

## 8931 CMAW INFORMATION UPDATE:

### How the Corona virus (COVID-19) impacts Group Benefits Coverage

#### Short Term Disability (STD) Claims

##### ***How are Short-Term Disability claims due to COVID-19 being handled?***

COVID-19 related claims will be treated the same as all other Short-Term Disability claims. Approved plan members will be required to serve the waiting period outlined in their policy.

A plan member who has been quarantined and is not disabled, does not qualify for STD benefits but may be eligible under one of the new benefits announced by the Government of Canada.

Please refer to the Government website for more information

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

##### ***What if a plan member cannot obtain an Attending Physician Statement (APS) for their quarantine claims?***

Plan members who are unable to visit a physician to have an APS completed for their COVID-19 quarantine period can complete a self declaration. The Plan Member Confirmation of Illness form is available on the CMAW.ca website at

<https://www.cma.ca/pension-and-benefits/benefit-plan-forms>.

***As the situation continues to evolve, our position may change or be impacted by government declarations and programming. Please contact your CMAW Plan Administrator at 1-844-366-2629 for the most up to date information***



Questions – please contact The Co-operators Group Disability and Life Claims center at 1-866-442-3098 and reference your policy number **G8931- Trustees of the CMAW Benefit Plan**