

Text of the

SGEU

Long Term Disability Plan

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The Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union has developed its own long-term disability plan with the primary responsibility to ensure that the Membership is provided with income protection and/or services to those Members who are disabled by illness or injury.



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1.1	Gender	Gender terminology includes a the opposite gender wherever t require.	•
1.2	Singular/Plural	Words implying the singular sha vice versa unless stated otherw	•
1.3	Headings	Headings used are inserted for not to be considered in constru- or to be deemed in anyway to c the effect of any such terms.	cting the terms thereof
1.4	Supervisory Committee Policies	For the purpose of carrying out SGEU LTD Plan according to th LTD Supervisory Committee ma policies regarding the processe	neir intent, the SGEU ay make
		The SGEU LTD Supervisory Co authority to enact policies deleg to the Table Officers.	
1.5	Court Proceedings	No member shall be allowed to action or proceedings against Supervisory Committee or any recovery of benefits or for the benefits under the SGEU LTD relation to entitlement to benefit as per Article 4.	SGEU, SGEU LTD of its agents for discontinuation of Plan. All disputes in
1.6	Vocational Rehabilitation	Vocational Rehabilitation service member, at anytime required by Supervisory Committee, shall p operate in an approved vocation program. The Director Disability has the authority to approve a c claim up to 90 days, if required, accommodation of individuals b	y the SGEU LTD participate and co- nal rehabilitation by Management Services one-time extension of a in order to facilitate the
1.7	New Bargaining	a) Notwithstanding Article 5.1,	effective January 1,

New Bargaining a) Notwithstanding Article 5.1, effective January 1, **Units** 1987, any new bargaining unit created by



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Title: General Conditions Page: 2 of 2 Government reorganization, legislation or privatization shall be deemed a participating bargaining unit of the SGEU LTD Plan, with no loss in coverage if a majority of the members in the

LTD Plan prior to transfer.

 b) Groups of employees in bargaining units created under Article 1.7 a) who were covered under another LTD plan prior to reorganization shall:

new bargaining unit are members of the SGEU

- i) vote by secret ballot as to whether they participate in the SGEU LTD Plan; and
- ii) the decision shall be that of the majority of those voting pursuant to Article 14.2 of the SGEU Constitution.
- **1.8 Legal Disputes** The SGEU LTD Plan shall be enforced according to the laws of the Province of Saskatchewan. Subject to Article 1.5 and the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board, all legal disputes shall only be commenced in a Saskatchewan Court. In no event shall any such action be commenced after 2 years from the date the cause of action first arose.

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2.1	Definitions	No	ote: These definitions are Plan Text specific
	"Actively at Work"	a)	Shall mean actually at the normal place of employment and adequately performing the normal functions of that employment. Members on vacation or leave of absence with pay are considered to be actively at work providing they are capable of performing the normal functions of their employment.
	"Actuary"	b)	Shall mean a person, firm or corporation designated by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee to be the actuary for the SGEU LTD Plan and such person or in the case of a firm or corporation, a member of its staff, shall be a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.
	"Additional Dues"	c)	Shall mean those additional dues required from members prior to leave of absence without pay or lay-off during their period of employment in a participating bargaining unit. Such additional dues shall be determined as:
			 i) percentage of gross salary as defined in Article 9, multiplied by the number of months in the twelve month period starting with the member's date of employment in a participating bargaining unit during which the member is not expected to be employed in a participating bargaining unit; and
			 such additional dues shall be deducted from the member's pay in equal instalments, or in such manner as deemed administratively necessary during employment in a participating bargaining unit.

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"Appellant"		Shall mean any party who appeals a the SGEU LTD Plan.	decision of
"Arbitrator"		Shall mean a person chosen to settle disagreement between the SGEU LTE appellant.	
"Benefit Period"	0,	Shall mean that period of consecutive which a member is eligible to receive a under the SGEU LTD Plan, and shall i periods of time during which payment entitlements are suspended.	entitlements include
"Benefit"	g)	Shall mean the non-taxable monetary payable to members whose LTD claim approved as per the terms and conditi SGEU LTD Plan Text.	ns are
"Custodial Agents"	'	Shall mean a firm/company that holds and distributes the funds as directed SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.	
"Defined Pension"		Shall mean a money purchase (pens other arrangement based on formula where the employer makes cash con eligible individual members accounts terms of a written plan document.	or discretion, tributions to
"Dues"	-	Dues shall mean LTD premiums paid member to maintain the ability to quali benefits.	-
"Effective Date"	I)	Shall mean January 1, 1983.	
"Elimination Period"	m)	Shall mean 119 calendar days:	
		 i) consecutive from the date total commences; or 	disability

