligible for MCP coverage.

I’m not sure if I’m getting my point across to you or not or if I may be confusing you. We are fully aware that most students will not be attending full time studies in the summer semester yet we issue MCP coverage for the full year. We can’t get confirmation from MUN stating students are enrolled in semesters that haven’t come yet. I find it difficult to get past the fact that due to the timing of the renewal of student MCP coverage that we could refuse a student yet other students will still carry on with an MCP card and not even be in the province. We simply would not know. I think we need to sit down and figure out the best approach to this issue.

I’ll throw out a couple of possible suggestions as a solution:

1. International students renew their MCP coverage every semester – Down side – increased amount of International student renewals. Our staff of 3 Clerk III’s can hardly keep up now with over 100 walk in customers daily plus up to 100 telephone calls daily.

2. International students renew their MCP coverage every year – Down side – MCP could be covering International students who are gone home or traveling inside or outside Canada for the summer semester and no longer studying.

3. International students are granted MCP coverage every year but MCP cards are only valid within Newfoundland and Labrador – Down side – Reciprocal billing could pose a problem. Up side – whatever claims we pay for were incurred within the province.

Often times when an International student leaves the province to go home or travel abroad and then ceases to be eligible under MCP, upon their return to resume studies they again must register and qualify for MCP coverage. Meaning, they again have to have an immigration document that is issued for at least one full year AND they have to be able to meet our residency requirement of being in or being able to reside in Newfoundland and Labrador for at least 1 full year. Many of these international students will fail to meet this requirement. Many of them upon returning to the province will have less than 12 full months remaining on their study permit from the date they returned, thus making a lot of international students ineligible. We need to review this International student policy.
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I've been involved with discussions on this topic but I'm still not in favor of terminating the numbers just because the renewal got returned and we didn't/couldn't reach the person to update their address. However, if we could tell from Out of Province claiming that the individual was having services in another province then I would feel differently. Certainly terminate the number until we hear from the individual. Often times when we learn someone is outside the province we don't terminate their MCP numbers, we just simply tell them they have to or should have applied for out of province coverage. I'm dealing with calls on this every week lately. I feel we're upsetting people in most cases unnecessarily, especially when doctor's office are refusing to see them and their families because their number is showing invalid even though the card in their possession is showing valid. Some beneficiaries are stating they have been refused specialist appointments due to MCP terminating the number early.

Just my thoughts.

Kerry

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Hey Guys:

Cherry and I have discussed the issue of code 97 – Renewal Returned. DEO's at the GFW office are putting these codes on file for renewal notices that have been undeliverable. If anyone should call upset over this process we have to remind them that it is their responsibility to notify MCP of any change in address and to assure them we will put the termination date back to the original date and ask them to complete the Information Update to have new cards released.
Also, when dealing with International Students/Workers concerning OOP, it is very important that we change the term code to 40 but we must also make note in the comment section of the original term date plus the original code (30, 31 etc.).

If you have any questions or concerns about this please let myself or Cherry know.

Roxanne Fudge  
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Right now we don't cover International students on their work terms outside our province. Now this I disagree with. If students are taking a work term as part of their studies for a postsecondary educational facility in Newfoundland and Labrador, then I believe we should indeed cover them. After all it is part of their program of study. Are we now going to cover international students on their work terms?

Are we going to implement the same rules for all beneficiaries? No differences whatsoever?

We currently don't cover international workers or students for their waiting period when they move from Newfoundland and Labrador. We terminate their coverage the day they permanently leave our province.

So, I'm going to need some clarification on these points in order to pass on to both our St. John's and Grand Falls Windsor staff.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gibb, Bradley
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 9:58 AM
To: Whitten, Kerry F.
Cc: Maher, Tony
Subject: RE: International students

Hi Kerry,

s.30(1)(b)

I've discussed the case below with Tony and

As the student in question appears to have been in the Province for more than one year (she's in year 5 of her program at MUN) and she has documentation from CIC legally entitling her to remain in NL until March 31, 2015, she is entitled, as an MCP beneficiary, to leave the province for longer than 30 days without losing her coverage. As such we should not be cancelling her coverage as she has stated her absence will be temporary, she has stated an intention to return and she can demonstrate that she is ordinarily present in the Province.

We could request proof that she is maintaining a residence (i.e. still has a home in NL) during her absence.

We can also request GF-W to monitor ooc claims for these beneficiaries to ensure that these beneficiaries return to the province in a timely manner and to determine the overall impact on the MCP budget for ooc claims made by international students and international workers.

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Brad
729-5390

-----Original Message-----
From: Ryan, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 3:09 PM
To: Gibb, Bradley
Subject: FW: International students

I think this might be for you.

-----Original Message-----
From: Whitten, Kerry F.
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:48 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Cc: Norman, Kelly; Ryan, Kelly
Subject: International students

Please see attachment. Here we have an Out of Province Coverage Request application for an International Student here who will be exceeding 30 days outside the province before she commences school again in September. With our rules the way they are, we will have to terminate this International student's MCP coverage effective the day she leaves
NL for her 6 week vacation to her home country. Upon her return, she will not have enough time on her current study permit for MCP to pick up her coverage again.

We are issuing 1 yr of MCP coverage to International Students in September and January knowing full well that most of these individuals will be going home after the Winter semester (January to April). Many of these students won’t inform MCP that they are going home from May to August but they will still carry a valid MCP card. If these students did inform MCP we’d be overrun with applications for Out of Province Coverage that we would end up having to terminate. These same individuals would then need to reapply and qualify again upon commencing the school year in September.

My question to you is.........How do we proceed with International students who we terminate because they will exceed 30 days outside the province upon their return? The students I’m referring to will not have enough time on their immigration documents upon reapplying for MCP for the new school year.

I don’t have any issues with terminating coverage due to exceeding 30 days outside the province and then picking up their coverage upon their return. MCP then isn’t responsible for services during the their absence from our province. But, it does seem unfair to not issue coverage upon their return to finish their studies in our province, at our universities, because they now won’t have at least that 1 full year on their CIC documents from their date of return.

I think we should pick up coverage for these international students upon their return for studies as long as they were covered by MCP during the previous semester. They would still have to provide proof of full time enrollment. In a case where an international student will be completing their program of study during a given semester but doesn’t have a full course load that MCP would deem full time enrollment, I believe we should still issue MCP coverage during that final semester. Your thoughts?

-----Original Message-----
From: Kerry Whitten [mailto:kerrywhitten@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 12:55 PM
To: Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject:

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Scan Date: 07.08.2014 11:25:08 (-0400)
Queries to: donnamanuel@gov.nl.ca
We ask Canadian citizens and Permanent Resident who are beneficiaries of MCP to apply for Out of Province Coverage if they are leaving the province for more than 30 days. The only difference here is that because individuals are Permanent Residents or Canadian citizens, they can avail of Out of Province Coverage for up to 8 months.

MCP only uses the stamp in the passport once and this is to allow time for the beneficiary to obtain immigration documents that would permit them to remain in Canada. A stamp in the passport only permits the individual to remain in Canada for up to 6 months. After that, further documentation MUST be obtained to be permitted to remain in Canada.
Kerry
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From: Maher, Tony
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:10 PM
To: Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: FW: MCP/immigration issue

Kerry,
Could you please outline the circumstances......TM

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From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 12:15 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: Fw: MCP/immigration issue

Tony can you look into this particular case for me with Cherry. What are the issues?

Thanks,
Michelle

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: O'Keefe, Lori
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jewer, Michelle N.
Subject: MCP/immigration issue
Hi Michelle,
As per our discussion this morning and the issue regarding MCP coverage and immigration,

Thanks!
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Medical Students should apply for Extended Coverage (Out of Province Coverage) to their home province before leaving to do internships and medical residents in other Canadian Provinces. Applications to the home provinces medical plan should indicate that the beneficiary is doing an internship or residency.

As part of the Interprovincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability - Feb 1, 2001, I quote for you:

section 6 "All students married or single, temporarily absent from their home province and in full time attendance at a university or other approved educational institution, should be treated the same i.e. they would be provided with coverage from the home plan for a 12 month period subject to not establishing permanent residence elsewhere during this period. This period is renewable as often as is appropriate at the discretion of the plan."

Administrative clarification (a) "Student nurses (including psychiatric student nurses), interns and residents are to be accepted as students for the purposes of this agreement."

Should a beneficiary of another provinces health care plan apply to Newfoundland & Labrador for MCP coverage, they would be directed back to their provinces home plan for extended coverage on an annual basis for the duration of their internship or residency.

I didn’t want to state "as long as its considered a permanent move" as I’m certain this would encourage people to stat that it is a permanent move for the purposes of obtaining MCP coverage.

Kerry

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From: Whitten, Kerry F.  
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 12:04 PM  
To: Hicks, cherry A.  
Subject: RE: Follow up to QC/ON March IHIACC item / Suivi au point du CCEIAS de mars dernier impliquant le Qc et l’Ont.  

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See Response below in Red.

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From: Hicks, cherry A.  
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:35 AM  
To: Whitten, Kerry F.  
Subject: FW: Follow up to QC/ON March IHIACC item / Suivi au point du CCEIAS de mars dernier impliquant le Qc et l’Ont.  

Hi Kerry,

Could you draft a reply for me please?

Thanks,

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From: Wall, Marlene  
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:33 AM
To: 'Peggy Woodford'; Hicks, Cherry A.

Subject: RE: Follow up to QC/ON March IHIACC item / Suivi au point du CCEIAS de mars dernier impliquant le Qc et l'Ont.

Hi Peggy,

Your e-mail has been forwarded to Cherry Hicks, Manager of Public Services – MCP eligibility for reply.

Thanks,
Marlene

From: Peggy Woodford [mailto:peggy.woodford@hc-sc.gc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 3:17 PM
To: ahedley@gov.nu.ca; carolyn.currie@gnb.ca; cheryl.whitten@gov.ab.ca; david.hodgins@gov.ns.ca; Deb.Slobogian-Jones@gov.mb.ca; donna.manuel@gov.ab.ca; Glenda.Fisher@ontario.ca; harold.mccarthy@gov.ns.ca; jarklay@gov.nu.ca; Jeff.Hutchison@ontario.ca; Jeffrey_Dalley@gov.nt.ca; jcirwin@gov.pe.ca; Julie.Ingo@ontario.ca; Lsttdennis@health.gov.sk.ca; Lysane.montminy@ramq.gouv.qc.ca; Mark.C.Taylor@gov.bc.ca; Wall, Marlene; Michael.Lynch2@albertahealthservices.ca; pam.buckway@gov.yk.ca; patrick.anglin@gov.bc.ca; Wayne_Overbo@gov.nt.ca
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Subject: Follow up to QC/ON March IHIACC item / Suivi au point du CCEIAS de mars dernier impliquant le Qc et l'Ont.

(Voir la version française ci-dessous.)

Hi, everyone.

As agreed at the March 21 IHIACC teleconference, the Secretariat has prepared a number of questions for IHIACC members regarding their policies on the issue of eligibility, as raised in discussion by Quebec and Ontario. Please provide your input to me by May 7, 2013. The Secretariat will organize this information and follow up with Ontario and Quebec.

Thanks.

Scenario:

A resident leaves his or her home province or territory on a temporary absence outside of Canada and is extended continuous coverage during that absence by the provincial/territorial health plan. Upon the resident’s return to his or her home jurisdiction, the individual immediately leaves for a second temporary absence to study in another province/territory.

- Is there a minimum period of time an individual must be physically present in the home province/territory upon their return from the first temporary absence before leaving for a second temporary absence in order to maintain their eligibility for health insurance coverage by the provincial/territorial health insurance plan? No. Students can be eligible for MCP OOP coverage indefinitely as long as they are registered for full time studies in another province/country. They need just complete an application for Out Of Province coverage and provide us with a document from the institution indicating full time enrolment.

- During a temporary absence within Canada (from his or her home province/territory) to study, is the individual required to return and be physically present in the home province/territory for a minimum number of days (e.g., during a calendar year) in order to maintain continuous
coverage during the temporary absence? No, not while studying. There is no stipulation on students having to be physically residing/present in NL for any period of time in a calendar year. Students can be eligible for MCP OOP coverage indefinitely as long as they are registered for full time studies in another province/country and annually complete/submit the OOP request form. We can issue the coverage for a full yr at a time to accommodate the study period. Upon completion of the study program, students who do not return to NL are required to register in the province they make a permanent move to.

- Are these physical presence requirements applied specifically for temporary absences to study, or are they applied for all temporary absences from the province/territory regardless of the reason? Not applicable for beneficiaries studying. MCP does place requirements on beneficiaries who vacation outside our province to reside in our province for at least 122 days in a calendar yr. MCP does allow beneficiaries/NL resident up to 1 yr OOP for work purposes outside Canada. Should the beneficiary receive an extension to their work contract we can issue another 1 yr of OOP coverage. This can again be done one final time to total 36 months. Once this is exhausted the beneficiary is no longer eligible. They would have to return to the province and live for 1 full yr before being eligible for MCP Out of Province coverage again.

- Are these requirements policy or in legislation/regulation? Practice.

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Bonjour,

Suivi au point du CCEIAS de mars dernier impliquant le Qc et l’Ont.

Tel que convenu à la téléconférence du CCEIAS du 21 mars, le Secrétariat a préparé des questions pour les membres du CCEIAS concernant leurs politiques sur les enjeux d’admissibilité, tels que soulevés par le Québec et l’Ontario. Prière de me fournir vos commentaires d’ici le 7 mai 2013. Le Secrétariat recueillera l’information pour ensuite faire un suivi auprès de l’Ontario et du Québec.

Merci.

Scénario :

Une personne quitte sa province ou son territoire de résidence pour s’absenter temporairement hors du Canada et reçoit une protection continue du régime d’assurance-santé de sa province ou de son territoire durant son absence. La personne n’élit pas résidence à l’extérieur du Canada. Elle maintient sa résidence principale dans sa province d’origine. Une fois revenue dans sa province d’origine, la personne doit repartir immédiatement pour une deuxième absence temporaire dans une autre province ou un autre territoire. Cette personne déclare à sa province d’origine et à la province hôte qu’elle conserve sa résidence principale dans sa province d’origine et qu’elle a l’intention d’y revenir après son séjour.

- Une fois que la personne est revenue de sa première absence temporaire, y a-t-il une période de temps minimale pendant laquelle elle doit être physiquement présente dans sa province d’origine ou son territoire avant de quitter pour une deuxième absence temporaire pour conserver son admissibilité à la couverture d’assurance-maladie offerte par le régime d’assurance-santé de sa province ou de son territoire?
• Si elle doit s'absenter temporairement de sa province d'origine pour étudier tout en demeurant au Canada, la personne doit elle retourner et être présente physiquement dans sa province d'origine ou son territoire de résidence pendant un nombre minimum de jours (p. ex. pendant une année civile) pour conserver son admissibilité à la couverture d’assurance-maladie durant son absence temporaire?

Peggy
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Joy, Cheryl

From: Whitten, Kerry F.
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 5:10 PM
To: Barton, Elaine; Bungay, Enos; Collins, Kelly M.; Fudge, Roxanne; Hicks, Cherry A.; King, Paula M; Laite, Teresa E.; Norman, Kelly; Pelley, Brenda C; Vinnicombe, Lori; Whitten, Kerry F.; Whitten, Randy
Subject: International workers & Students

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Just a quick little reminder to pay particular attention to International workers and students documentation to ensure they meet eligibility requirements.

Workers –

Make sure the letters from their employers are indicating full time employment and working in Newfoundland and ask about the terms of employment. (if they are here full time, will they be working outside NL, are they on a rotation, or how many home leaves they have per year). Pay particular attention to anyone working in the Oil and Gas Industry as many of these individuals have numerous home visits a year which would exceed 30 days outside our province.

Students –

Make sure they have a current letter from the educational institution for which they are attending studies that states full time enrollment.

I just had a gentleman at the counter today a He had his application with him that indicated he had paid some registration fees but .........he wouldn't be attending classes until Sept 2013. Under our current rules, this gentleman would not be eligible as he is not attending "Post Secondary" studies at this time.

I just thought I'd bring this situation to your attention as I had just dealt with it.

Thanks,

Kerry

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Hi Karen,

Please find attached the signed (1999) MCP policies dealing with out of province coverage for MCP beneficiaries (403.01 PDF) as well as the signed (1999) definition of a beneficiary (401.01 PDF). I have also included the updated versions of these 2 policies (word documents) which are the ones being used on a day to day basis for ensuring uniform application of the Act and ensuring consistent application to all applicants.

Beneficiaries are required to be in the Province for a full year to meet residency requirements as set out in the Act.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Brad

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beneficiaries learning for work purposes (temporary absent workers) may receive an out-of-province coverage

coverage.

must be provided on official company or business letterhead.

up to three (3) years' full-time out-of-province coverage. Pond to assist in running the province
absent workers may receive their out-of-province coverage each year to provide
renumeration must be immediately following their return to Newfoundland. Further, they
coverage for up to twelve (12) months covered. The normal four (4) month coverage
beneficiaries learning for vacation purposes may receive an initial out-of-province coverage

province coverage to eligible beneficiaries, with the following qualifications:

An Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate may grant a maximum of twelve (12) months out-of-

month period to qualify as a beneficiary.

a resident must reside in Newfoundland for at least four (4) consecutive months in each twelve (12) months covered. The Commission applies the standards that
who makes his or her home and is continuously present in the Province... "The Commission applies the standards that
The Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance Act defines a resident as a person..." who makes his or

in Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate.

All beneficiaries who during the Commission's residency requirements will be eligible to receive

as part of coverage under the Newfoundland Medical Care Plan.

Therefore, the Commission will issue an Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate to eligible beneficiaries
also recognized that the presentation of an MCP card may not be adequate proof of coverage. It is
provincial medical care insurance coverage is valid while the recipient resides Newfoundland. It is

The Commission recognizes that beneficiaries may be required to present transferable proof that their

provisions

insurance act, supporting regulations and Commission policies respecting residency in the province.

The Newfoundland Medical Care Commission will provide coverage for insured medical services received

policy statement

Approved by

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CERTIFICATES

OUT-OF-PROVINCE COVERAGE

PUBLIC SERVICES

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Services and Administration may appeal the decision in writing to the Executive Director.

Beneficiaries who are denied our-of-province coverage certificates by the Manager of Public Services and Administration may appeal the decision in writing to the Manager of Public Services and Administration;

Coverage Certificates are valid for a period of 12 months.

Benefits in Newfoundland have been met and the eligibility of the beneficiary to receive an Out-of-Provance benefit for which a certificate is issued by the residue of the residue for each certificate. The Commission may examine the receipt of-Province and in-Province claims histories for each certificate.

Benefits are intended to remain in the Province.

