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Mass contract amendment – nurse practitioners

We're pleased to announce that we're updating your Extended Health Care (EHC) benefit, effective December 1, 2020. We'll clarify that nurse practitioners (NPs) can prescribe certain supplies and services, where provincial law allows.

We're updating your contract and booklets to reflect this change.

Why we're making this change

We want to help your plan members and their dependents get access to the care they need, when they need it.

Some examples of what a nurse practitioner (NP) can prescribe include certain paramedical services and medical equipment.

New contract wording

We're adding this wording to the *General description of coverage* in the EHC section of your benefits plan:

Reference to Doctor may also include a nurse practitioner – If the applicable provincial legislation permits nurse practitioners to prescribe or order certain supplies or services, Sun Life will reimburse those eligible services or supplies prescribed or ordered by a nurse practitioner the same way as if they were prescribed or ordered by a doctor. For drugs, refer to *Other health professionals allowed to prescribe drugs*.

This *Focus Update* is an important document and serves as an amendment to your plan. We'll update your contract and booklet at your next plan revision.

Plan member Communication

We've attached a [plan member communication](#) that explains this contract enhancement. Please share it with your plan members.

Questions? We're here to help.

Please contact your Sun Life Group Benefits representative.

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