Article: 2 Date: 05/01/21 Title: **Definitions** Page: 3 of 6 ii) cumulative, provided all absences are related to the same disability and the absences are within 365 days prior to the date of disability. "Entitlement" n) Shall mean the services afforded by the SGEU LTD Plan to the member as per the terms and conditions of the SGEU LTD Plan Text. "Fund" o) Shall mean the fund established under the SGEU LTD Plan from which claims are payable. The fund shall be comprised: of dues paid by members of the SGEU LTD i) Plan; any other monies SGEU may pay into such ii) fund; and iii) the earnings of monies in the fund. "Gross Salary" p) Shall mean for benefit purposes normal remuneration received from the employer including camp differential and Northern District Allowance. For members who receive camp differential, shift differential, weekend premiums and sleepover allowance, all sick days used in the Gross Salary calculation shall be calculated with camp differential payments included. "Injury" q) Shall mean accidental bodily injury sustained by a member of the SGEU LTD Plan which is not excluded elsewhere in the SGEU LTD Plan, and which directly and independently of all other causes results in total disability as defined here-in, within 119 calendar days of the date of the accident, but shall not include any injury deemed to be sickness pursuant to Article 2.1 z).



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"Investment Accounts"	r)	Shall mean accounts of securities of other companies held for the long term and shown in a separate section of the balance sheet; in this context, contrast with marketable securities.
"Member" or "Member of the Plar	s) າ"	Shall mean a SGEU member who qualifies for coverage under the SGEU LTD Plan pursuant to Article 5.
"Net Salary"	t)	Shall mean gross salary less statutory deductions for Federal and Provincial Taxes, EI and C.P.P.
"Participating Bargaining Unit"	u)	Shall mean units certified by the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board or voluntarily recognized by the employer that have voted in accordance with Article 5 to participate in the SGEU LTD Plan.
"Permanent Resident"	v)	Shall mean a resident that has Canadian medical coverage currently recognized by Health Canada.
"Physician/ Nurse Practitioner"	w)	Shall mean a medical doctor or nurse practitioner who is licensed with the authority within the jurisdiction in which they practice.
"Plan"	x)	Shall mean this complete document or text and shall also include such related written regulations, policies, procedures and rules for administration of the "SGEU LTD Plan" as adopted by the SGEU Annual Convention.
"SGEU"	y)	Shall mean the Saskatchewan Government and General Employees' Union.
Table Officers" Co Co Th		all mean that body as elected by the Supervisory ommittee to conduct the business of the Supervisory ommittee between Supervisory Committee meetings. e Table Officers will hear appeals including as llows but not limited to: Pension Bridge Funding;

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	Timeline Calculat	es; Overpayment Repayment F ions.	Plans; Benefit
		fficers decisions can be appea sory Committee.	led to the
"Sickness"	whic	l mean any sickness or diseas h is not excluded elsewhere in and which causes total disabil	the SGEU LTD
	i)	causes incapacity of more th calendar days; and	han 119
	ii)	is caused directly or indirect	ly by any:
		\Rightarrow existing form of sickness physical or mental impai	
		\Rightarrow infection other than infection other than infection external accidental cut of	
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	i)	prevent a member from eng the duties pertaining to such member's own occupation; a	1
	ii)	incapacitates the member for time not extending beyond t months following the elimina unless approved as per artic	he period of 36 ation period
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		i)	under the regular and personal care of a physician or nurse practitioner ; and
		ii)	wholly prevented from performing for remuneration or profit any work for which the member is reasonably fitted by education, training or experience, unless approved as per article 8.6 d).
	"Supervisoi Committee'	" and	mean that body as described in Article 3.5 shall represent SGEU in all matters relating to SGEU LTD Plan.
	"Wholly Prevented"	dd) Shall	mean completely, totally, entirely unable.

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- 3.1 Administrative Responsibility All matters relating to the administration, interpretation, overall operation, and application of the SGEU LTD Plan shall be the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee's responsibility. Reference to Article 3 or elsewhere in the SGEU LTD Plan to any specified duties or actions to be carried out by the SGEU LTD Plan shall in no way limit the generality of Article 3.
- **3.2 Administration Agreement** The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may enter into an administration agreement for the purpose and function of delegating certain administrative functions connected with the SGEU LTD Plan.
- **3.3 Plan Expenses** All expenses connected with the administration of the SGEU LTD Plan shall be paid from the fund.
- **3.4 Plan Supervision** a) The SGEU LTD Plan shall be supervised by a committee of elected representatives named through their sectors from the participating bargaining units. This committee shall be known as the Long Term Disability Plan "Supervisory Committee"
 - b) The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall make final decisions on all aspects of the SGEU LTD Plan, subject to Annual Convention resolution, and in accordance with the SGEU Constitution.