If a new MCP card is required, the recipient of the card, in addition to the reason to suspect the card, would expire August 31, 2002.

All students studying outside Newfoundland will be given a new MCP card with an expiry date that coincides with the school year in the maximum of 12 months after a card expiring August 31, 2002.

Removal from the list.

An out-of-province travel policy is issued without an expiry date.

A new MCP card will be issued without an expiry date.

An expected term of stay in Newfoundland or the province to the termination of each day, which coincides with the end of each 6 months, will have a termination date placed on this day, which coincides with the termination of each 6 months. A new MCP card will be issued with an expiry date.

A beneficiary traveling anywhere outside Newfoundland for a period greater than 6 months will be.

A beneficiary traveling anywhere outside Newfoundland for a period greater than 0 days.

The Commission will apply the following guidelines in determining whether to issue an Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate.

1.0 The Commission will apply the following guidelines in determining whether to issue an Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate.
Procedures

2. Each application will be reviewed for proper completion to ensure all relevant information is provided.

3. The in-province and out-of-province claim history for each applicant will be received by the Public Services

OUTDATED POLICY - no longer in use
Certain categories of residents and their dependents are specifically excluded from becoming a beneficiary.

Excluded Categories

An applicant who does not belong to any category is by default ineligible to become a beneficiary.

These include:

- Certain categories of residents and their dependents
- Those specifically excluded from becoming a beneficiary

CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES

- 21 years or younger
- A legal spouse
- A legal relative
- A child under the age of 18

Definitions

The interprovincial agreements on eligibility and portability, hospital and medical care insurance.

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Newfoundland & Labrador Medical Care Commission
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If application is made more than twelve months after the date of arrival in the Province, coverage will begin on the first day of the third month following the month of arrival.

If application is made within twelve months after the date of arrival in the Province, coverage will begin on the first day of the month following the month of arrival.

For the period of transition, coverage will be prorated on the following basis category.

- A waiting period consisting of the remainder of the month of arrival plus two additional months.
- A waiting period consisting of the remainder of the month of arrival plus two additional months.

Effective Coverage Dates

Satisfactory proof of eligibility, as required for the supporting beneficiary, must be presented for each family member.

Dependent's Proof of Eligibility Required

- Canadian Birth Certificate (原件 or photo copy)
- Valid (unexpired) Canadian Passport
- Immigration
- Immigration, document submitted outside Newfoundland, confirming status as a landed immigrant
- Official Federal Government document containing the Social Insurance Number
- Social Insurance Card (原件 or photo copy)

Proof of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status consisting of any ONE of the following:

A Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant from Another Province/Territory

Categories of Beneficiaries

Applicant who does not belong to any category is by default ineligible to become a beneficiary.

An application for candidacy is submitted by the circumstances of the individual applicant. An application for candidacy will be refused by the commission on the following basis:

- Candidate, and correspondence rules, to which which must be met by an applicant to become an eligible beneficiary. The commission will establish beneficiary categories, each with specific conditions and rules which must be met.

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NEWFOUNDLAND MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION
Eligible Beneficiary Categories

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Canadian Citizens and Landed Immigrants From Another Country
OUTDATED POLICY - no longer in use

Purpose
The Department of Health and Community Services’ Medical Care Plan (MCP) provides coverage for insured medical services received outside Newfoundland and Labrador to eligible beneficiaries who are temporarily out of the Province and who qualify under the residency provisions of the Newfoundland Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 supporting regulations, and MCP policies. This coverage is normally limited to 30 days during the first year of coverage.*

Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage Certificates
MCP recognizes that eligible beneficiaries traveling outside of Newfoundland and Labrador for periods greater than 30 days may be required to present tangible proof that their provincial medical care insurance coverage is valid. This proof may consist of a valid MCP card and/or a valid Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage certificate.

Beneficiaries who are absent from the Province for periods greater than 30 days are encouraged to notify MCP to determine if they qualify for out-of-proVINCE coverage and/or an Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage certificate.

*Note: Persons in receipt of MCP coverage who are not Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents are not eligible for out-of-proVINCE coverage for a period greater than 30 days in any 365 day period.

Categories of Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage
1. Beneficiaries Leaving the Province for Vacation Purposes.
2. Beneficiaries Leaving the Province for Work Purposes.
   2A - Mobile Workers.
   2B - Temporary Workers (working inside Canada).
   2C - Temporary Workers (working outside Canada).
3. Beneficiaries Leaving the Province for Educational Purposes.
4. Beneficiaries Leaving the Province for Other Purposes (i.e. illness etc.).
5. Beneficiaries Leaving the Province for Family Responsibility Purposes.
6. Foreign Worker Coverage.

Duration of Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage Certificates
After the first year of residency, eligible beneficiaries who adhere to the Department’s residency requirements are eligible to apply for an Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage certificate for a maximum of 365 days (12 months) out-of-proVINCE coverage, the exact length of the certificate is determined on a case by case basis.

The termination date of an Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage certificate is determined by the beneficiary’s expected return date. Beneficiaries who meet the approval criteria are issued an Out-of-ProVINCE Coverage certificate, signed by the employee who processed the application. The beneficiary is required to surrender all old MCP cards that they
possess. If applicable, a reduced expiry date is placed on the beneficiary’s file, or a new MCP card with an expiry date that coincides with the beneficiary’s expected date of return, is issued.

**Expiry Dates**
MCP reserves the right to refuse to issue an MCP card or to issue a card with a reduced expiry date reflecting the expected date of return, if MCP has reason to believe that the beneficiary does not intend to return to the Province.

**Use of Medical Claims History to Ensure Residency Requirements**
MCP may examine the recent out-of-province and in-province medical claims history of each beneficiary who applies for an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate to ensure that the residency requirements have been met and the eligibility of the beneficiary to receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate is valid.

In cases where the beneficiary’s claims history raises doubts about their NL residency status, the beneficiary will be contacted and required to provide proof of residency status (i.e. a current driver’s license, employment confirmation, utility/municipal bill, Federal Notice of Income Tax Assessment, etc.)

**Appeal Procedures**
Beneficiaries who are denied out-of-province coverage may appeal, in writing, to the Manager of Public Services and Administration. The appeal letter should identify the beneficiary’s full name, current address, and MCP number, and should be accompanied by any correspondence received from MCP and any other information that would be relevant to their appeal. If out-of-province coverage is subsequently denied by the Manager of Public Services and Administration the beneficiary may submit a further appeal, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Audit & Claims Integrity Division.

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CATEGORY 1: BENEFICIARIES LEAVING FOR VACATION PURPOSES

Effective Coverage:
Out-of-Province Coverage certificates issued for vacation purposes are valid for up to 243 days (8 months) coverage. The 122 day (4 month) residency requirement must be satisfied in the year preceding the leave and in the year following the leave.

Normally, a beneficiary may receive one Out-of-Province Coverage certificate for more than 243 days coverage (to a maximum of 365 days or 1 year) for vacation purposes once every 5 years. The 122 day (4 month) residency requirement must be satisfied in the year preceding the leave and in the year following the leave.

Eligibility Requirements:
Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:
1. Must have established residency in the Province (i.e. must have lived and been ordinarily present in the Province for a period of at least 11 months after receiving their MCP card.
2. Must complete an application for an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate and provide supporting documentation if requested.
3. Must state their intention to re-establish residency in Newfoundland and Labrador once the vacation is finished; and
4. Must provide proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence in or are maintaining other significant ties to Newfoundland and Labrador (if requested).

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

CATEGORY 2: BENEFICIARIES LEAVING FOR WORK PURPOSES
(Mobile and Temporarily Absent Workers)

The Department recognizes that residents may accept employment opportunities which require them to leave the Province for extended periods of time while they maintain their residential ties to the Province. The Mobile and Temporarily Absent Worker category balances the needs of these workers with the requirements of the Act to make one’s home and to be ordinarily present in the Province. In most cases, workers who avail of this category for MCP beneficiary coverage for periods greater than one year must demonstrate their continued commitment to reside in the Province. Applicants are required to produce their Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment for the most recent tax year (or other suitable documentation) demonstrating their continued commitment to reside in the Province.

Category 2A: Beneficiaries Leaving for Work Purposes (Mobile Workers)
A Mobile Worker is a Category 1 Beneficiary who ordinarily resides in the Province but who regularly leaves the Province for employment purposes. These workers do not establish permanent residences outside of the Province and regularly return to their permanent residence within the Province. (Examples include truck drivers, pilots, rotational oilfield workers living in “camps” and marine workers.)
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Category 2A: Beneficiaries Leaving for Work Purposes (Mobile Workers) (cont’d)

Effective Coverage for Mobile Workers:
Mobile Workers may receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate for up to 365 days (12 months) MCP coverage. A certificate issued to a Mobile Worker is limited to 12 months coverage and must be renewed each year.

Eligibility Requirements:
Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:
1. Must provide proof, from their employer, of their job rotation (on official company or business letterhead); and
2. Must state their intention to re-establish residency in Newfoundland and Labrador upon completion of the work term; and
3. Must provide proof that they have declared Newfoundland and Labrador as their “Province of Residence” to Revenue Canada (i.e. provide their Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada for the preceding year indicating that they reside in Newfoundland and Labrador).

Beneficiaries may also be required to:
1. Provide proof that their leisure time is normally spent in Newfoundland and Labrador; and/or
2. Provide proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

Category 2B: Beneficiaries Leaving for Work Purposes within Canada
(Temporarily Absent Workers)

A Temporarily Absent Worker is a beneficiary who ordinarily resides in the Province but who leaves the Province for a specified period of employment. These workers must retain their ties to the Province but may establish a residence outside the Province and are not required to spend their leisure time in the Province for the duration of the employment contract. Workers who leave the Province for permanent positions in another province or who expect to reside in another province for a period greater than 365 days are required to apply for health care coverage from that province.

Note: Temporary workers may receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate for up to 365 days coverage. A certificate issued to a temporarily absent worker must be renewed each year.

Eligibility Requirements:
Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:
1. Must provide proof, from their employer, of their work contract duration (on official company or business letterhead); and
Category 2B: Beneficiaries Leaving for Work Purposes within Canada (Temporarily Absent Workers) (cont’d)

2. Must provide proof that they have declared Newfoundland and Labrador as their “province of residence” to Revenue Canada (i.e. provide their Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada for the preceding tax year indicating that they reside in Newfoundland and Labrador).

Beneficiaries may also be required to provide proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence or other significant ties in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

Category 2C: Beneficiaries Leaving for Work Purposes outside Canada (Temporarily Absent Workers)

A Temporarily Absent Worker is a beneficiary who ordinarily resides in the Province but who leaves the Province for a specified period of employment. These workers must retain their ties to the Province but may establish a residence outside the Province and are not required to spend their leisure time in the Province for the duration of the employment contract.

Note: Temporary workers may receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate for up to 365 days coverage. A certificate issued to a temporarily absent worker must be renewed each year for a maximum of 3 years.

Eligibility Requirements:
Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. Must provide proof, from their employer, of their work contract duration (on official company or business letterhead); and
2. Must provide proof that they have declared Newfoundland and Labrador as their “province of residence” to Revenue Canada (i.e. provide their Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada for the preceding tax year indicating that they reside in Newfoundland and Labrador).

Beneficiaries may also be required to provide proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence or other significant ties to Newfoundland and Labrador (if requested).

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.
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Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan (MCP)
PUBLIC SERVICES - OUT OF PROVINCE COVERAGE POLICY

CATEGORY 3: BENEFICIARIES LEAVING THE PROVINCE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Effective Coverage:
Beneficiaries temporarily leaving the Province for full time educational purposes to attend a recognized educational institution may receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate for up to 365 days (12 months) coverage. The certificate is renewable each year, upon application to MCP, for the duration of the educational program.

Eligibility Requirements:
Beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following criteria:
1. Must present satisfactory proof of full-time enrollment at a recognized educational institution; and
2. Must state their intention to re-establish residency in Newfoundland and Labrador once the program of study is completed.

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

CATEGORY 4: BENEFICIARIES LEAVING THE PROVINCE FOR OTHER PURPOSES (I.E. ILLNESS, ETC.)
Process as per Category 1.

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

CATEGORY 5: BENEFICIARIES LEAVING THE PROVINCE FOR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY PURPOSES
Process as per Category 1.

Restrictions: This coverage is only available to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.
CATEGORtY 6: FOREIGN WORKER COVERAGE

MCP requires that Foreign Workers must provide evidence of being residents of Newfoundland and Labrador on an annual basis. MCP beneficiary coverage for eligible foreign workers is intended to provide foreign workers with healthcare coverage only while they are physically present in the Province. However, MCP recognizes that foreign workers, who are ordinarily present in the Province, may be required to leave the Province for short periods of time. In order to accommodate these workers, MCP provides up to 30 days out-of-province coverage (in any 365 day period) when the coverage is requested by the foreign worker before the start of their travel. This category of coverage is intended to encourage foreign workers to make their home and be ordinarily present in the Province.

Effective Coverage:
Foreign workers temporarily leaving the Province for vacation or other purposes may qualify for out-of-province coverage for up to 30 days (1 month) in any 365 day period. The residency requirement for foreign worker beneficiaries must be satisfied in each subsequent calendar year in order to receive future Out-of-Province Coverage certificates.

Eligibility Requirements:
Foreign worker beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:
1. Must have established residency in the Province;
2. Must complete an application for and receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate before leaving the Province;
3. Must state their intention to re-establish residency in Newfoundland and Labrador within 31 days of the issuance of the Out-of-Province Coverage certificate; and
4. Must provide all supporting documentation including proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence in or are maintaining other significant ties to Newfoundland and Labrador (if requested).
CATEGORY 7: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COVERAGE

MCP requires that International Students must provide evidence of being residents of Newfoundland and Labrador on an annual basis. MCP beneficiary coverage for eligible international students is intended to provide international students with healthcare coverage only while they are physically present in the Province. However, MCP recognizes that international students, who are ordinarily present in the Province, may be required to leave the Province for short periods of time. In order to accommodate these students, MCP provides up to 30 days out-of-province coverage (in any 365 day period) when the coverage is requested by the International student before the start of their travel. This category of coverage is intended to encourage international students to make their home and be ordinarily present in the Province.

Effective Coverage:
International students temporarily leaving the Province for vacation or other purposes may qualify for out-of-province coverage for up to 30 days (1 month) in any 365 day period. The residency requirement for international student beneficiaries must be satisfied in each subsequent calendar year in order to receive future Out-of-Province Coverage certificates.

Eligibility Requirements:
International student beneficiaries must meet ALL of the following requirements:
1. Must have established residency in the Province;
2. Must complete an application for and receive an Out-of-Province Coverage certificate before leaving the Province;
3. Must state their intention to re-establish residency in Newfoundland and Labrador within 31 days of the issuance of the Out-of-Province Coverage certificate; and
4. Must provide all supporting documentation including proof that they are maintaining a permanent residence in or are maintaining other significant ties to Newfoundland and Labrador (if requested).
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Purpose
This policy defines and clarifies the meaning of terms which are used by the Medical Care Plan (MCP) Public Services and Administration section in the interpretation and implementation of the Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999.

Authority
The Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 and Regulations.
The Department of Health and Community Services adheres to the conditions of the Inter-Provincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability, Hospital and Medical Care Insurance and the Canada Health Act. The Department is considered a custodian under the Personal Health Information Act and is subject to the provisions of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Definitions
The Act means the Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 as amended.

Beneficiary means a resident of the Province who has duly completed an application for registration and has received proof of eligibility as a beneficiary from the Department.

The Department means the Department of Health and Community Services and includes the Audit and Claims Integrity Division.

Dependent means a person who is a resident of the Province and depends upon another resident for maintenance. A legal spouse who does not maintain a separate residence, a child under the age of 21 years who is unmarried and not gainfully employed or who is mentally or physically infirm are considered dependents.

Duly Completed: In order to duly complete an application for registration a resident must complete, submit and have approved by MCP a MCP application form. The resident must also provide satisfactory proof that they qualify under the Act and Regulations.

The Province means the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Person in Need of Protection means persons whose removal to their country of origin (i.e. deportation from Canada) would subject them personally to a danger of torture, a risk to their life, or a risk of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment. Person in Need of Protection status is established by the Refugee Board of Canada (Refugee Protection Division). A “Notice of Decision” must be provided.

Refugee or Resettled Refugee means a person on whom refugee protection has been conferred by the Refugee Board of Canada (Refugee Protection Division).
Refugee Claimant means a person whose claim for refugee protection is eligible to be referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board and who is awaiting a final determination of that claim by that Board, including a person whose right to judicial review of that determination, or appeal of that judicial review, has not been exhausted. This definition does not include a person whose refugee claim was determined to be abandoned or withdrawn.

The Regulations means the Regulations of the Medical Care Insurance Act, 1999 as amended.

Resident means a person lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada, who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in the Province, but does not include a tourist, transient or visitor to the Province.

Makes his or her home means that a person maintains and resides at a permanent residence in the Province. This includes the process of establishing a permanent residence in the Province. MCP normally accepts the stated intention of an applicant under oath, to live in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 consecutive months (365 days), as meeting this requirement. The applicant must also be lawfully entitled to be in Canada and be entitled to stay in Canada for at least the same period. MCP interprets that a person who leaves the Province for not more than 30 days while establishing residency does not violate these residency provisions. Applicants who willing violate an oath of residency shall lose their MCP coverage and may be subject to prosecution under the Act.

Ordinarily Present means a person who is normally in the Province and spends most of their leisure time in the Province.

Tourist means a person who makes a tour for pleasure.

Transient means a person who stays in the Province for only a short time, staying briefly, a temporary guest, boarder or the like.

Visitor means a person who goes or comes to see a particular person or place.

Ineligible Resident means a resident of the Province who is eligible to receive public healthcare coverage from another Canadian jurisdiction.
Maintaining Residency in the Province
After the initial year of coverage, an applicant must normally be physically present in the Province for at least 122 days in each calendar year (this does not have to be consecutive). Foreign or International beneficiaries who have been legally residing in the Province and who no longer meet the criteria for which they received beneficiary status remain eligible for MCP coverage provided:

1. they have met the initial residency requirements of a beneficiary;
2. they continue to legally reside in the Province and are ordinarily present in the Province; and
3. they intend to legally remain in the Province.

Foreign or International beneficiaries must apply for coverage on an annual basis.

Temporarily out of the Province means to be absent from the Province for business, education, vacation or other reasons without assuming or maintaining a permanent residence elsewhere and intending to return.
Joy, Cheryl

From: Gibb, Brad
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 2:25 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: Public Services Policies
Attachments: Policy attachments provided in policy section.

Tony,

For your review and signature, please see attached.

Thanks.

Brad

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Hi Cherry,

Could you please review the attached OOP coverage policy draft and suggest a date when we can discuss.

