

Welcome to another edition of GIDIP Disa-Bulletin.

## WEEKLY INDEMNITY & EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (EI) MAXIMUM

Due to the recent EI legislation change effective January 1, 2024, the EI maximum benefit level has increased from \$650 to \$668. To provide a plan equal to or better than EI, the Short-Term Disability maximum benefit level has been increased to \$690 weekly from the current \$650 for new claims starting January 1, 2024. There will be no change to the current contribution level.

## GIDIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please submit your GIDIP claim application as soon as possible following the 7-day waiting period. If all three claim statements are not received within **3 months (90 days)**, your application will be declined as late filed.

A complete claim application includes:

- 1) Plan Sponsor Statement (submitted by Air Canada)
- 2) Member Statement (completed and submitted by the member)
- 3) Attending Physician Statement (completed by an Attending Medical Physician, MD and submitted by the member or the physician's office.)

It is the responsibility of the member to ensure medical being submitted by the physician's office is completed and submitted to the Plan Administrator on time.

Submitting all required documentation noted above does not constitute a claim approval.

## SUFFICIENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

Since GIDIP is a medically supported income replacement benefit, medical evidence is required to support your claim. A medical certificate or doctor's note stating you are required to be off work is not sufficient.

Examples of Supportive Medical Documentation:

- Confirmation of treatment dates and next steps in the treatment plan including confirmation of follow-up appointments
- Copies of all clinical visitation notes, medical assessments, and investigative results.

## BENEFITS FRAUD

If you suspect benefit fraud, please fill out form in the link provided with the Insurer: [manulife.ca/shareandprotect](https://manulife.ca/shareandprotect)

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