

Welcome to another edition of GIDIP Disa-Bulletin. In this issue, your GIDIP Board of Trustees would like to highlight some latest developments.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI) SICKNESS BENEFITS

The Federal Government is extending Employment Insurance (EI) sickness benefits from 15 to 26 weeks. This change will take effect on December 18, 2022. We will keep you updated on how this will impact our plan moving forward.

GIDIP INFORMATION SESSIONS

After a couple of COVID years with layoffs and no new hires, we are happy to report that your GIDIP Membership is expanding! Your Board of Trustees will be holding information sessions across the country in 2023. Please stay tuned for further details regarding locations and dates. We very much look forward to meeting with you in the new year and answering any questions you may have.

THE HISTORY OF GIDIP

Stay tuned for another issue of the GIDIP- Disabulletin that will be coming out shortly on the history of the GIDIP Plan.

BENEFIT FRAUD

Unfortunately, Benefit Fraud hurts us all. You can be part of the solution. If you suspect benefit fraud, please fill out the form in the link provided with the Insurer:

manulife.ca/shareandprotect

Manulife will keep this information totally confidential and use it only for investigative purposes.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS – WORK-RELATED ILLNESS / INJURY

In our January 2022 GIDIP DISA-BULLETIN we advised that “bridge” financing of Workers’ Compensation claims had negatively impacted the overall financial experience of your GIDIP Plan. After much review by the Trustees, a decision was made to no longer provide “bridge” financing. This became effective January 1, 2022. Work related claims, whether for physical or mental health reasons, **must** be filed with Workers’ Compensation **ONLY**.

We have been made aware, GIDIP Application forms have been provided by Air Canada along with the Workers’ Compensation application package. Please continue to file your Workers’ Compensation claims with the appropriate Workers’ Compensation Board. GIDIP and Workers’ Compensation have two separate policy contracts with different contractual eligibility requirements.

Here you will find links to the various provincial Workers’ Compensation Boards for your reference:

BC: [WorkSafeBC](#)

AB: [WCB Alberta](#)

MB: [Home | Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba \(wcb.mb.ca\)](#)

ON: [Home | WSIB](#)

QC: [Home | Commission des normes de l'équité de la santé et de la sécurité du travail - CNESST \(gouv.qc.ca\)](#)

NB: [WorkSafeNB | WorkSafeNB](#)

NS: [Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia \(wcb.ns.ca\)](#)

NL: [WorkplaceNL | Health | Safety | Compensation](#)

END OF 2022

On behalf of your Board of Trustees, we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy year end 2022! Stay safe and well during the holiday season.

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