Thanks.

Brad
Hi Tony,

Please see page 3 of the Eligibility Rules that date back 21 years.

Cherry
Eligibility Rules

Eligible Categories

In accordance with MCP policy, outlined below are the categories, proof of eligibility requirements, and effective dates for people who are eligible for medical care coverage:

* Canadian Citizens Moving To Newfoundland From Another Province

**Proof of Eligibility:**

- Social Insurance Card (original or photocopy) or an acceptable Federal Government identity card or document containing the Social Insurance Number, or
- Valid (unexpired) Canadian passport, or
- Birth Certificate (Canadian), or
- Taxation T4 or Notice of Assessment containing the Social Insurance Number, and, optionally
- Other provinces Health Care Card (original or photocopy).

The Social Insurance Card referred to above should contain a nine digit number, the first digit of which should be a value other than nine. (The range of values 1-8 indicates they are Canadian citizens, the value 9 indicates they are not Canadian citizens.)

**Effective Dates:**

People in this category are eligible for coverage on the first day of the third month following their arrival in the province. This reflects the fact that they are covered by their previous province for that period.

People who present within three months after their arrival will be registered with an eligibility date of the first day of the third month following their arrival.

People who present with an arrival date of from three months to twelve months will have their eligibility back-dated to the first day of the third month following their arrival.

People who present with an arrival date of more than twelve months will have their eligibility back-dated to the first day of the ninth month from their date of presentation.

* Canadian Citizens Returning From Another Country

**Proof of Eligibility:**

- Valid (unexpired) Canadian passport, or
- Letter from the Department of the Secretary of State verifying they are Canadian citizens. A spouse, and children under the age of twenty-one, will be registered provided they furnish satisfactory immigration documents or their status is covered in the above-mentioned letter.
- Canadian Birth Certificate accompanied by a U.S. Alien Registration Card.

Family members who have attained their twenty-first birthday will be treated as individuals and must present satisfactory immigration documents.

**Effective Dates:**

Coverage will be immediate upon registration.
* Newborns Who Are Dependents Of Canadian Citizens

**Proof of Eligibility:**
Registration form signed by the mother, or in some cases, the father or guardian. The mother's or father's beneficiary number must be supplied on the registration form and be verified as being valid.

**Effective Dates:**
Coverage will coincide with the date of birth.

* Children Who Are Adopted By Residents Of The Province

**Proof of Eligibility:**
Copy of adoption papers or birth certificate containing the name of the adopted child.

Registration applications for children being adopted from outside the Country must be accompanied by landed immigrant documents.

**Effective Dates:**
Coverage will be immediate upon registration.

* Landed Immigrants

**Proof of Eligibility:**
Document issued by Canadian Immigration and Employment.

**Effective Dates:**
Coverage will coincide with the date on which they become landed immigrants, as per their documents, provided they intend to reside in the province for a period of at least one year.

* Dependents Of Members Of Other Countries' Armed Forces In The Province Under North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Arrangements

**Proof of Eligibility:**
Letter from the Force's Commanding Officer certifying length of tour of duty.

**Effective Dates:**
Coverage will coincide with their date of arrival as indicated in their documentation. Identity cards will have a termination date of up to three years after their date of arrival.

* People With Employment Authorizations

Employment Authorization documents are issued by Canada Employment and Immigration and may be in categories as follows:

a) For full-time work in a specific occupation for a stated employer within the Province for a period of one year, or

b) Document must state that the applicant is being processed for permanent residence from within Canada. It must be accompanied by a letter of verification of employment from an employer for a period of at least one year.
* People With Employment Authorizations (cont’d)

There are occasions where a person presents a valid Employment Authorization with an effective (start) date of up to three months earlier than the present date. In these cases the applicants are considered eligible for registration.

Accompanying family members (spouses and dependents) listed on the document will also be eligible for coverage. Family members who join later and present satisfactory documentation will be registered for coverage provided their documents can be linked to the Employment Authorization. Satisfactory documentation consists of Employment Authorizations, visitors permits, student visas, ministers permits or passports. Passports may be used only to provide coverage for ninety days.

Proof of Eligibility:

Employment Authorization documents as outlined above.

Accompanying family members (spouse and dependents) listed on the document are also eligible for coverage.

People whose Employment Authorizations have expired must present another satisfactory Employment Authorization in order to have their coverage extended.

* Certified Refugees

Proof of Eligibility:

Letter from the Immigration and Refugee Board stating that it has been determined that the applicant is a Convention Refugee.

* Clergy

Canada Employment and Immigration do not require that Clergy be issued with Employment Authorization documents. They may be issued a Visitor Record or have a valid (unexpired) passport.

Proof of Eligibility:

Letter from the church, the employer, stating the applicant will be working with them in the province for at least one year.

Effective Dates:

Coverage will be effective on the day the letter is signed. Identity cards will be issued for a period of one year at which time the applicant must apply for a new one.

Effective Dates:

Coverage will coincide with the effective and expiry dates of the Employment Authorization and other related documents.

Coverage will be terminated if a person is absent from the province for more than thirty-one days, or if a person leaves the province prior to the expiration of the Employment Authorization.
**Professional Hockey Players**

For those players who are Canadian the rules governing Canadian citizens will apply, however, they must state their intent to be in the province for at least one year.

For those players who are non-Canadian the rules governing Employment Authorizations will apply.

**Proof of Eligibility:**
As defined in the respective categories.

**Effective Dates:**
Identity cards will be issued for a period of one year.

**Non-Canadian Health Care Workers**

The one year residency requirement for Health Care Workers recruited from outside of Canada has been waived based on instructions from the Department of Health.

**Proof of Eligibility:**
Employment Authorization issued by Canada Employment and Immigration.

**Effective Dates:**
Coverage will become effective on the date of employment or the current date - whichever is the latest - and terminate on the expiry date of the document.
Cherry:

Here is the email I received from Brad Gibb which contain the policies that were sent to me for approval after Bonnie left the position. Brad and I met on them and I gave my blessing for them to be sent to Tony for Approval.

I thought that the discussions on Policies were put to rest when Brad sent them to Tony for approval. Bonnie, Kerry, Roxanne and I have already put our input and many hours or discussion into this project. In the end some of them we all agreed upon and some others some of us agreed and others didn't but this is the overall package we had agreed to. For example I told Brad I did not agree with restricting coverage for International Students to 12 months and I understood it would be removed along with some other items.

If we are implementing any changes to policy before final sign-off, I'd like to have the changes in writing form you instructing us in the the Grand falls-Windsor office on what the policy is. I like this so that we could have some consistency on how PS policies are applied in both offices. I'd suggest a memo form you to all staff in both offices.

Thanks
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Hi Gary,

As promised. Please quickly review and comment.

Thanks.

Brad
From: Jewer, Garry
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:54 AM
To: Gibb, Brad
Subject: RE: PS Policy Manual

Thanks Brad....that's great. I know from the time I was Acting Manager during the Re-registration project it was kind of a pet project of mine.

I appreciate your prompt response.

Garry

From: Gibb, Brad
Sent: September 27, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Jewer, Garry
Subject: RE: PS Policy Manual

Hi Garry,

I've just received the “Bonnie” approved version (which I believe incorporates your comments ... this thing has been floating around for months). I'll get her comments incorporated and send off the final version to you (maybe this afternoon) for one last look and then I’d like to submit to Tony before the end of the week.

Brad
729-5390

From: Jewer, Garry
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:29 AM
To: Gibb, Brad
Cc: Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: PS Policy Manual

Brad:

Sometime in late 2008 Bonnie indicated that she was working with you on a new "policy and procedure manual" for MCP Public Services. Can you shed some light on that subject for me. I know that she and I had exchanged several revisions but she never did indicate to us that an official copy had been passed by Tony. I've had several inquiries from the staff in the St. John's office regarding what the latest version is. The latest one I have is dated 2007/06/11 signed by Tony.

Garry Jewer

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SERVICES RECEIVED OUTSIDE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

INSURED MEDICAL (PHYSICIAN) SERVICES

- Insured services obtained in other Provinces and Territories are payable at the rates established by the medical care plans in those jurisdictions.

- Insured services obtained outside Canada which are available in Newfoundland & Labrador are payable at the MCP rates paid to Newfoundland & Labrador physicians.

- Insured services obtained outside Canada which are not available in Newfoundland & Labrador, but are available in another Province or Territory, are payable at the rates established by the medical care plan in that Province or Territory.

- Beneficiaries wishing to obtain medical services outside Canada which are not available anywhere in Canada, may request, through their physician, prior approval from the Minister of Health and Community Services. The Minister will advise of the rates that MCP will pay for those services. Beneficiaries who receive medical services outside Canada, for which prior approval has not been granted by the Minister, will only be reimbursed at the rates established for similar services by the public medical care plan in a Province or Territory selected by the Minister.

- Any charges in excess of those payable by MCP are the responsibility of the patient.

INSURED HOSPITAL SERVICES

- Insured services obtained in other Provinces and Territories are payable at the rates established by the hospital insurance plans in those jurisdictions.

- Insured out-patient hospital services obtained outside Canada are paid according to a common schedule of standard rates agreed to by all Provinces and Territories.

- Insured in-patient hospital services obtained outside Canada are paid to a maximum of $350 (Canadian) per day. If the hospital is a highly specialized facility, insured in-patient services will be paid to a maximum of $465 (Canadian) per day.

- Claims for insured services obtained outside Canada, where prior approval has been given, will receive special consideration.

Any charges in excess of those payable by the Hospital Insurance Plan are the responsibility of the patient.

DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Benefits of this Plan are not portable outside the Province, and the Plan is not part of the Federal Medicare System, although it is administered by MCP.

SURGICAL DENTAL SERVICES

- Surgical Dental procedures that are insured within this Province are payable outside the Province/Canada up to the rate of the “Host” (other) Province, or at MCP rates if outside Canada. The service must still be done, of necessity, in an accredited hospital. The Provider may be Dental or Medical.

ROAD AND/OR AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

- If road and/or air ambulance services are received while travelling for business or pleasure outside the province, then the individual may be billed by the service provider on a cost recovery basis. This is normally higher than the rate paid by residents of a given province/state, etc. This rate may vary.

For further information on Out-of-Province Services, please refer to our website at www.gov.nl.ca/mcp

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ADDITIONAL TRAVEL/HEALTH INSURANCE BE PURCHASED FROM A PRIVATE INSURER WHENEVER TRAVELLING OUTSIDE CANADA – EVEN IF ONLY FOR ONE DAY.
Dear Beneficiary:

Your Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate is enclosed.

In order to maintain uninterrupted MCP coverage, it is important that you contact MCP immediately when you return to Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Failure to do so will result in your MCP coverage being terminated on the date specified on your Out-of-Province Coverage Certificate.**

Please contact the Public Services Division of MCP at either of the following numbers:

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You may also visit or write to us at one of the addresses listed below.

**Please refer to the other side of this document for important information on services received outside Newfoundland and Labrador.**

Thank you,

*Public Services & Administration (MCP)*
Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 11:25 AM
To: Maher, Tony; Gibb, Bradley
Subject: RE: HOA Spring 2014 - MCP Eligibility for International Citizens May 2014.docx
Attachments: 20141105112102462.pdf

See attached.......

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From: Gibb, Bradley
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 11:05 AM
To: Maher, Tony
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: HOA Spring 2014 - MCP Eligibility for International Citizens May 2014.docx

Revised as requested.

Brad
MCP Eligibility for International Applicants
November 2014

- Due to the complexities surrounding these types of situations, all applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

- An international applicant residing in the Province who applies for MCP coverage may be eligible for MCP coverage if they are applying for permanent residency, have a valid work permit or valid study permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada and are working or studying in the province for a minimum of 1 year. Confirmation from a NL employer or post-secondary institution in NL is required.

- If an individual is considered eligible, they receive MCP coverage immediately upon approval of their application.

- Tourists, Transients, and Visitors are not eligible for MCP coverage.

- The Department recently improved accessibility to MCP coverage for international workers and students who are new to our province.

- If any individuals are having trouble accessing MCP coverage we certainly encourage them to contact the MCP offices at 1-866-449-4459.

- If an ineligible individual marries a NL resident or establishes a common law relationship with a NL resident, they must submit an application and may be covered upon presentation of:
  - a marriage certificate or
  - a sworn affidavit indicating established common-law status and a valid stamped passport or immigration document (such as a visitor’s permit, work permit, study permit or application for permanent residency).
• If the immigration document is a stamped passport, the applicant may be covered for a period of up to 6 months in order to allow them a suitable amount of time to obtain appropriate immigration documents and status from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC).

• The applicant must intend to reside in NL for at least 1 year or intend to become a permanent resident within that year. This statement is true but it should not be made public. Can it be excluded?

• Children born in NL to non-residents are covered by MCP.
Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 3:47 PM
To: Fudge, Roxanne; Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: "DRAFT" OOP Policy
Attachments: DOC-10689 403 03 DRAFT Policy Out of province coverage October 2014 DRA....doc

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Please review and advise accordingly...........thanks!

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From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 2:37 PM
To: Fudge, Roxanne; Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: FW: Requested Information
Attachments: Jurisdictional Scan for International Workers and Students.xlsx; moving province.xlsx; 401.00 Policy Definitions April 2014 DRAFT.doc; 401.02 Policy Beneficiary Registration April 2014 DRAFT v.2.doc; 403.03 Policy Out of province coverage April 2014 DRAFT v.1.doc

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From: Ryan, Kelly
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2014 4:45 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: Requested Information

Hi Cherry,

Here is what I have so far, all of the policies are in draft format. Please let me know if you have any questions otherwise I will see you on Tuesday.

Thanks,

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Health and Community Services will establish policies and procedures in accordance with the Medical Care Insurance Act and the Beneficiaries and Inquiries Regulations respecting the eligibility of residents to become beneficiaries of the Medical Care Plan, the Dental Health Plan and the Hospital Insurance Plan. The policies established by the Department of Health and Community Services will determine the rules, definitions and conditions which residents must meet to become, and to remain, beneficiaries under the Plans. In addition, the Department of Health and Community Services will adhere to the conditions of the Inter-Provincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability, Hospital and Medical Care Insurance.

DEFINITIONS

"Beneficiary" means a person so defined by the Medical Care Insurance Act and the Beneficiaries and Inquiries Regulations. A beneficiary must fall into one of the categories of eligible beneficiaries as described in Department and Community Services Policy No. 401.02.

"Dependent" means a legal spouse who does not maintain a separate residence; or a child under the age of 21 years who is unmarried and not gainfully employed, or who is mentally or physically infirm.

CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES

The Department of Health and Community Services will establish beneficiary categories, each with specific conditions and rules which must be met by an applicant to become an eligible beneficiary. The category, and corresponding rules, to which a beneficiary applicant belongs will be dictated by the circumstances of the individual applicant. An applicant who does not belong to any category is, by default, ineligible to become a beneficiary.

Excluded Categories

Certain categories of residents, and their dependents, are specifically excluded from becoming a beneficiary. These include:

1. Visitors, tourists, and transients;
2. Persons with employment authorizations not meeting established criteria;
3. Certified refugees and refugee claimants;
4. Students from other provinces who return home annually.

A dependent of any of these excluded categories who is born in Canada, or who is a Canadian citizen, is considered to have the same eligibility status as the parent(s) and is also ineligible to become a Beneficiary until such time as the parent(s) is eligible to become a beneficiary.
MEDICAL CARE PLAN

PUBLIC SERVICES POLICY NO. 401.01

BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY POLICY PAGE 2 OF 2

Certain categories of residents are specifically excluded from becoming a beneficiary, however, their dependents may be eligible to become a beneficiary. These include:
1. Persons covered under federal legislation (CAF/RCMP members and federal prison inmates);
2. Armed Forces personnel from other countries stationed in the province under North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Agreements.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

When applying for registration as a beneficiary, an applicant must present proof that, in the opinion of the Department of Health and Community Services, substantiates proof:

1. That the applicant fits into an eligible beneficiary category; and
2. That the applicant has established residence in the province.

The Department of Health and Community Services defines establishing residency in the province as stating an intention to live in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 consecutive months.

The Department of Health and Community Services will establish the minimum requirements for evidence and documents that must be presented by each beneficiary category upon application. In addition, the Department of Health and Community Services may ask for as much other documentation or evidence, in whatever form is appropriate in the circumstances, that may be required to prove the eligibility of an applicant. The onus will be placed on the applicant to prove his or her eligibility.

AGE OF APPLICANT

An applicant under the age of 16 years must be registered as the dependent of a beneficiary.

CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN

An applicant who indicates a marital status of separated or divorced, and who applies for coverage for a dependent minor child under the age of 16 years, must provide:

a. proof of legal custody; OR
b. a contact address for the non-custodial parent; OR
c. a signed affidavit stating the applicant is the custodial parent.
POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Social and Community Services will establish beneficiary categories each with specific conditions and rules which must be met by an applicant to become an eligible beneficiary. The category, and corresponding rules, to which a beneficiary applicant belongs will be dictated by the circumstances of the individual applicant. An applicant who does not belong to any category is, by default, ineligible to become a beneficiary.

CATEGORIES OF BENEFICIARIES

1. A Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant From Another Province/Territory

Proof of Eligibility Required

Proof of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status consisting of any ONE of the following:

- Social Insurance Card (original or photocopy)
- Official Federal Government identity card
- Official Federal Government document containing the Social Insurance Number
- Immigration documents, issued outside Newfoundland and Labrador, confirming status as a landed immigrant
- Valid (unexpired) Canadian passport
- Canadian Birth Certificate (original or photocopy)

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

Satisfactory proof of eligibility, as required for the supporting beneficiary, must be presented for each family member.

Effective Coverage Dates

A waiting period consisting of the remainder of the month of arrival, plus two additional months, will be imposed on this beneficiary category since coverage will be granted by the former province for the period of transition.

If application is made within twelve months after the date of arrival in the province, coverage will begin on the first day of the third month following the month of arrival.

If application is made more than twelve months after the date of arrival in the province, coverage will be backdated to begin on the first day of the ninth month prior to date of application.
2. Canadian Citizens and Landed Immigrants From Another Country

**Proof of Eligibility Required**

Proof of Canadian Citizenship or landed immigrant status consisting of:

a. Valid (unexpired) Canadian Passport, OR

b. Landed Immigrant returning documents, OR

c. Canadian Birth Certificate, OR

d. Social Insurance Card (original or photocopy) or an official Federal Government identity card or document containing the Social Insurance Number, OR

e. Letter or Certificate from Citizenship and Immigration Canada confirming Canadian Citizenship.

**Dependents’ Proof of Eligibility Required**

A dependent must provide his or her own citizenship or immigration documents; or be covered in the letter from the Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

A non-Canadian dependent must provide satisfactory immigration documents.

**Effective Coverage Dates**

Coverage will begin upon date of entry into Canada. A Canadian dependent will have the same coverage as the supporting beneficiary. A non-Canadian dependent will have coverage only for the dates specified on the immigration documents.

**Restrictions**

A beneficiary returning from the U.S. from an extended stay dating before February 15, 1977, must present a U.S. Alien Registration Card, or obtain a letter from the American Immigration and Naturalization Department, confirming that he or she is not an American citizen.

**Note:** Prior to February 15, 1977, a child born to a Canadian citizen visiting the U.S., was eligible for Canadian citizenship, but only upon application. After 1977, such a child inherited dual citizenship and is automatically a Canadian citizen.
3. Newborn or Adopted Child of a Beneficiary, Canadian Armed Forces Member, or Royal Canadian Mounted Police Member

Proof of Eligibility Required - Newborn Child

a. Registration form signed by at least one parent or legal guardian, who has a valid MCP beneficiary number. A newborn/adopted child will only be eligible for coverage if at least one parent is a beneficiary. Föroye child, if one or both parents is/are MCP member stationed in the province is eligible for coverage, despite the ineligibility of one or both parents.

b. A Birth Certificate will be required if the child's surname is different from that of the applicant parent.

Proof of Eligibility Required - Adopted Child

a. Copy of official adoption papers, OR

b. Birth certificate containing full name of the adopted child, OR

c. Notice of Adoption Placement from the Département of Human Resources and Employment, AND IF APPLICABLE

d. Landed Immigrant Documents (only for a child being adopted from outside Canada).

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin on the date of birth or on the date the adoption takes place.
4. Landed Immigrants Who Obtain Landed Status in Newfoundland

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Record of Landing documents issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada in Newfoundland and Labrador, AND

b. Proof of intention to reside in the province consisting of one of the following:
   i. Letter from an employer confirming employment, OR
   ii. Letter from an educational institution confirming enrolment, OR
   iii. Sworn affidavit stating intention to reside permanently in the province.

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

Satisfactory immigration documents must be provided for each dependent.

Effective Dates

Coverage will begin on the date that landed status was obtained.
5. Dependents of Members of Other Countries Armed Forces in the Province Under North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Agreements

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Letter from the NATO Force's Commanding Officer certifying length of the tour of duty, AND

b. Valid Immigration Documents.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin on the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador and will terminate on the date specified on the Immigration documents.
6. Canadian Armed Forces Personnel Discharged From Service Inside Newfoundland

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Proof of discharge from Canadian Armed Forces, indicating where and when discharge occurred; AND

b. Proof of Canadian Citizenship consisting of:
   i. Social Insurance Card (original or photocopy) or an official Federal Government identity card or document containing the Social Insurance Number, OR
   ii. Valid (unexpired) Canadian Passport, OR
   iii. Canadian Birth Certificate, OR

OUTDATED POLICY - no longer in use

Dependents’ Proof of Eligibility Required

Dependents who are Canadian citizens must provide the same proof of Canadian citizenship as listed above for the applicant.

Dependents who are non-Canadian must provide satisfactory immigration documents.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin on the date of discharge.

If discharged from service outside Newfoundland and Labrador, the province where discharged must provide coverage for the remainder of the month of discharge, plus an additional two months. Applicants who subsequently move to Newfoundland must be treated as regular Canadian citizens moving to Newfoundland and Labrador from another province or territory.
7. Inmates of Federal Penitentiaries Released Within Newfoundland

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Release Certificate from Correctional Service of Canada showing where and when release occurred; AND

b. Proof of Canadian Citizenship consisting of:
   i. Social Insurance Card (original or photocopy) or an official Federal Government identity card or document containing the Social Insurance Number, OR
   ii. Valid (unexpired) Canadian Passport, OR
   iii. Canadian Birth Certificate, OR
   iv. Taxation T4 or Notice of Assessment containing the Social Insurance Number.

Dependents’ Proof of Eligibility Required

Dependents must provide the same proof of Canadian citizenship as listed above for the applicant.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin on the date of release.

If released from prison outside Newfoundland and Labrador, the province where released must provide coverage for the remainder of the month of release, plus an additional two months. Applicants who subsequently move to Newfoundland must be treated as regular Canadian citizens moving to Newfoundland and Labrador from another province or territory.
8. Foreign Workers With Employment Authorizations

Proof of Eligibility Required - Non-Health Care Workers

a. Employment Authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which meets all of the following criteria:
   
i. Issued before coming to Canada, AND
   ii. For a named Newfoundland and Labrador employer, AND
   iii. For a specific job within the province, AND
   iv. For a period of at least 12 months.

Exception: The Department of Health and Community Services recognizes that the recruitment of health care professionals from outside Newfoundland and Labrador is difficult and that employment contracts for such professionals are often on a short-term basis. Therefore, coverage will be extended to a person admitted to Canada with an Employment Authorization for less than one year, for employment in Newfoundland and Labrador in the health care field.

Proof of Eligibility Required - Health Care Workers

a. Employment Authorization issued by Canada Employment and Immigration which meets all of the following criteria:
   
i. Issued before coming to Canada, AND
   ii. The employer must be the Department of Health and Community Services, the Newfoundland and Labrador Health Care Association, a hospital board or a hospital/health care institution, AND
   iii. For a specific job within the province, EXCEPT
   iv. The period of employment may be less than 12 months.

Dependants' Proof of Eligibility Required

A dependent who is listed on the Employment Authorization must present satisfactory immigration documents that link them to the Employment Authorization. Dependants' satisfactory documentation consists of:

a. Employment Authorizations;
b. Visitors' Permits;
c. Student Visas;
d. Federal Minister's Permits.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin upon date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador and expires on the earlier of the date when the person leaves the province permanently, or the expiry date of the Employment Authorization.

Dependants' coverage will begin upon date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador.
9. Foreign Clergy

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Letter from the Church's administrative office stating an employment term of at least one year, AND

b. Valid passport stamped by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, OR

c. Visitor's Record from Citizenship and Immigration Canada,

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

A dependent who is listed on the Church's letter is eligible for coverage provided satisfactory immigration documents are presented and the dependent is in the province. A dependent who is listed on the Church's letter must present satisfactory immigration documents that link them to the letter. Dependents' satisfactory documentation consists of:

a. Employment Authorizations;

b. Visitors' Permits;

c. Student Visas;

d. Federal Minister's Permits.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage begins upon arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador and expires on the earlier of the date when the person leaves the province permanently, or the expiry date of the employment period or immigration document.

Dependents' coverage will begin upon date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Department of Health and Community Services will abide by Citizenship and Immigration Canada's decision on the validity of the religious organization and whether or not the clergy member is allowed into Canada under the Church's letter.
10. Individuals Approved by the Medical Assessment Committee

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Federal Minister's Permit authorizing the person to remain in Canada, AND

b. Copy of the Provincial Minister of Health and Community Services' letter to Citizenship and Immigration Canada indicating that the Department of Health and Community Services will allow the person to become eligible for coverage.

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

A dependent who is listed on the Federal Minister's Permit is eligible for coverage provided satisfactory Immigration documents are presented and the dependent is in the province. A dependent who is listed on the Permit must present satisfactory immigration documents that link them to the Permit. Dependents' satisfactory documentation consists of:

a. Employment Authorizations;
b. Visitors' Permits;
c. Student Visas;
d. Federal Minister's Permits.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin upon arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador. Coverage expires on the earlier of the date when the person leaves the province permanently, or the expiry date of the Federal Minister's Permit.

Dependents' coverage will begin upon date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador.

These applicants do not meet the eligibility requirements for entry into Canada, but are given special consideration because of strong humanitarian and compassionate grounds. Each case is reviewed by a Medical Assessment Committee in the Department of Health and Community Services and a recommendation is made to the Minister of Health and Community Services.
11. Foreign Students with Student Authorizations

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Student Authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which meets all of the following criteria:
   i. Issued before coming to Canada, and
   ii. For an Educational Institution located in Newfoundland and Labrador, and
   iii. For a period of at least 12 months.

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

A dependent who is listed on the Student Authorization must present satisfactory immigration documents that link them to the Student Authorization. Dependent's satisfactory documentation may consist of:

a. Student Authorizations;
b. Visitors' Permits;
c. Student Visas;
d. Federal Minister's Permits.

Note: In certain circumstances a marriage certificate or birth certificate may be required in order to prove the link between the dependent and the holder of the Student Authorization.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin the later of:

a. date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador, or
b. the effective date of the Student Authorization.

Coverage will terminate the earlier of:

a. date of exit from Newfoundland and Labrador, or
b. the expiry date of the Student Authorization.
Hi Tony,

As discussed, requested changes to letter highlighted.

Thanks,

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From: Maher, Tony
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: FW: international workers

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From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Barfoot, Scott
Cc: Hussey, Gillian E.; Maher, Tony
Subject: international workers

Scott – see attached for communication to international workers. Tony felt that it would be best to address individual letters to each of the companies. What are your thoughts? Can you reach out to communication division in Natural Resources to see if we can get a list of companies and HR contacts so we can forward this memo?

Thanks,
Michelle
January 14, 2014

Ms. Suzanne Fogwill
Human Resources Specialist
Kiewit-Kvaerner Contractors
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Dear Human Resources Manager:

International workers make important contributions to our provincial economy and are valued employees of our local work force. In order to secure medical coverage for these individuals, the Department of Health and Community Services is currently reviewing its Medical Care Plan (mcp) policies.

Pending the outcome of the mcp policy review, the Department of Health and Community Services has temporarily revised its policies for international workers and their dependents to become eligible beneficiaries. Effective immediately, international workers and dependents, who meet eligibility requirements, must now reside in Newfoundland and Labrador for a minimum of 183 days in a 365-day period. If a beneficiary leaves the province for work, vacation, or school for more than 30 consecutive days, that individual must contact the mcp office prior to his or her departure. This notification will enable the department to assist in ensuring that medical coverage continues.

For general information regarding the mcp program, please visit www.gov.nl.ca/mcp. For questions and concerns relating to the matter above, please contact Cherry Hicks, Manager of MCP Public Services & Administration at 729-0140.

Sincerely,

Tony Maher, CA
Executive Director
Audit & Claims Integrity Division
Department of Health and Community Services
Good afternoon all; NB would like to piggy back on the scenario outlined below and ask the following Question:

Question “Does your jurisdiction deem eligible for Medicare coverage, newborns of Foreign students, based on the fact that they (the newborns) are considered Canadian Citizens and reside in your Province/Territory?”

Currently NB would not consider the newborn for Medicare coverage if the mother is not eligible:

Thanks

Saundra Wallace
Good morning EPA Members:

Nova Scotia is currently working on an Immigration Case for a newborn and have not applied for Permanent Residency. They are requesting coverage for the child based on Canadian Citizenship. Nova Scotia’s requirements are: If they can provide evidence that they have applied for Permanent Residency or provide an Immigration document valid for a 12 month period (Work/Study Permit), the child would be eligible for Nova Scotia Medicare first day of the third month - arriving from Ontario. Proof of Canadian Citizenship would be required to complete the application.

Question: Do you provide coverage to Canadian born children of parents who are not eligible for coverage based on the type of immigration document which has allowed them to live in Canada on a temporary basis? If so, what are the requirements.

Your response, by end of business day, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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Hi Tony,

DRAFT REPLY for your review.......thanks!

Hi Kimberley,

The letter which accompanies the new MCP cards has been changed. It may be that a few employees received the previous version before the new letter was updated in our system. The new letter now indicates, “If you leave the province due to work, vacation, or school for more than 30 consecutive days, you must contact our office prior to your departure. Failure to notify us may result in termination of coverage.”

During the review of our policy on International Workers, all workers and their dependents must live and reside in the province for at least 183 days in a 365 day period.

Regards,

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From: Mullins, Kimberley D [mailto:kimberley.d.mullins@esso.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 3:46 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Cc: Andrews, Mark R; Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: MCP Coverage

Tony,

Happy New Year. Thank you to you and your team for assisting us in reviewing our employees’ applications for MCP through the holidays and early new year. Our employees have expressed their appreciation as well.

I have one item on which I would value your clarification. Several of our employees have advised that the letter accompanying their new MCP card still requested their communication of all absences and the thirty day annual absence maximum. I understand that this communication has likely remained the same pending your current review completion. I wanted to confirm that, based on our most recent conversations, I can advise our employees that they will, until further notice, have their absences based on review of their passport and up to
an absence of 183 days annually. They are therefore not expected to report each travel date outside the province to MCP.

If you could confirm I will follow up with our employees.

Thank you again.

Kimberley

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Hi Tony,

As requested, attached for your review is a letter which can be sent to NL companies who employ international workers.

Cherry
January 3, 2014

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Dear Suzanne:

The policies of the Medical Care Plan (mcp) of Newfoundland and Labrador for international workers are currently under review.

Effective immediately, international workers who do meet eligibility must now reside in the province for at least 183 days in a 365 day period. If a beneficiary leaves the province due to work, vacation, or school for more than 30 consecutive days, they must contact our office prior to their departure. Failure to notify us may result in termination of coverage.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cherry A. Hicks
Manager of Public Services & Administration

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: RE: MCP

Hi Tony,

Could you please advise if this reply to Kiewit is sufficient.

Thanks,

Cherry

Hi Loretta,

In your email you mention “Newfoundland has changed their policy regarding the 30 day out of province rule”. As discussed during our telephone conversation, our policy on international workers is currently under review and, in the interim, workers and/or dependents who are beneficiaries of the plan must live and reside in the province for at least 183 in a 365 day period. If they leave the province due to work or vacation, for more than 30 consecutive days, they must contact our office prior to their departure. Failure to notify us, may result in termination of coverage.

Regards,

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From: Roozbeh Kamyar [mailto:Roozbeh.Kamyar@kkc-gbs.com]
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Loretta Pickett; Suzanne Fogwill
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.; z_taghipour@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: MCP

That is a fantastic news.😊

Thanks and happy holidays everyone

Regards

Roozbeh
Hi Roozbeh,

Cherry of MCP called me and gave us some good news today. I am copying Cherry here in this email as well. Cherry will keep myself and Suzanne updated on any changes, etc.

There is currently a cross country review of provincial medical coverage being done by MCP and Newfoundland has changed their policy regarding the 30 day out of province rule. This is effective immediately.

International workers must now reside in the province of Newfoundland for at least 183 days in a 365 day period. Out of province time must only be reported to MCP when a person is out of the province for 30 consecutive days or more. No need to report for time out less than 30 consecutive days.

Therefore Roozbeh your coverage is fine until end of 2014. Report to MCP only those times you are out of NL for 30 consecutive days or more, which I do not expect will be applicable in your case.

Suzanne, you and I will discuss further. MCP is available to those moving to the province and making Newfoundland their home during their assignment.

Thanks,

Loretta

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 3:14 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: RE: International Workers

Could you please call to discuss. Much confusion on this issue. Kerry is in the office with me now if you’re available.

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From: Maher, Tony
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:46 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: Re: International Workers

Not sure why you say out of province coverage. Should just say mcp coverage if in province for at least six months lol the year

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:16 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: International Workers

Hi Tony,

As discussed, I have sent an e-mail to all staff indicating that our policy on International Workers is currently under review and that, in the interim, we are to grant out of province coverage to International Workers for a period of 6 months in a one year period.

Would the same rule apply for International Students?

Thanks,

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 10:13 AM
To: 'Matt Lewis'; Maher, Tony
Cc: 'Livingstone, Michael'
Subject: RE: MCP cards

Mr. Lewis,

With reference to our recent telephone conversation, international workers who intend to leave or, if covered, have left the province for more than 30 days in a one year period would not receive or have their coverage extended. All employment must be within the province, for a named Newfoundland and Labrador Employer, for a specific full time position, and should indicate the duration of the employment. Employees and their dependents must physically reside in the province and, upon notification to MCP, could receive out of province coverage for a maximum of 30 days in a one year period for any reason.

A letter from an employer should indicate whether employment is within the province or out of the province. If employment is out of the province, and is expected to exceed thirty days in a one year period, coverage will not be granted.

A letter for in province employment could also state the number of annual leave days per year granted to the employee.

When coverage is terminated, we would require a new application, meeting all initial requirements, and a letter from the employer which now indicates that the employee is working within the province for the coming year. Passports will be reviewed on a yearly basis to confirm eligibility.

Regards,

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From: Matt Lewis [mailto:Mlewis@whrelocations.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2013 10:52 AM
To: Maher, Tony; Hicks, Cherry A.
Cc: Livingstone, Michael
Subject: MCP cards

Dear Mr. Maher & Ms. Hicks,
My name is Matt Lewis and I am a relocation specialist working for WelcomeHome Relocation in St. John's. I help clients being relocated to this city for work reasons. Most of my clients work in the growing oil and gas industry. Part of my job is to help them get MCP coverage for themselves and their family. Up to now this has been a very straightforward job. I would simply tell them to bring their passport, work permit (with at least a one year duration) and a letter from their employer stating that they are employed in the province. We would go to the MCP office and obtain their MCP cards.

I completed this task for the Livingstone's (my clients) last October and they were given MCP cards. This year they went to renew their cards. When they passed in their passports for renewal they were informed that because they were out of the province for more than 30 days last year they could not renew their cards. They called me asking for help to resolve the situation.

I called the MCP office and I spoke to Mr. Whitten. He explained to me the 30 day rule, but said all we had to do was reapply for new cards, as if they were new applicants. I passed this information on to the Livingstone's and we went to the MCP office on Monday morning Oct. 21, 2013. They passed in their passports along with the letter but were declined their MCP cards. At this point we spoke to Ms. Hick’s asking what the problem was. We were told that because the 30 day rule was broken, that now, we need a letter from the employer stating that Mr. Livingstone will be in the province and working here for the next year. I am not sure if this is exactly what was said, and this is where I am confused about the MCP rules my clients are being asked to follow.

I asked Ms. Hick’s for a copy of the rules or guidelines that the MCP office is asking my clients to follow. I was told that they can only be generated once a new card is issued. I said okay if that is the case, here is my card could you please email them to me once you have a set of rules. I did a follow up on Tue. to see if I could get the rules and this is the email I received from Ms. Hick’s;

Mr. Lewis,

Following is the information requested regarding international workers.

International workers, who present with valid work permits for at least 12 months, for a named NL employer, and for a specific full time position within the province for the same period, would qualify for MCP coverage if they physically reside in the province. Out of province coverage can be provided up to 30 days in that one year period upon notification to MCP.

When an international worker meets eligibility, they are presented with a document that clearly states, “If you leave the province due to work, vacation, or school, you must contact our office prior to your departure. Out of Province coverage must not exceed 30 days in a one year period. Failure to notify us may result in termination of coverage.”

This would also apply to eligible dependants.
If you have any further questions or concerns, please give me a call.

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I understand the email stating that the coverage has been terminated due to the 30 day rule, but what do they do now?

Can they reapply?

If so what are the rules regarding the letter you wish them to submit to you?

The travel here is mostly work related, when they do travel, they have other travel insurance and do not bill MCP. Do they tell their employee they cannot travel? If they do travel for work and it is less than 30 days do they have to forgo any vacation that would exceed 30 days?

I am trying to understand and follow the rules you are using to issue MCP cards but I am having trouble following the rules because I don't have a copy. Could you please provide me with a copy so I can assist my client to comply with your rules and get MCP cards for their family.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards

*Matt*

Matt Lewis
Relocation Specialist
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Hi Brad,

Could you please forward the policy to Karen as requested?

Thank you,

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From: Stone, Karen M.
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 2:15 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Out of province "resident' policy

Cherry,

Please send me the actual policy in its entirety.
Thanks.
Karen

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From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Stone, Karen M.
Subject: RE: Out of province "resident' policy

Hi Karen,

Taken from our Policy #401.00 – Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan (MCP) PUBLIC SERVICES – DEFINITIONS:
**Resident** means a person lawfully entitled to be or to remain in Canada, who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in the Province, but does not include a tourist, transient or visitor to the Province.

**Makes his or her home** means that a person maintains and resides at a permanent residence in the Province. This includes the process of establishing a permanent residence in the Province. MCP normally accepts the stated intention of an applicant under oath, to live in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 consecutive months (365 days), as meeting this requirement. The applicant must also be lawfully entitled to be in Canada and be entitled to stay in Canada for at least the same period. MCP interprets that a person who leaves the Province for not more than 30 days while establishing residency does not violate these residency provisions. Applicants who willing violate an oath of residency shall lose their MCP coverage and may be subject to prosecution under the Act.

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If you require further information, please contact me. Out Policy Analyst is currently in a meeting but should be available at 2:30 p.m.

Regards,

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**From:** Stone, Karen M.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 12:09 PM  
**To:** Hicks, Cherry A.  
**Subject:** Out of province 'resident' policy

Cherry,

Any luck on getting a copy of the policy for me? I need it as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Karen

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Hi Paulette,

Information has been updated.

Thanks,

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From: Gillis, Paulette
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 7:39 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Cc: 'Gerry Parsons'
Subject: RE: Out of Province Notification

Cherry,

Would you look after the email below please.

Thank you.

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Audit & Claims Integrity Division
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 3:54 PM
To: Gillis, Paulette
Subject: Fwd: Out of Province Notification

Paulette,

This is notification that the MCP card holders noted below are back in this province. Please notify your manager and please acknowledge receipt of this notice. Also please note that we tried several times and could not get through to phone no. 758-1500.
Notification of following MCP card holders travelling outside Canada, March 3, 2013, to April 13, 2013

Please acknowledge receipt of this notice.

Regards
Gerard Parsons

_ Gerry
Hi Brad,

Policies attached. Headers and footers should be the same.

Give me a call when you have a few minutes to discuss.

Thanks,

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Hi Shandra,

I left a message on your voice mail confirming that the letter you provided is acceptable for one year coverage. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Regards,

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From: Williams, Shanda D. [mailto:swilliams@grenfell.mun.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2012 2:29 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: Any updates to my question about MCP Cards

Good Afternoon Cherry,

I was wondering if you had any updates on the application of MCP cards with reference to international students? I had sent you a copy of the type of letters our Registrar’s Office supply to students to show confirmation of their registration. Perhaps you have had some time to review and have some suggestions for my office on how I can assist our students with this process. I understand that MCP’s policy is to renew cards on a yearly basis but my students cards have been renewed on a semester basis which would leave them without coverage for summers vacation and can directly impact their insurance coverage as well.

Best wishes during the holidays.

Shanda Williams
Student Programming Coordinator (International)
International Student Services
AS 234B
Student Services
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From: Carolyn Kavanagh [mailto:carolyn.kavanagh@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 3:38 PM
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'Stuart, Meriel (MOH)'
Subject: RE: Foreign Workers and/or International Students

Alberta's responses are indicated below.

Carolyn

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harold.mccarthy@gov.ns.ca; Helene.Coulombe@ramq.gouv.qc.ca; Jerome Shiu; margaret.wilshire@gov.mb.ca;
The Medical Care Plan of NL is conducting a provincial/territorial scan and would appreciate your response to the following questions.

1. Does your province/territory provide health care coverage to foreign workers and/or international students? Yes

2. If yes, is out of province/out of country coverage provided?

Foreign students may be eligible for temporary absence coverage within and outside Canada for short absences (e.g. school breaks), away during a study period to attend a course, not available in Alberta, but which is required as part of their studies in Alberta, and for personal reasons (e.g. family illness/death).

Foreign workers may be eligible for temporary absence coverage within Canada for short absences (e.g. vacation), and for work reasons only if the employer status on the permit indicates ‘open’ and their absence is for an employer in Alberta. Foreign workers whose employment status is for Alberta are not eligible for temporary coverage out-of-province for work reasons.

Foreign workers are not eligible for out-of-country coverage because their work permits indicate the permit is not valid upon re-entry to Canada.

   (a) What are the requirements for this coverage?

Providing the study permit is valid during the period of absence, students away:
   • for short vacations or time away during non-study periods, must intend to return to Alberta following their absence.

   • to attend a course outside Alberta, must:
     - intend to return to Alberta following their absence;
     - provide confirmation from their Alberta educational institution to indicate they are registered with that institution for the current school year;
     - provide proof they are enrolled for the course being taken outside Alberta; and
     - provide the date of their return to Alberta.

   • for personal reasons, must:
     - intend to return to Alberta following their absence;
     - provide confirmation from their Alberta educational institution they are enrolled for the current school year; and
     - provide the date of their return to Alberta.

Providing the work permit is valid during the period of absence, workers away to another part of Canada:
   • for short absences, must intend to return to Alberta following their absence.

   • for work reasons, must:
     - intend to return to Alberta following their absence;
     - provide confirmation from their Alberta employer to indicate they are working for the company and would continue to be covered for that company while temporarily absent;
     - provide the dates of departure from and return to Alberta.

   (b) What is the duration of this coverage?
Based on the requirements indicated in 2(a), and providing the study permit is valid during the period of absence:
- Students away for short absences may be covered for the length of the absence.
- Students away for personal reasons may be covered up to twelve months.
- Students, away to attend a course outside Alberta as required for their studies in Alberta, may only be covered for the duration of their course outside Alberta and the time they provide as travel time.

Based on the requirements indicated in 2(a), and providing the work permit is valid during the period of absence;
- Workers away for short absences may be covered for the length of the absence.
- Workers away for work purposes may be covered up to twelve months.

If the study or work permit is valid for only part of the period of approved absence, coverage ends on the permit’s expiry date.

Thank you for your assistance,

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From: Nick Saturnino [mailto:Nick_Saturnino@gov.nt.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: FW: Foreign Workers and/or International Students

NWT response:

The Medical Care Plan of NL is conducting a provincial/territorial scan and would appreciate your response to the following questions.

1. Does your province/territory provide health care coverage to foreign workers and/or international students?
   yes

2. If yes, is out of province/out of country coverage provided? No, the Department of Health does not provide coverage to client’s who are on a work or student visa outside the NWT or Canada. BUT, outside coverage is only provided when an NWT doctor refers the client to Edmonton (no further) to see a specialist or if the client was medivaced.

   (a) What are the requirements for this coverage? The client’s work/student visa must be valid for 12 months or longer and must show an NWT address.

   (b) What is the duration of this coverage? As noted above.

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Cc: Melynda Kurucz
Subject: Foreign Workers and/or International Students

The Medical Care Plan of NL is conducting a provincial/territorial scan and would appreciate your response to the following questions.

1. Does your province/territory provide health care coverage to foreign workers and/or international students? "Yes"

2. If yes, is out of province/out of country coverage provided? SK health cards issued to foreign nationals on Work Permits or Study Permits are not administered any differently than those issued to Canadian citizens/Permanent Residents in terms of out of province/out of country coverage. The only different is their SK health cards have an effective and expiry date based on their immigration documents and the date they established residency in SK.

   (a) What are the requirements for this coverage?

   (b) What is the duration of this coverage?

Thank you for your assistance,

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From: Currie, Carolyn (DH/MS) [mailto:carolyn.currie@gnb.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 11:09 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Cc: Poole, Karen (DH/MS)
Subject: FW: Foreign Workers and/or International Students

Please see NB's response below.

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Cc: Melynda Kurucz
Subject: Foreign Workers and/or International Students

The Medical Care Plan of NL is conducting a provincial/territorial scan and would appreciate your response to the following questions.
1. Does your province/territory provide health care coverage to foreign workers and/or international students?
   NB – Foreign workers are covered if they provide an acceptable Work Permit (at least 1 year in length) or a dependant of an eligible beneficiary.
   Foreign students are not covered unless they are the spouse or dependant of an eligible beneficiary.

2. If yes, is out of province/out of country coverage provided?
   (a) What are the requirements for this coverage?
      NB – this is dependent on several factors and determined on a case by case basis. If while out of the Province their permit expired they cannot be covered as absent from NB.
   (b) What is the duration of this coverage?
      NB- once again this would be looked at on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your assistance,

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From: Suzanne Fogwill [mailto:Suzanne.Fogwill@kkc-gbs.com]
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Cc: Dan Levert
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hello Cherry,

I would like to follow up on our meeting we had on May 3rd to discuss MCP coverage for Kiewit Kvaerner Contractors, out of Province Personnel.

During our last meeting Mr. Gibb was leaving for a 3 week vacation the following day. In that meeting it was suggested that Mr. Gibb would check with the Deputy Minister on our request to include all Kiewit Kvaerner Contractors personnel for MCP coverage. Currently, personnel that have 8 home leaves per year are not eligible for MCP coverage but have Canadian and Newfoundland and Labrador income tax calculated and remitted to CRA on their behalf and have all filed personal Canadian Income Tax returns.

When we last spoke I presented the option that KKC personnel (if approved by MCP), would only use MCP coverage while in the Province and would use their own insurance (from their country) when out of the Province. I understand when we discussed this over the phone no decision could be made as Brad Gibb would need to check this with the Minister.

I am hoping we can have another meeting to discuss in detail or if you could provide me with details on how we can take this to the Deputy Minister.

Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Suzanne

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Hi Denise,

Info that I read to you as follows:

International rotational workers who currently hold a valid MCP card, prior to April 12, 2012, will remain covered until the expiration of that card. This card will not be renewed.

In future, any card issued in error (i.e. MCP not notified at the time of registration, by the employee/employer, that the employee is a rotational worker) will be terminated immediately.

Regards,

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Hi Cherry,

Thank you for the call – if you can send me the e-mail you read to me that would be great. As I said, our Company will have an international health insurance coverage for our employees in Canada effective 7/1/2012.

Best Regards,

Denise Larson
Expatriate/Relocation Manager
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402/271-2965 (Fax)
denise.larson@kiewit.com
Hey Denise;

Below is an email I received from the Department of Health regarding MCP, most of the US guys are questioning their MCP applications...

Can you please advise if this is okay and what are the issues if any.

Thanks
Nancy

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Hi Nancy,

International workers, who present with valid work permits for at least 12 months, for a named NL employer, and for a specific job within the province, would qualify for MCP coverage if they physically reside in the province for a one year period. Out of province coverage can be provided up to 30 days in that one year period, for vacation purposes only, upon notification to MCP.

Regards,
From: Nancy Forsey [mailto:Nancy.Forsey@kkc-gbs.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: MCP - Dan Sullivan

Hi Cherry;

Thank you for the reply.

Can you please send me some text in regards to the MCP and who qualifies so I can share with the US folks.

Thanks
Nancy

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From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: April-11-12 10:24 AM
To: Nancy Forsey
Subject: RE: MCP - Dan Sullivan

Hi Nancy,

Due to the fact that [REDACTED] is on a rotation schedule he does not meet eligibility, therefore, a letter is not required.

Regards,
From: Nancy Forsey [mailto:Nancy.Forsey@kkc-gbs.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 7:42 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: MCP -

Good morning Cherry;

As a follow up to our conversation yesterday, attached is the letter received from MCP for

Based on our conversation yesterday, is this still required since please advise.

Thanks
Nancy

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KIEWIT-KVAERNER CONTRACTORS

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: April-09-12 6:50 AM
To: Nancy Forsey
Subject: Help

Nancy –
From: kac.scan@kac-gbs.com [mailto:kac.scan@kac-gbs.com]
Sent: April-08-12 12:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Message from KMBT_C452

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Some of the NL companies who may employ international rotational workers are:

Kiewit-Kvaerner Contractors (i.e. Hibernia & Long Harbour sites)
Nataaqnaaq Fisheries Inc.
Ocean’s Choice
Exxon Mobil

Please pay particular attention to the address given on the application. Most often, the company address is given which may be indication that the individual is a rotational worker.

If you are aware of any other companies, please advise Roxanne or me.

Thank you,

Cherry
Hi Natasha,

We would require a letter confirming enrollment in the ESL program indicating their intention to continue in an academic program. Coverage will be granted for the duration of the ESL Program. At the time of enrollment in the academic program, we will require a letter confirming they are currently enrolled as a full time student. Coverage will be granted at that time and renewed on a yearly basis.

Sincerely,

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Thank you Cherry for your clarification.
Please confirm if two separate letters will be acceptable for MCP coverage for ESL students. These students will have a letter of enrollment from ESL as well as a conditional letter of acceptance to an academic program. This conditional letter states that final admission into the program is contingent on them completing the ESL program.

Sincerely,

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From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 1:32 PM
To: Clark, Natasha; Fudge, Roxanne
Cc: Keith Dunne; Knutson, Sonja; Brophy, Tom; Nic Hartmann; Susan Hilts
Subject: RE: Question about update to MCP website regarding international students

Hi Natasha,

I wish to advise that to date there hasn’t been a change to the eligibility criteria as stated on the “International Students” section of our website. It has always been that an individual must be attending a recognized post-secondary educational institution in NL for a period of at least 12 months. I have, however, requested an update to our website to replace paragraph 3 which states, “Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of enrollment in a full time post secondary program. Eligible students must present a letter of enrollment from the educational institution at the time of registration. Coverage is renewable on a yearly basis, with a current enrollment letter, and will terminate upon completion of the study program or the date of departure from the province, whichever is earlier. Students must be attending school and residing in the province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside the province are not covered.”

The only update to our website prior to this was to the Application for Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Coverage. Under the section “Ineligible Applicants”, “Foreign students with student visas” was removed.

It was discussed at our meeting that ESL students are eligible for MCP coverage with a letter of enrollment from the ESL Program. This letter should also indicate that upon completion of the ESL program, the student will be enrolled in a post secondary program. If a student presents such a document, coverage should not be denied.

The only change to the medical care plan is that we require international students and workers to renew their coverage on a yearly basis. Coverage will continue for the duration of the study/work permit with a letter confirming continuation of study or employment.

I hope this clarifies the concerns you have addressed.

Regards,

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From: Clark, Natasha [mailto:nclark@mun.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 3:52 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.; Jewer, Garry
Hello Cherry and Gary,

I am writing in response to an update I have seen on the MCP website. I am hoping that you can confirm if this reflects a change in policy.

On June 21, 2011, I visited the section of the MCP website on International Student coverage to confirm criteria for international students’ eligibility for MCP as I had become aware of a situation with an ESL student who was refused coverage. I noticed a change to the eligibility criteria which states “The individual must be attending an recognized post-secondary educational institution in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 months” (Retrieved from http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html on June 21, 2011). This section of the MCP website was updated on May 20, 2011.

My understanding of this statement is that to be eligible for MCP, in addition to holding a study permit for 12 months or longer, a student would also have to be enrolled in a program that is 12 months or longer. This differs from both my understanding of the policy change which was implemented in January, and our meeting in January 2011. The policy change as I understood it, is that MCP would only be issuing 12 month MCP and students would require an updated letter of enrollment to renew it on an annual basis (see email communication below from January 2011 on that change). It was also my understanding from our meeting in January 2011 that ESL students are eligible for MCP (see item 9 in Meeting Minutes, below). If my understanding of the updated statement on the website is correct, then the majority of ESL students will not be eligible for MCP. This would raise concerns among students and impact the province’s strategy of attracting and retaining international students as immigrants.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you. Please reply all as I have copied others who have an interest in the MCP policy for international students, including, members of the student unions, as well as Sonja and Tom who were present at the original meeting.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Clark
Email Communication on Policy Change January 2011

From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:18 AM
To: Clark, Natasha
Cc: Jewer, Garry; Brophy, Tom; Knutson, Sonja; Shea, Rob
Subject: RE: Recent change to foreign students’ MCP coverage

Good Morning Natasha,

In reply to your e-mail concerning the recent change to foreign students’ MCP coverage, I wish to advise that international students are now required to renew their coverage on a yearly basis. Upon renewal, we require documentation confirming active enrolment in the Post-Secondary Educational Institute. This restriction will also apply to International Workers with Employment Authorizations, yearly renewal with proof of active employment.

This situation will not compromise a students/workers ability to gain access to our plan. This change is required to ensure the accuracy of the MCP master file.

Coverage will be provided on a 12 month renewal or the duration of the study permit, which may be less than 12 months.

This change will be implemented as each student/worker applies for renewal. This will have no impact on students who are currently covered under our plan and should not affect your comprehensive or supplementary health care coverage for international students.

I have discussed this issue with the provincial Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism and they agree with our decision to ensure the integrity of our program.

A request has been made to have the Application for Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Coverage corrected on our website. A supply of printed applications has been forwarded to your attention.

If you wish to speak to me concerning these changes, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Minutes from Meeting between MCP and Division of Student Success Programs, Memorial University of Newfoundland to discuss issues related to foreign students and foreign worker health coverage
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010
11:00am – 12:00pm
MCP Office, 57 Margaret’s Place
Attendees
Garry Jewer, Manager MCP Office, Grandfalls-Windsor
Cherry Hicks, Manager MCP Office, St. John’s
Tom Brophy, Director Student Success Programs, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Sonja Knutson, Manager International Student Advising Office (ISA), Memorial University of Newfoundland
Natasha Clark, International Student Advisor, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Minutes
1. Garry discussed brief history of MCP policy on foreign students
   a. Garry was a part of the committee which created the original policy in 2007
   b. Changes have been made to the policy over the years as issues arose. These changes were implemented by Bonnie Steele, Manager of St. John’s office at the time. Proposed changes ran through Brad Gibb, Policy Analyst at the time and approved by Tony Maher, Executive Director at the time.
   c. Currently under the process of reviewing the policy, however operating under old policy until the new one is developed and approved
2. Natasha provided participants (with the exception of Garry who was participating via video conference) with:
   a. a copy of the current policy as communicated on the MCP website
   b. a copy of the policy from 2007
   c. a copy of current MCP application form
   d. a copy of the agenda outlining six issues up for discussion
3. Natasha outlined purpose of meeting:
   a. To discuss issues related to foreign student and worker coverage since the implementation of the policy
   b. To discuss recent changes and future changes to the policy
4. Natasha outlined agenda of meeting:
   a. Coverage during implied status
   b. Termination of coverage and transferring to post graduate work permit
   c. Coverage out of province
   d. Clarification on condition of “attending school” and clarification of extension of benefits to ESL student and part time students
   e. Application of policy to temporary foreign workers
   f. Outdated application which states foreign students with visas are ineligible to apply
5. Discussed issue of MCP application which states that foreign students with visas are ineligible to apply.
   a. Garry explained that this application is being used as MCP still has an inventory of printed application which they must use before new applications can be printed.
   b. Sonja requested that the PDF version of the application which can be downloaded on the MCP application be changed as this is where many students as well as our office are accessing the application, and the ISA is receiving questions from students on this.
   c. Garry agreed to follow up on updating the application form.
6. Discussed issue of MCP coverage during implied status
   a. This issue has arisen as a result of an international student being denied coverage during his implied status following advice given to him by MCP and the university that coverage would be granted with proof of status. Natasha and Garry have been communicating on this issue since November 2010.
   b. MCP has agreed to give an extension of coverage for 60 days based on information available on the CIC website indicating current processing times are approximately 2 months. When a request is made for implied status coverage, MCP will refer to the CIC website in deciding how long to extend coverage. Applicants will be required to provide any combination of these documents as requested by MCP:
      i. Copy of expired study permit
      ii. Letter from institution confirming enrollment
      iii. Payment receipt
      iv. Receipt of online transmission or postal receipt
      v. Additional documents as required
c. This process will not form part of MCP’s official policy and will not be mentioned on the website. Instead, MCP will deal with these on a case by case basis.
d. As a result, Memorial’s communication on the matter will be that this is determined on a case by case basis and is not a guarantee. Memorial will advise students via their website that if they are in implied status to visit the ISA to discuss their MCP coverage.

7. Discussed update to policy on website which states that students must be attending school to be eligible for coverage. This differs from the 2007 policy document which states to be eligible must have valid study permit for 12 months or longer and must be residing in the province.
   a. Natasha requested clarification on what it means to be attending school.
   b. Garry stated he is also confused by this since initial policy does not state this.
   c. Garry and Cherry are not sure what is recommended in new policy but will be discussing with staff on how to proceed and reporting back to Memorial.

8. Discussed out of province coverage
   a. Garry confirmed that the policy allows for coverage outside of the province for up to 30 days if the purpose of travel is for short term travel such as to visit family or to attend a conference. However MCP has the right to revoke coverage under Health Act if determined the applicant is no longer a resident of the province. Because of this, applicant may be asked to prove residency before coverage is provided.

9. Discussed how coverage applies to course of study
   a. Natasha asked for clarification on whether or not ESL students are eligible for MCP, as there had been some instances a couple of years ago where ESL students were being denied coverage.
   b. Garry and Cherry confirmed that they are eligible and that an ESL letter of enrollment is satisfactory.

10. Discussed application of policy to temporary foreign workers
    a. Natasha asked if the same conditions of coverage are applied to temporary foreign workers as Memorial also advises visiting professors and post doctoral students on their health care needs.
    b. Garry confirmed that the policies are similar, in particular the application of the 30 days of out of province coverage.

11. Garry requested that whoever took notes, type up the meeting minutes and share them amongst the group so that we have an accurate account of the discussions
    a. Natasha offered to draft the minutes and forward on for comment.

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Thanks Paulette!

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I hope this clarifies the concerns you have addressed.

Regards,
I agree……we’ll have to discuss this when I return next week.

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From: Whitten, Kerry F.
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: FW: Corporate Expo for Public Service week

Did you see this? We should see if we can get a Display board created for activities such as this. We can highlight our OOP, Intl Workers, Intl Students, and the process for obtaining access to our Provincial Health Care system.

MCP – Opens up access to many other Provicially funded Health care programs, eg Prescription Drug Plan, Dental Health Care Program, Hospital Insurance Program, Out of Province Coverage, Medical Transportation assistance program.

We need to get something done up. Something professional looking!

Kerry

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This year Public Service Week will be held from June 12 to June 18. Every year as part of the Corporate Planning activities a EXPO is held in the lobby of the Confederation Bldg West Block. This year the EXPO is on Wed June 15/11 from 10 am to 2 pm. It is a great opportunity for various divisions of departments to show case to other departments and to the Public what services etc they are providing, as well as a chance for us as employees to mingle and learn more about what are co-workers in our department and other areas are contributing and to appreciate each others efforts.

The department of Health and Community Services traditionally enters 2 booths into the EXPO. Please reply to this email if you are interested in having a booth and your requirements i.e. if you need electrical hook-up for presentation /computer equipment. Some of the past participants Wellness, Public Health, MCP program.....so if you have a particular initiative and you want to get your message out let me know before our internal planning committee meeting scheduled for Apr26/11

Thanks for your time.

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:54 AM
To: ’Murrin, Faye’
Subject: RE: International Work Visa and MCP coverage

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Yes, that’s correct.

Cherry

From: Murrin, Faye [mailto:fmurrin@mun.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 10:42 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: International Work Visa and MCP coverage

Thanks very much for your quick response Cherry.
May I assume that coverage is the same for international workers as for everyone else?
Thanks again.
Faye

From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: March 23, 2011 10:29 AM
To: Murrin, Faye
Subject: RE: International Work Visa and MCP coverage

Hello Dr. Murrin,

If an international worker or student has a valid VISA (issued for a period of at least one year) they would qualify for medical care coverage for the duration of their visa, renewable on a yearly basis. A letter from a specified employer or post-secondary institution is also required. Eligibility would be determined upon receipt of a completed Application for Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Coverage.

Regards,

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From: Murrin, Faye [mailto:fmurrin@mun.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 10:22 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: International Work Visa and MCP coverage

Hello Ms Hicks,

If a person here in Newfoundland on an international work VISA has been offered a one year position as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Memorial, I understand that they are eligible to apply for MCP coverage.

_I would like to know if that coverage differs in any significant way from coverage offered to residents of the province - eg Canadian citizens._

Ms Natasha Clark of our International Advising office suggests coverage for things like hospital visits, doctors visits and ambulances for example are the same and that I could refer to your website for international students for more details at [http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html](http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html). (Please note however that postdoctoral fellows are not students and are here on work visas.)

However, while discussing a draft proposal to include postdoctoral fellows under the Memorial extended health benefit plan, Mr Jerry Mercer at Medavie Blue Cross asked for clarification on this, writing that

“The experience we have with foreign students (I know these people are not students) is that they do not get coverage either doctor or hospital.”

Natasha has suggested that he may be thinking of the Foreign Health Insurance that Memorial offers to students, not MCP, as the former does have serious restrictions.

I wonder if you could help clarify this for me from the standpoint of MCP?

I look forward to your response as it will help us move forward with our proposal.

Thank you!

Faye

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 9:30 AM
To: 'Linda Evans'
Subject: RE: Memorial University - International Students

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Hi Linda,

Sorry I missed your call. I did leave a message on your voice mail.

Do not hesitate to call if you need further info.

Thanks,

Cherry A. Hicks

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From: Linda Evans [mailto:LEvans@morneausobeco.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Memorial University - International Students

Hi Cherry,

One more question, can you provide the number of international students at MUN who have MCP coverage? Thank you.

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From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Linda Evans
Subject: RE: Memorial University - International Students

Hi Linda,

Yes, it could, if they were eligible.

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From: Linda Evans [mailto:LEvans@morneausobeco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 3:36 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Memorial University - International Students

Hi Cherry, thanks for getting back to me. If a student didn’t renew their coverage on a timely basis and there was a claim (say, for hospitalization) could coverage be renewed retroactively if it could be shown that they were eligible?

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From: Hicks, Cherry A. [mailto:CherryHicks@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 3:30 PM
To: Linda Evans
Subject: RE: Memorial University - International Students

Hi Linda,

The only change is that we require international students to renew their coverage on a yearly basis which will not compromise a students ability to gain access to our plan. Students will continue to be covered for the duration of their study permit on an annual basis if attending a recognized post secondary school and residing in the province.

If you require additional information, please give me a call.

Regards,

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From: Linda Evans [mailto:LEvans@morneausobeco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2011 2:51 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Cc: Jeuwer, Garry
Subject: Memorial University - International Students
Hi Ms. Hicks,

Our firm works with Memorial on their insurance coverage for the international students. We are currently preparing to do a market review for this plan and understand that there may be changes to the period for which MCP coverage is initially provided. Please confirm whether there will be a change to the current coverage period and, if so, please provide details.

Regards,

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From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Updates and memos

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi Garry,

Just to let you know that I will be in touch with you tomorrow regarding the International Student Policy.

Thanks,

Cherry

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From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Jewer, Garry
Cc: Fudge, Roxanne; Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: RE: Updates and memos

Hi Garry,

As mentioned to you yesterday, memos concerning the issues outlined were to be forwarded to all staff following our staff meeting on Thursday. This morning I had to change our staff meeting to next Wednesday as one of our staff has a funeral to attend on Thursday.

I was speaking with Roxanne one day last week concerning the use of code 01 and code 98. I did confirm that we would be using 01 for “left province” only and that she could make the necessary change to her report. I do have a copy of Bonnie’s memo on file and have copies available for staff at our staff meeting if needed. The issue of adoptions has been mentioned and will be discussed at our meeting as well.

I left a message one day last week, and again yesterday, for Brad Gibb to give me a call concerning the change required to the application form on our website. I also contacted Kevin Durdle this morning and he thought, as well, that Brad might be the person to speak with. If, however, I don’t hear from Brad by lunchtime today, I will contact the Service Desk with my request.

I will update you on the International Student Policy later today.

Cherry A. Hicks

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From: Jewer, Garry  
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:26 AM  
To: Hicks, Cherry A.  
Cc: Fudge, Roxanne; Whitten, Kerry F.  
Subject: Updates and memos

Hi Cherry:

We are still waiting on a memo on the International Student Policy on limiting coverage for applicants under this policy to 12 months. As per our telephone conversation you know my feeling on the issue as I am not comfortable in implementing a Policy change without something in writing. I have informed Natasha Clark of the change as per your instructions.

Also, I've spoken with Roxanne and she mentioned that you were sending out a memo to staff in both offices on when to use code 01 (left province) and code 98 (re-registration). I've attached a memo on this subject distributed by Bonnie some time ago.

Roxanne, is also waiting on a memo regarding how Adoptions are to be handled in situations involving family members as it appears staff in St. John's and Grand Falls-Windsor have different interpretations of the procedure. If you have any questions please contact Roxanne on those two items.

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Hussey, Gillian E.
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:57 PM
To: Maher, Tony; Jewer, Michelle N.; Barfoot, Scott
Subject: RE: international workers

This looks fine to me.

From: Maher, Tony
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Jewer, Michelle N.; Barfoot, Scott; Hussey, Gillian E.
Subject: FW: international workers

Please see suggested changes to include dependents...Thank You...........TM

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From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 11:06 AM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: FW: international workers.

Hi Tony,

As discussed, requested changes to letter highlighted.

Thanks,

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From: Maher, Tony
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: FW: international workers
From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Barfoot, Scott
Cc: Hussey, Gillian E.; Maher, Tony
Subject: international workers

Scott – see attached for communication to international workers. Tony felt that it would be best to address individual letters to each of the companies. What are your thoughts? Can you reach out to communication division in Natural Resources to see if we can get a list of companies and HR contacts so we can forward this memo?

Thanks,
Michelle

Michelle Jewer, C.A.
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Michelle.Jewer@gov.nl.ca
Good afternoon,

Please see below for Alberta's response (in blue).

Thanks,

Jerome Shiu
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From: Whitten, Kerry F. [mailto:kerrywhitten@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 12:49 PM
To: Annamarie Hedley (NU); Barb MacLure (PEI) retiring Apr 19th, 2013; Carolyn Kavanagh; Debbie Shea (NS); Deborah Balsam (YK); Deborah Hewey (MB); Harold McCarthy (NS); Helene Coulombe (QC); Jerome Shiu; Karen Poole (NB); Linda Steinbach (YK); Margaret Wilshire (MB); Melynda Kurucz (Health Canada); Meriel Stuart (ON); Nick Saturnino (NT); Pat Cambridge (SK); Roslyn Watters (NT); Virginia McIntyre (BC); Wayne Overbo (NT); Yasmeen Hinton (BC); Yves Vandal (MB)
Subject: Question Medical residents and interns

- Does your province cover Medical residents/interns from other Canadian provinces or do you treat them the same as a student as stated in the February 2001 Interprovincial Agreement on Eligibility & Portability Section 6 (a)?

  * "Student nurses (including psychiatric student nurses), interns and residents are to be accepted as students for the purposes of this agreement"

  Alberta Health (AH) treats medical residents/interns as out-of-province students according to the guidelines listed in the Agreement on Eligibility and Portability and will not cover them for Alberta health coverage.

- If no... What if they state their home province won't cover them do you then cover them under your provincial health care plan?
AH may register a medical resident/intern for Alberta health coverage if he/she provides a letter to AH from their home province/territory outlining why that province/territory would not extend health coverage.

If you will then cover them, do you ask them for a letter from their home province indicating that the home province will not cover them or just accept them at their word?

See response above.

- If no.... If they state it's a permanent move to your province would you cover them then? Or still direct them back to their home province for extended coverage until their studies are complete, citing Section 6(a) of the Interprovincial Agreement?

  If the medical resident/intern states that they are relocating permanently to Alberta, AH would treat them as a new residents moving from another province/territory and provide them Alberta health coverage on the first day of the third month after arrival.

- In your opinion is it possible for a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident who is a medical resident/intern/student to not be covered for health care in either their home province or the province where they are moving to? Or would one of the two provinces have to accommodate the student? Which province should bend if the student must be covered for health care coverage?

  All provinces/territories are required to provide extended coverage to their residents if they are relocating temporarily from the home province/territory for the duration of their studies or internship. Therefore, residents relocating to another province/territory for this reason should be covered by their home province/territory.

  There may be circumstances regarding the nature of the move when extended coverage would not be provided. If this is the case, the onus is on the home province/territory to provide the reasons to the resident and provide them with the necessary documentation to ensure the resident does not face a gap in coverage when arriving in the new jurisdiction. The Agreement on Eligibility and Portability is supposed to provide clarity as to whom should be included under the definition of student. If this definition does not work for the majority of provinces/territories, then the issue could be discussed at the working group.

Thanks for your help with this,

Kerry

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MEMO

TO: Public Services Staff
FROM: Bonnie Steele
Date: October 3, 2008
Re: Clarification of Policies

Now that we are settling in for a long fall and winter, I thought it wise to distribute a memo to all staff for review so that we all follow the same procedures when processing applications.

1. Code 01 or Code 98
   - Please use Code 01 if a beneficiary has left the province and we have received notification from another province or if the renewal notice is returned with a date of departure from the province on it.
   
   - Please use Code 98 if a beneficiary applies for coverage but indicates that they may be leaving the province in the near future. Please assign an appropriate expiry date to coincide with the expected departure date. Also, please put a comment on the file to indicate why the expiry date is less than five years.

   We often run into a situation where the person indicates that they will be leaving but never do. We may not be notified of their decision to stay and, if we already put a code 01 on their file with an expiry date, they will be terminated from the system. Code 01 indicates that we have received notification, usually from another province, that they have moved and it can cause issue with dealing with the beneficiary in the future.

2. Code 40 – OOP
   - Please change the code on the beneficiary file when issuing Out-of-Province certificates. This should be done if a person is leaving the province for Vacation, Study, or Work purposes for more than 30 days. Please note we are including rotation workers traveling to other provinces such as Alberta in this group. Also, please be sure to note the original expiry date on the comment field so that it can be reinstated.

3. Children in Care of Child, Youth & Family Services
   - Please note that we have a number of children in the care of Director of Child, Youth & Family Services (CYFS) which are mailed renewals. In order to ensure that the renewal gets to the appropriate person, please use the local address that is given and put the comment “In care of Director of CYFS” in the comment section of the beneficiary screen.
4. **Duplicate MCP #’s**
   - In order to ensure that we control/reduce the number of duplicate numbers on our system, please be sure to search the system for any existing number for a beneficiary even if they indicate on the application form that they have not been registered with the province previously. There are also cases where the person indicates that they have been registered but searching using updated information the system is not generating the old pin. This could be due to a minor discrepancy such as spelling of last name, use of married name instead of maiden name, or an error in birth date. Please make every effort to locate previous numbers to avoid duplicates.

5. **Remarks on Work and Study Permits**
   - CIC is still experiencing a backlog of applications for renewal of permits. They are using a comment in the remarks section to indicate no break in coverage. The comment is: “Temporary Resident Status maintained as per R183(6)”. This comment indicates that even though the date the permit extension is signed may indicate a break in coverage, this comment bridges the gap.

   For example: If we have an original permit with an expiry date of January 21, 2008 and the renewal permit is not dated until February 20, 2008, this would normally indicate a break in coverage. If the renewal document has the appropriate comment in the Remarks section as indicated above, CIC are indicating that there is no break in coverage and the date conflict is due to processing times only.

6. **Releasing Beneficiary Information**
   - We often receive daily requests for confirmation of MCP numbers from doctor’s offices for billing purposes. Due to privacy regulations we are limited as to what information we can release.

   You may receive a call from the doctor’s clerk asking if the number if valid. If you receive a call of this nature, please tell them if the number they quote is “Valid” or “Not Valid” only. If the number and name quoted do not match, please just say the number is “Not Valid”. Please note that we are not to release expiry dates over the phone.

   If the doctor’s office calls and insists on a beneficiary number and expiry date, ask them to have the patient complete a “Release of Beneficiary Number” document, ensure that it is signed by the patient and have the document faxed to your office for completion. We will then fax back the information.
If these procedures change in the near future, I will give further instructions.

7. **Marital Status on Applications**

- Beneficiaries are registered as a "Family Unit" therefore, if the applicant indicates they are "Married", please ensure you register the spouse along with the applicant. If the spouse’s information is not listed on the application, please request it before processing the application or determine why it is not given. This can be done by sending out a letter or can be as simple as a phone call to the applicant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above notes, please just let me know.

Regards,

Bonnie
Joy, Cheryl

From: Jewer, Garry
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 3:25 PM
To: 'Clark, Natasha'
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Thanks Natasha:

I've reviewed some of the material and I did note there were notes from a meeting held in 2008. I was not in attendance but I think I may have been asked by Bonnie Steele to listen in by Telephone. If I recall correctly the meeting was held in Bonnie's office. The notes refer to a possible three month extension based on a proof of payment from CIC. When I meet with Cherry I will certainly note that point. I have some recommendations that will certainly clarify this situation.

As I said previously we will meet on this issue and reply to you with official correspondence that will provide clear direction on the policy. We will also ensure that ALL staff in both offices are applying the Policy on a consistent basis.

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From: Clark, Natasha [mailto:nclark@mun.ca]
Sent: December 6, 2010 2:52 PM
To: Jewer, Garry
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.; Knutson, Sonja
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Thank you Garry,
Our office is available should you wish to consult us at any time during this process.

Cheers,

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Thank you for the information Natasha. I will consult with Cherry Hicks, the Manager of Public Services & Administration in the St. John's office to review your correspondence. As I informed Sonja in a previous email (which you have copied) I indicated that we are close to revising our policies. Hopefully the information you have supplied will expedite that process. After Cherry and meet on this issue we will have an official reply to your concerns in writing, thus avoiding any further inconsistencies when applying this policy.

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Hello Garry,  
Attached please find a letter outlining supporting documentation followed by the documentation. If you have any questions, or require anything further, let me know.  
Cheers,  

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Thank you Garry
I had hoped to provide you with the documentation you requested today, however I am still waiting on responses from a few of our students. I will have the information to you early next week.
I apologize for the delay and appreciate your cooperation.
Have a great weekend.

Cheers,

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From: Jewer, Garry [mailto:jewerg@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 4:03 PM
To: Clark, Natasha
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Hi Natasha:

We are still interested in any documentation that you may have received from MCP that allows for extensions based upon a Cash Receipt. We are also doing our part in assuring that there is consistency in applying the "International Student" Policy.

Also, we suggest that in order to avoid any further delays in obtaining MCP coverage that "International Students" apply for extensions to their Study Permits at least thirty days prior to them expiring.

Thank you for your patience on this issue. Hopefully we will avoid any further issues around this Policy in the future.

In the future, if you have any questions around this Policy please feel free to contact myself or Cherry Hicks (709-729-0140).

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Thank you Garry for your reply. As mentioned, I hope to have the documentation to you by end of day tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Thanks Natasha:

I look forward to your response on this issue. As for the information you supplied on "Implied Status", it states that the applicant can stay in the country until a decision is rendered. That decision could come tomorrow, next week or a month. If MCP issues a card for an extra three months and the applicant is denied, then the beneficiary could avail of Provincial Health Care without actually being eligible.

I have also CC'ed Cherry Hicks our new Manager of Public Services and Administration located at the Belvedere Building in St. John's.

Garry Jewer
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From: International Student Advising Office [mailto:isa@mun.ca]
Sent: December 1, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Jewer, Garry
Cc: Clark, Natasha; Knutson, Sonja
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Thank you Garry for forwarding that along. I have noticed that the policy has been recently updated on the website. As mentioned, I have faxed you a follow up to our telephone conversation.

Sincerely,

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From: Jewer, Garry [mailto:jewerg@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2010 4:10 PM
To: International Student Advising Office
Subject: FW: Query regarding international students and MCP

Natasha:

Please see below a copy of MCP's International Student Policy as requested by Sonja Knutson back in September. Also, here is the link to the Department of Health & Community Services website regarding International Students.

If you have any documentation from MCP Management Staff stating a different policy please supply us with the relevant information. We will continue to work with your office to resolve any misunderstandings that may exist on this Policy.

http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html

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From: Jewer, Garry
Sent: October 15, 2010 11:50 AM
To: 'Knutson, Sonja'
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Sonja:

Please see attached a copy of the International Student Policy. Please note that we have made some revisions to the last official Policy that would allow for Open Work & Study Permits in cases where the applicant can supply a letter from their employer or Post Secondary Institution confirming employment/enrolment details such as dates and job/study location. The "International Student Policy" is very much a work in progress as from time to time we face some very unique situations. Please keep in mind that the "spirit" of the Policy was to cover International Students while studying in the province, therefore it is MCP's right to revoke coverage if they do not supply proper Immigration Documents and in some cases proof of enrolment or employment in the Province.

We are very close to introducing some updated Policies. As soon as we receive sign-off we will pass them along. As I stated in our conversation this morning, if you have any unusual cases or cases that seem to fit into a "grey" area, please deal directly with myself or Kerry Whitten. We will do our best (within policy) to resolve any issues.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or specific cases you need to discuss.

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From: Knutson, Sonja [mailto:sknutson@mun.ca]
Sent: October 15, 2010 9:33 AM
To: Steele, Bonnie; Clark, Natasha
Cc: Jewer, Garry
Subject: Re: Query regarding international students and MCP

Hi Bonnie,

The outstanding issue relates to the policy. We require a copy of the policy in order to appropriately advise students as with all government policies.

Best regards, Sonja

From: Steele, Bonnie <bonniesteele@gov.nl.ca>
To: Knutson, Sonja; Clark, Natasha
Cc: Jewer, Garry <jewerg@gov.nl.ca>
Sonja,

I responded to Natasha on Sept. 20th. I'll look for the email and forward.

Please note I am no longer with the Dept. of Health and further enquiries should be directed to Garry Jewer of our Grand Falls-Windsor office as he is acting manager until the position is filled.

Thanks
Bonnie

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From: Knutson, Sonja [mailto:sknutson@mun.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 7:55 AM
To: Steele, Bonnie; Clark, Natasha
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP
Importance: High

Hi Bonnie
Memorial University would like a response on this as soon as possible. We also request a copy of the MCP policy section regarding international students. We are required to be knowledgeable of said policies that affect our students at the federal and provincial levels.

Best regards,
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From: Steele, Bonnie [mailto:bonniesteele@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Mon 9/20/2010 9:59 AM
To: Clark, Natasha
Cc: Knutson, Sonja
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

I'll check it out and advise back.

Bonnie
From: Clark, Natasha [mailto:nclark@mun.ca]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 9:22 AM
To: Steele, Bonnie
Cc: Knutson, Sonja
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Thank you Bonnie.
The students name is [redacted].

Cheers,

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From: Steele, Bonnie [mailto:bonniesteele@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Clark, Natasha
Cc: Knutson, Sonja
Subject: RE: Query regarding international students and MCP

Natasha,

No problem, I'll check the file. Can you give me the student's name?

Bonnie

From: Clark, Natasha [mailto:nclark@mun.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 2:05 PM
To: Steele, Bonnie
Cc: Knutson, Sonja
Subject: Query regarding international students and MCP

Hello Bonnie,
I hope all is well. I have a question with regards to international students who have graduated from Memorial and their MCP coverage. According to the MCP website “Coverage terminates upon expiry of the study permit or the date of departure from Newfoundland and Labrador, whichever is earlier” (http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html). Currently, we have the situation of a student who visited the MCP office in St. John’s and upon informing a staff member that she has graduated, the staff member informed the student that she is not eligible for MCP coverage following graduation and took her MCP card from her, stating that if she had submitted a claim, it would be followed up on to ensure she was still a registered student before being paid out. Since this is not the policy that is stated on the website, I wanted to follow up on this with you to see if you can provide further advice and to request that this student’s MCP be reinstated since she still holds a valid study permit and resides in the province.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Jewer, Garry
Sent: Friday, December 03, 2010 11:01 AM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.
Subject: International Student Briefing Notes

Cherry:

Attached are several Briefing Notes I prepared for Tony on International Students.

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Question and Answer Briefing Note
Department of Health and Community Services

Title: Extension of health care benefits to International Students.

Issue: Beginning on June 11, 2007, in keeping with the new Provincial Immigration Strategy, health care benefits under the Medical Care Plan (MCP) and the Hospital Care Plan will be offered to International Students studying in Newfoundland and Labrador who meet eligibility requirements.

Anticipated Questions:
- What is the procedure for obtaining coverage?
- What documents are required to obtain coverage?
- When will coverage begin and end?
- What health care benefits will be covered?
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Key Messages:
- An Application for Newfoundland and Labrador Health Care Coverage must be completed by the applicant.
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Other Suggested Responses:
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada defines a foreign (international) student as a temporary resident who has been approved by an immigration officer to study in Canada.
- Presently, six (Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and North West Territories) of the thirteen provincial/territorial health care jurisdictions in Canada recognize International Students as eligible beneficiaries. NL will be the seventh.
- Health insurance is currently available to International Students through a post-secondary institution such as Memorial University. Coverage is purchased from a private agent at an annual cost of approximately $610.
- There are approximately 1,000 International Students currently studying in NL ranging in age from 16 - 54. The average physician cost for this demographic is approximately $134 per year, with an additional $956 for hospital stays, for a total of $1,090 per person per year.
- International Students contribute $18,400 to $25,000 (not including tuition fees) to our economy for each year spent in Canada.

**Background:**
On March 21, 2007, Government publicly announced the new Provincial Immigration Strategy and its intention to extend health care coverage to international students at post secondary institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Drafted by: Garry Jewer
Date: June 1, 2007

Approved by: Tony Maher, C.A.
Date: June 1, 2007
EXTENSION OF MCP BENEFITS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ISSUE:

تصف In keeping with new Provincial Immigration Strategy, the extension of health care coverage (MCP) to international students who are studying in Newfoundland and Labrador under a Study Permit.

BACKGROUND:

تصف Citizenship and Immigration Canada defines a foreign (international) Student as a temporary resident who has been approved by an immigration officer to study in Canada.

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تصف Presently, six (Nova Scotia, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and North West Territories) of the thirteen provincial/territorial health care jurisdictions in Canada recognize international students as eligible beneficiaries.

تصف Four of those jurisdictions do not require a waiting period before coverage becomes effective (Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and North West Territories).

تصف Three of those jurisdictions (Nova Scotia, Alberta, and North West Territories), require that foreign students hold a study permit issued for at least twelve months and one, Quebec, only grants coverage to foreign students accepted into the Quebec Scholarship Program. The other province, British Columbia, requires a six month permit but they apply a waiting period of three months.

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CURRENT STATUS:
On March 21, 2007, Government publicly announced the new Provincial Immigration Strategy and its intention to extend coverage to international students at post secondary institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador. The attached policy is the recommended approach to implementing this new initiative. It is proposed this policy become effective June 1, 2007.

Next steps are to work with Communications staff to establish an effective communication plan to announce the new policy. Contact Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, College of the North Atlantic and other concerned organizations outlining the policy change, and inform staff of the new policy and provide training on how to apply the new policy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Attached policy for extending MCP coverage to international students be approved with an effective date of June 1, 2007.

Drafted by:  Garry Jewer  
Date:  May 2, 2007

Approved by:  Tony Maher, C.A.  
Date:  May 7, 2007
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Drafted by: Garry Jewer
Date: January 30, 2006

Approved by: Tony Maher
Date: January 30, 2006
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Drafted by: Garry Jewer  
Date: June 1, 2007

Approved by: Tony Maher, C.A.  
Date: June 1, 2007
Joy, Cheryl

From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 12:19 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: international workers
Importance: High

Tony - did we send the memo to the oil companies on MCP coverage for international workers?

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:27 AM
To: Maher, Tony; Hussey, Gillian E.
Subject: FW: International Workers January 3 2014.doc
Attachments: International Workers January 3 2014 (2).doc

Tony – are you Ok with the revised message attached. I think we should change it to come from you and I think we need to format it as a general memo to send to Natural Resources. Once you have revised can you forward back to myself and Gillian.

Thanks,
Michelle

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From: Hussey, Gillian E.
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:37 PM
To: Jewer, Michelle N.; Maher, Tony
Cc: Barfoot, Scott
Subject: RE: International Workers January 3 2014.doc

Sorry too quick. Please see attached.

Thanks,
Gill

From: Hussey, Gillian E.
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:36 PM
To: Jewer, Michelle N.; Maher, Tony
Cc: Barfoot, Scott
Subject: RE: International Workers January 3 2014.doc

Hello,

Please see my suggested wording attached. If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thanks,
Gill
From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 12:02 PM
To: Maher, Tony; Hussey, Gillian E.
Cc: Barfoot, Scott
Subject: International Workers January 3 2014.doc

Tony – see attached for comments from myself and Scott. Gillian could you help Tony with language for the first paragraph based on our comments in the attached?

Thanks,
Michelle
January 3, 2014

Ms. Suzanne Fogwill
Human Resources Specialist
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Dear Human Resources Manager:

International workers make important contributions to our provincial economy and are valued employees of our local workforce. In order to secure medical coverage for these individuals, the Department of Health and Community Services is currently reviewing its Medical Care Plan (mcp) policies.

Pending the outcome of the mcp policy review, the Department of Health and Community Services has temporarily revised its policies for international workers. Effective immediately, international workers who meet eligibility requirements must now reside in Newfoundland and Labrador for a minimum of 183 days in a 365-day period. If a beneficiary leaves the province for work, vacation, or school for more than 30 consecutive days, that individual must contact the mcp office prior to his or her departure.

For general information regarding the mcp program please visit www.gov.nl.ca/mcp. For questions and concerns relating to the matter above, please contact XX.

Sincerely,

Cherry A. Hicks
Manager of Public Services & Administration

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Joy, Cheryl

From: Maher, Tony  
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 4:29 PM  
To: Whitten, Kerry F.; Hicks, Cherry A.  
Subject: RE: MCP/immigration issue

Follow Up Flag: Follow up  
Flag Status: Flagged

Cherry/Kerry,
I have discussed this case with Michelle Jewer. The lady in question is awaiting documentation from CIC. She was disqualified based upon the "30 day rule". She was out of province for 31 days.

Thanks.....TM

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From: Whitten, Kerry F.  
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 4:04 PM  
To: Maher, Tony  
Cc: Hicks, Cherry A.  
Subject: RE: MCP/immigration issue

I've spoken to Lori O'keefe from the minister's office on a couple of occasions recently regarding this file. I reviewed this file myself and then had it reviewed by two other Public Service Representatives but unfortunately is still not eligible for MCP coverage at this time.

We ask Canadian citizens and Permanent Resident who are beneficiaries of MCP to apply for Out of Province Coverage if they are leaving the province for more than 30 days. The only difference here is that because individuals are Permanent Residents or Canadian citizens, they can avail of Out of Province Coverage for up to 8 months.
I trust this helps. Any further questions feel free to contact me, but aside from being given direction to cover this lady, she unfortunately fell 1 day outside of remaining eligible. I myself cautioned this lady and her husband of this at that time.

Kerry

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From: Maher, Tony  
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:10 PM  
To: Whitten, Kerry F.  
Subject: PW: MCP/immigration issue

Kerry,  
Could you please outline the circumstances.......TM
From: Jewer, Michelle N.
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 12:15 PM
To: Maher, Tony
Subject: Fw: MCP/immigration issue

Tony can you look into this particular case for me with Cherry. What are the issues?

Thanks,
Michelle

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: O'Keefe, Lori
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 11:44 AM
To: Jewer, Michelle N.
Subject: MCP/immigration issue

Hi michelle,

As per our discussion this morning and the issue regarding MCP coverage and immigration, the clients name is

Thanks! [s. 40(1)]
L.
Department of Health & Community Services
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When processing applications for international students and workers please ask to see their passports and pay close attention to the Immigration stamps in the passports. Often times we can tell how often and how long individuals are gone outside Newfoundland & Labrador by looking at those stamps. This is a good way to pick up on the fact that some people are not adhering to the 30 day rule of being outside Newfoundland & Labrador.

Make sure to ask questions of international students and workers to ensure they are meeting our eligibility requirements. Asking questions doesn’t have to come across as an interrogation but it is important to talk to them to better assess individual applications.

We also have to be vigilant in telling international students and workers that they can only be absent from our province for a maximum of 30 days in a 12 month period.

It’s more difficult to pick up on this issue when the documents are mailed in and we don’t get a chance to go through the passport.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact Cherry, Roxanne, or myself.

Kerry

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Hi folks,

I just want to bring to your attention persons applying for MCP coverage who are here under Immigration Documents.

Please ensure that you inform the individual of the rule of not being outside NL for more than 30 days in a 12 month period.

If the applicant is at the counter, verbally inform them of this requirement and also point it out in the insert that goes along with the MCP cards we issue to them.

If we’re mailing out the MCP cards it might be an idea to highlight that section on the insert we provide.

We’re seeing situations now where people seem to be unaware of this requirement.

The attachment above is an insert that goes along with the MCP cards we issue to beneficiaries who are here under immigration documents. Just make sure we highlight this when we pass out the MCP card over the counter.

Every opportunity we get to inform foreign beneficiaries we should take advantage of to avoid difficult eligibility issues later.

We are doing our part anyway by providing beneficiaries with the information in the insert but we should promote it every chance we get.

Thanks,

Kerry

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August 14, 2013

International Individuals (students/workers/visitors)

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MCP Number: Effective: August 14, 2013 Expiry: August 14, 2014

Enclosed is your MCP identification card. You should always present this card when you require medical services. Your MCP number is printed above and we suggest that you keep this letter in a safe place in case your card becomes lost or stolen.

Please notify us if any of the following events occur:

* Birth or adoption of a child
* Name change
* Change of address
* Death of a family member
* Permanent move from Newfoundland and Labrador
* Enlistment in RCMP or Armed Forces

* If you leave the province due to work, vacation, or school you must contact our office prior to your departure. Out of Province coverage must not exceed 30 days in a one year period. Failure to notify us may result in termination of coverage.

All our forms are available at physicians' offices throughout the province, at our offices in St. John's and Grand Falls-Windsor, and on the internet at the following website: www.gov.nl.ca/mcp/html/forms.htm

If you have any questions, please contact us at the number shown below.

Yours very truly,

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11. Foreign Students with Student Authorizations

Proof of Eligibility Required

a. Student Authorization issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada which meets all of the following criteria:
   i. Issued before coming to Canada, and
   ii. For an Educational Institution located in Newfoundland and Labrador, and
   iii. For a period of at least 12 months.

Dependents' Proof of Eligibility Required

A dependent who is listed on the Student Authorization must present satisfactory immigration documents that link them to the Student Authorization. Dependent's satisfactory documentation may consist of:

a. Student Authorizations;
b. Visitors' Permits;
c. Student Visas;
d. Federal Minister's Permits.

Note: In certain circumstances a marriage certificate or birth certificate may be required in order to prove the link between the dependent and the holder of the Student Authorization.

Effective Coverage Dates

Coverage will begin the later of:

a. date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador, or
b. the effective date of the Student Authorization. June 11, 2007

Coverage will terminate the earlier of:

a. date of exit from Newfoundland and Labrador, or
b. the expiry date of the Student Authorization.
Hicks, Cherry A.

From: Hicks, Cherry A.
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 10:49 AM
To: Service Desk
Cc: Maher, Tony; Gillis, Paulette
Subject: Update to Website

Please replace paragraph 3 of "International Students" with the following:

Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of enrollment in a full time post secondary program. Eligible students must present a letter of enrollment from the educational institution at the time of registration. Coverage is renewable on a yearly basis, with a current enrollment letter, and will terminate upon completion of the study program or the date of departure from the province, whichever is earlier. Students must be attending school and residing in the province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside the province are not covered.

As well, please change “an” to “a” as indicated in paragraph 2.

6/29/2011
International Students

Since June 11, 2007, the Provincial Government extended health care coverage under the province's Medical Care Plan (MCP) to international students undertaking post-secondary studies in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The program applies to any foreign individual issued an official study permit by Citizenship and Immigration Canada before entering the country. The individual must be attending an recognized post-secondary educational institution in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 months. Dependents of the student will also be covered under MCP, provided they are living in the province and have relevant documentation to support their application.

Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of arrival in the province or the effective date of the study permit, whichever is later. Coverage terminates upon expiry of the study permit or the date of departure from Newfoundland and Labrador, whichever is earlier. The students must be attending school and residing in the Province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside of the Province are not covered.

Only services listed under the Medical Care Insured Services Regulations and the Hospital Insurance Plan Regulations will be accessible for International Students. Health insurance for other services (i.e. coverage of prescription drugs) is currently available for International Students to purchase through post-secondary institutions such as Memorial University.

International students will be eligible for coverage while visiting (30 days or less) outside the province only during the period specified on their study permit provided the authorization remains valid through Citizenship and Immigration Canada. If it is determined that an International Student is outside of the province for extended periods of stay their eligibility for coverage in Newfoundland and Labrador may be re-evaluated.

All applicants must complete a form for coverage under MCP.

- [Medical Care Plan (MCP) Application Form](http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html) (423 KB)

Adobe Acrobat Reader software can be used for viewing PDF documents. [Download Acrobat Reader for free](http://www.acrobat.com/download/acrobat-reader/).

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http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/international.html
Regards,

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6/29/2011
Hi Natasha,

I wish to advise that to date there hasn’t been a change to the eligibility criteria as stated on the “International Students” section of our website. It has always been that an individual must be attending a recognized post-secondary educational institution in NL for a period of at least 12 months. I have, however, requested an update to our website to replace paragraph 3 which states, “Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of enrollment in a full time post secondary program. Eligible students must present a letter of enrollment from the educational institution at the time of registration. Coverage is renewable on a yearly basis, with a current enrollment letter, and will terminate upon completion of the study program or the date of departure from the province, whichever is earlier. Students must be attending school and residing in the province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside the province are not covered.”

The only update to our website prior to this was to the Application for Newfoundland & Labrador Health Care Coverage. Under the section “Ineligible Applicants”, “Foreign students with student visas” was removed.

It was discussed at our meeting that ESL students are eligible for MCP coverage with a letter of enrollment from the ESL Program. This letter should also indicate that upon completion of the ESL program, the student will be enrolled in a post secondary program. If a student presents such a document, coverage should not be denied.

The only change to the medical care plan is that we require international students and workers to renew their coverage on a yearly basis. Coverage will continue for the duration of the study/work permit with a letter confirming continuation of study or employment.

I hope this clarifies the concerns you have addressed.

Regards,

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From: Clark, Natasha [mailto:nclark@mun.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 3:52 PM
To: Hicks, Cherry A.; Jewer, Garry

6/29/2011
Effective immediately, international students and international workers are required to renew their coverage on a yearly basis. Students will require their study permit and documentation confirming active full time enrolment in the Post-Secondary Educational Institute. Workers will require their work permit and documentation confirming active employment from their employer.

As well, I have attached a memo "Clarification of Policies" which was circulated on October 3, 2008 for your review. These clarifications are still in effect and should be considered when processing applications or releasing information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact Garry or myself.

Thanks,

Cherry
MEMO TO: All Staff
FROM: Cherry
RE: Clarification of Office Issues

APPLICATIONS

All applications received at the front counters should be given to a Clerk III or IV for review before an applicant is turned away. For example, if required documentation does not accompany the application, the clerk should determine if the applicant meets eligibility based on information presented on the application.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ESL)

When registering English as a Second Language (ESL) student, we require a letter confirming enrollment in the ESL program indicating their intention to continue in an academic program. When presented, coverage will be granted for the duration of the ESL Program. At the time of enrollment in the academic program, we will require a letter confirming current enrollment as a full time student. Coverage will be granted at that time and renewed on a yearly basis. A copy of accepted documents for the ESL program has been attached.

RECEIPT OF CARD

If a beneficiary completed a beneficiary application form or a lost or stolen card replacement form and, when processed, the card was placed in the mail but not received by the beneficiary, a new card should be issued to the beneficiary if the card was not received within 30 days of processing date.

RELEASE OF BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

All requests for a patient’s MCP number and/or expiry date must be requested on a “Request for Release of Beneficiary MCP Number”. Section 2 must be completed in full. Eligibility date is not to be released. The form is required regardless of who is making the request. If you encounter any problems with this issue, please refer to your supervisor or manager.
REQUESTS

Please forward any written or telephone requests from the Minister’s office to your supervisor or manager.

UPDATES TO BENEFICIARY REGISTRATION SCREENS

Spelling of ‘beneficiary’ has been corrected on several screens. Others will be corrected on a go forward basis.

On screen PARTIAL PIN DUPLICATES, new applications, a comment line is now displayed for each beneficiary.

Changes have been made to the NAME/PIN SEARCH screen and processing to include the additional field of termination code. The Parent number has been moved to the line above and Termination Code has been added after the Termination Date.

An error was identified that when searching using SURNAME and DOB, three results were returned, but if you searched on SURNAME, DOB, and GENDER, only two results were returned. A problem was detected with the counter which determined how many rows to display per page. This has now been corrected.

Edits have been added to a number of screens to ensure termination date is not greater than 6 years past current date AND birth date not less than 125 years prior to current date.

Changes have been made to the ENTER button to highlight a PIN number in error on Mass Termination screen if it has already been terminated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Roxanne or myself.

Thanks,

[Signature]

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MEMO TO: All Staff
FROM: Cherry
RE: Clarification of Office Issues

REQUEST FOR SECOND CARD

Please ensure that legal documentation (shared custody) is obtained when a parent is requesting a second card for a child. Without documentation, only one card can be issued. Be sure to write second parent’s name and address in comment section.

ADDRESS CHANGE BY TELEPHONE

Address changes may be taken by telephone only when requested by the beneficiary. Please ensure you are speaking to the beneficiary by confirming MCP number, date of birth, and current address. If unable to provide this information, please have the request submitted in writing.

IDENTIFICATION

Identification from Correctional Service Canada is not to be accepted as proof of Canadian Citizenship. This card can be used for ID purposes only. One of the documents listed in our policy is required for a new registration.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

When a person accompanies a spouse who holds a study permit and their passport is valid to the same date, six (6) months coverage can be granted on the passport. After this period, an immigration document is required.

A person on immigration documents is only eligible to travel outside the province for 30 days per year. Applicants and dependents do not qualify for OOP coverage for work, vacation or study purposes in excess of 30 days per year.
International Students

Since June 11, 2007, the Provincial Government extended health care coverage under the province's Medical Care Plan (MCP) to international students undertaking post-secondary studies in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The program applies to any foreign individual issued an official study permit by Citizenship and Immigration Canada before entering the country. The individual must be attending an recognized post-secondary educational institution in Newfoundland and Labrador for a period of at least 12 months. Dependents of the student will also be covered under MCP, provided they are living in the province and have relevant documentation to support their application.

Coverage will become effective for eligible students and dependents on the date of arrival in the province or the effective date of the study permit, whichever is later. Coverage terminates upon expiry of the study permit or the date of departure from Newfoundland and Labrador, whichever is earlier. The students must be attending school and residing in the Province in order to avail of coverage. Work terms outside of the Province are not covered.

Only services listed under the Medical Care Insured Services Regulations and the Hospital Insurance Plan Regulations will be accessible for International Students. Health insurance for other services (e.g., coverage of prescription drugs) is currently available for International Students to purchase through post-secondary institutions such as Memorial University.

International students will be eligible for coverage while visiting (30 days or less) outside the province only during the period specified on their study permit provided the authorization remains valid through Citizenship and Immigration Canada. If it is determined that an International Student is outside of the province for extended periods of stay their eligibility for coverage in Newfoundland and Labrador may be re-evaluated.

All applicants must complete a form for coverage under MCP.

- Medical Care Plan (MCP) Application Form (423 KB)

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Category 10: International “Post-Secondary” Students with Student Authorizations

Eligibility Requirement:
Student Authorization (Study Permit) issued by CIC which meets ALL of the following criteria:

a. Issued for an approved Post-Secondary Educational Institution located in Newfoundland and Labrador; and
b. Confirmation of enrolment at the specified school; and
b. Issued for a period of at least 12 months (365 days).

Notes: If the Study Permit is for less than 12 months, the student must provide a satisfactory written explanation for the shortage to MCP. This letter will be used as a tool to determine whether or not coverage will be granted.

If the applicant holds a Study Permit issued from CIC for an educational institution located outside Newfoundland and Labrador, a letter from a Newfoundland and Labrador Post-Secondary Educational Institution certifying that the applicant is attending school in the province is acceptable provided the Study Permit is for at least 12 months.

If the student is enrolled in a short-term “English as a Second Language” (ESL) program immediately following entry to Canada, the student must provide: a letter confirming the ESL course and; a letter confirming acceptance into a study program at a specified Newfoundland and Labrador school immediately following the ESL course.

Dependent’s Proof of Eligibility Requirement:
A dependent who is not listed on a Study Permit must present satisfactory immigration documents.

Satisfactory Dependent documentation consists of ONE of the following:

a. Employment Authorization (open authorizations are accepted);
b. Student Authorization;
c. Visitors’ Permit;
d. Federal Minister’s Permit.
e. Valid passport stamped by CIC

A marriage certificate or birth certificate may be required in order to prove a link between the dependent and the holder of the Student Authorization.

Effective Coverage Dates:
Coverage begins on the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador or the effective date of the Study Permit whichever is later and expires on the earlier of the date when the
person leaves the province permanently, the expiry date of the Study Permit, the expiry date of their passport or one year from the date of issuance.

Dependent’s coverage begins on the date of arrival in Newfoundland and Labrador and expires on the earlier of the date when the person leaves the province permanently, the expiry date of the immigration document provided, the expiry date of their passport, or one year from date of issuance.

Restrictions:
International Students must renew their coverage each year and provide proof of active enrolment in the Post-Secondary Educational Institute.

These applicants and their dependents do not qualify for Out-of-Province coverage for work, vacation or study purposes in excess of 30 days.
MEMO

TO: Public Services Staff
FROM: Bonnie Steele

Date: October 3, 2008

Re: Clarification of Policies

Now that we are settling in for a long fall and winter, I thought it wise to distribute a memo to all staff for review so that we all follow the same procedures when processing applications.

1. **Code 01 or Code 98**
   - Please use Code 01 if a beneficiary has left the province and we have received notification from another province or if the renewal notice is returned with a date of departure from the province on it.

   - Please use Code 98 if a beneficiary applies for coverage but indicates that they may be leaving the province in the near future. Please assign an appropriate expiry date to coincide with the expected departure date. Also, please put a comment on the file to indicate why the expiry date is less than five years.

We often run into a situation where the person indicates that they will be leaving but never do. We may not be notified of their decision to stay and, if we already put a code 01 on their file with an expiry date, they will be terminated from the system. Code 01 indicates that we have received notification, usually from another province, that they have moved and it can cause issue with dealing with the beneficiary in the future.

2. **Code 40 – OOP**
   - Please change the code on the beneficiary file when issuing Out-of-Province certificates. This should be done if a person is leaving the province for Vacation, Study, or Work purposes for more than 30 days. Please note we are including rotation workers traveling to other provinces such as Alberta in this group. Also, please be sure to note the original expiry date on the comment field so that it can be reinstated.

3. **Children in Care of Child, Youth & Family Services**
   - Please note that we have a number of children in the care of Director of Child, Youth & Family Services (CYFS) which are mailed renewals. In order to ensure that the renewal gets to the appropriate person, please use the local address that is given and put the comment “In care of Director of CYFS” in the comment section of the beneficiary screen.
4. **Duplicate MCP #’s**
   - In order to ensure that we control/reduce the number of duplicate numbers on our system, please be sure to search the system for any existing number for a beneficiary even if they indicate on the application form that they have not been registered with the province previously. There are also cases where the person indicates that they have been registered but searching using updated information the system is not generating the old pin. This could be due to a minor discrepancy such as spelling of last name, use of married name instead of maiden name, or an error in birth date. Please make every effort to locate previous numbers to avoid duplicates.

5. **Remarks on Work and Study Permits**
   - CIC is still experiencing a backlog of applications for renewal of permits. They are using a comment in the remarks section to indicate no break in coverage. The comment is: “Temporary Resident Status maintained as per R183(6)”. This comment indicates that even though the date the permit extension is signed may indicate a break in coverage, this comment bridges the gap.

   For example: If we have an original permit with an expiry date of January 21, 2008 and the renewal permit is not dated until February 20, 2008, this would normally indicate a break in coverage. If the renewal document has the appropriate comment in the Remarks section as indicated above, CIC are indicating that there is no break in coverage and the date conflict is due to processing times only.

6. **Releasing Beneficiary Information**
   - We often receive daily requests for confirmation of MCP numbers from doctor’s offices for billing purposes. Due to privacy regulations we are limited as to what information we can release.

   You may receive a call from the doctor’s clerk asking if the number if valid. If you receive a call of this nature, **please tell them if the number they quote is “Valid” or “Not Valid” only.** If the number and name quoted do not match, please just say the number is “Not Valid”. Please note that we are not to release expiry dates over the phone.

   If the doctor’s office calls and insists on a beneficiary number and expiry date, ask them to have the patient complete a “Release of Beneficiary Number” document, ensure that it is signed by the patient and have the document faxed to your office for completion. We will then fax back the information.
If these procedures change in the near future, I will give further instructions.

7. Marital Status on Applications

- Beneficiaries are registered as a "Family Unit" therefore, if the applicant indicates they are "Married", please ensure you register the spouse along with the applicant. If the spouse’s information is not listed on the application, please request it before processing the application or determine why it is not given. This can be done by sending out a letter or can be as simple as a phone call to the applicant.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above notes, please just let me know.

Regards,
Bonnie
Medical Students should apply for Extended Coverage (Out of Province Coverage) to their home province before leaving to do internships and medical residents in other Canadian Provinces. Applications to the home provinces medical plan should indicate that the beneficiary is doing an internship or residency.

As part of the Interprovincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability - Feb 1, 2001, I quote for you:

section 6 “All students married or single, temporarily absent from their home province and in full time attendance at a university or other approved educational institution, should be treated the same i.e. they would be provided with coverage from the home plan for a 12 month period subject to not establishing permanent residence elsewhere during this period. This period is renewable as often as is appropriate at the discretion of the plan.”

Administrative clarification (a) “Student nurses (including psychiatric student nurses), interns and residents are to be accepted as students for the purposes of this agreement.”

Should a beneficiary of another provinces health care plan apply to Newfoundland & Labrador for MCP coverage, they would be directed back to their provinces home plan for extended coverage on an annual basis for the duration of their internship or residency.

I didn’t want to state "as long as its considered a permanent move" as I’m certain this would encourage people to stat that it is a permanent move for the purposes of obtaining MCP coverage.

Kerry

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????????????????? First I heard of it! Hope they don’t ask me.

From: Whitten, Kerry F.
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 4:44 PM
To: Barton, Elaine; Bungay, Enos; Donovan, Christopher; Fudge, Roxanne; Hicks, Cherry A.; King, Paula M; Langdon, Angie; Norman, Kelly; Parsons, Wendy; Pelley, Brenda C; Whitten, Kerry F.; Whitten, Randy
Subject: International Students & Workers

When processing applications for international students and workers please ask to see their passports and pay close attention to the Immigration stamps in the passports. Often times we can tell how often and how long individuals are gone outside Newfoundland & Labrador by looking at those stamps. This is a good way to pick up on the fact that some people are not adhering to the 30 day rule of being outside Newfoundland & Labrador.

Make sure to ask questions of international students and workers to ensure they are meeting our eligibility requirements. Asking questions doesn’t have to come across as an interrogation but it is important to talk to them to better assess individual applications.

We also have to be vigilant in telling international students and workers that they can only be absent from our province for a maximum of 30 days in a 12 month period.

It’s more difficult to pick up on this issue when the documents are mailed in and we don’t get a chance to go through the passport.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact Cherry, Roxanne, or myself.

Kerry

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Hi, no we are [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2013, at 9:47 AM, "Whitten, Kerry F." <kerrywhitten@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Are you doing internships?

Kerry

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Hi Kerry,

In reference to your letter below,

Thank you.
Your kind answer is highly appreciated.

From: "Whitten, Kerry F." <kerrywhitten@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: "Codner, Lisa" <lisacodner@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:49:25 AM
Subject: RE: Provider Registration:

If the family has made a permanent move to Newfoundland & Labrador (greater than 1 year) and all family members are now living here, then the family will need to apply for MCP coverage. OHIP will only be valid for the remainder of the month in which they moved to Newfoundland & Labrador plus the next two.

If this is not a permanent move to Newfoundland & Labrador then they will need to contact OHIP and let them know that they will be temporarily living outside Ontario.

I hope this is the information you were looking for. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at the telephone numbers listed below.

Kerry

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From: Codner, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 8:20 AM
Cc: Whitten, Kerry F.
Subject: RE: Provider Registration:

Hi Kerry,

Would you be so kind as to answer the question below? Please cc me on the answer.

Thanks kindly!
Lisa Codner
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 10:43 PM
To: Codner, Lisa
Subject: Re: Provider Registration

Thank you Lisa for your email.

If you have any questions, please contact me anytime.

Best Regards,

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Hi Kerry,
This inquiry came to the Department's Health Info. mailbox. I spoke with Cherry Hicks and she recommended I forward this to you, she said that you would respond to this student.

Thank you
Cindy Tucker

Hi
My name is currently an international student in memorial university. I have inquiries about MCP eligibility. I went to MCP office today and told that I am not eligible for MCP any more because I travelled out of province more than 30 days, and why nobody sent me a notification before about that. what I don't understand is that I paid and am still paying my health insurance and dental insurance every term through university and why MCP says I am not eligible while I am paying for that?

Hopefully MCP could reply me to tell me what to do to solve this issue. Thank you very much about your help.