3.5 SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee – Membership

Sectors shall be allocated representation based on two (2) members for the first 1000 members and thereafter one (1) member for every 1500 or portion thereof as follows:

Public Service	9 members
Crowns	3 members
Health	3 members
Education	3 members

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		nity Services egulatory	2 members 2 members	
Provincial Council		The Provincial Council shall appoint a member to the SGEU LTD Plan Supervisory Committee.		
SGEU LTD Superv	visory Co	ory Committee - Operation		
Annual Audit	appo finar	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall appoint a qualified auditor to annually audit all the financial transactions resulting from or relative to the operation of the SGEU LTD Plan.		
Actuary	appo the S more) The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall appoint an actuary to make an actuarial valuation of the SGEU LTD Plan as often as required by law or more often as approved by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.		
Arbitrator - Appointment	appo		visory Committee shall ator to hear appeals as	
Arbitrator -	d) The	selection of arbitra	ators should be as follows:	
Selection	i)	consultation wir Supervisory Co shall review as arbitrators and	Table Officers in th the SGEU LTD ommittee's legal counsel required the need for single will recommend the names the SGEU LTD Supervisory approval.	
	ii	,	arbitrators should be ographic basis from Regina, Prince Albert.	



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		 iii) if an arbitrator is required and none of the approved arbitrators is available, an arbitrator may be appointed by the SGEU LTD Table Officers.
Provincial Council	e)	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall be a standing committee of the Provincial Council.
Consultants	f)	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer may employ, engage or retain consultants and professionals, in respect to any matter relating to the SGEU LTD Plan, including administration/ rehabilitation.
Custodial Agents	g)	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may appoint by written agreement, in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer, one or more trust companies, firms or corporations to:
		 act as custodial agent of the fund or any portion thereof; and
		ii) in that capacity to hold, administer, invest and distribute the fund.
Investment Management	h)	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may appoint by written agreement, in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer, one or more persons, trust companies, firms, or corporations to act as an investment manager or investment managers of the fund or any portion thereof.
Investments	i)	The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may invest and reinvest the fund or any portion thereof without distinction between capital and income in any investment, but not limited to investments listed in the Trustee Act.



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Meeting Dates j) The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee should meet every second month to conduct its business. Additional meetings may occur as needed.

- Administrativek)The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may, in
consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer, commit a
portion of the Fund towards:
 - i) the cost of rehabilitation benefits;
 - ii) the wages and benefits of LTD staff, consultant and professional fees; and
 - iii) any other approved costs.

3.7 Plan Withdrawal

Deficit Recovery a) In the event the SGEU LTD Plan is in an actuarial deficit, a participating bargaining unit that opts out of the SGEU LTD Plan or is voluntarily decertified shall pay a deficit recovery amount, calculated as follows:

Step 1

The SGEU LTD Plan shall determine the total membership in the SGEU LTD Plan, the membership of the participating bargaining unit that is withdrawing, the length of time each of the participating bargaining units have been in the SGEU LTD Plan, and deficit at time of withdrawal.

Step 2

The SGEU LTD Plan shall divide the actuarial deficit at the end of the fiscal year, following the withdrawal date, by the sum of the product of the length of time that each of the participating bargaining units has received long-term disability coverage times the membership of the



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participating bargaining unit. (This will give the deficit/member/time of coverage.)

Step 3 The SGEU LTD Plan shall multiply the number from Step 2 by the length of time the withdrawing participating bargaining unit received LTD coverage times the membership of the withdrawing bargaining unit. (This will give the total amount of the deficit that the withdrawing participating bargaining unit is responsible to repay.)

		Step 4 The SGEU LTD Plan shall divide Step 3 by the number of members in the withdrawing bargaining unit to determine the deficit recovery for each withdrawing member.
	Repayment	 b) Withdrawing members shall provide SGEU with a promissory note setting out a repayment schedule not to exceed five (5) years from date of withdrawal.
	Entitlements	c) Members in receipt of entitlements from a withdrawing bargaining unit shall continue to receive entitlements from the SGEU LTD Plan as per the Plan Text providing that the deficit recovery has been satisfied.
3.8	Audits	Audits or investigations of members collecting entitlements may be authorized by the SGEU LTD

Supervisory Committee providing a signed complaint

has been received.

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4.1 Right of Appeal of Entitlement Any member of the SGEU LTD Plan may appeal the denial or termination of their entitlements under the SGEU LTD Plan or any other dispute arising out of Article 7.

4.2 Conditions for Appeal of Entitlements

Cost of Additional Medical Evidence		The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall only approve payment of pre-approved medical reports.	
Right to an Advocate	b)	 the appellant shall at all times have the right to the advice and assistance of a SGEU LTD Advocate; or 	
		ii) the appellant may choose their own	

 ii) the appellant may choose their own advocate at their own expense. Travel expenses for the appellant's advocate will not be covered by the Plan.

SGEU LTDSGEU LTD Supervisory Committee membersSupervisoryshall not act as advocates for any claimant during the
appeal process.Members Advocatessecond second second

- Travel Expenses c) Travel expenses for the appellant and witnesses shall only be paid as follows:
 - any travel expenses incurred by the appellant to attend 4.3 c) or 4.3 d) appeals shall be paid as per SGEU rates and shall be calculated based from the workplace from which the claim was filed or the present residency of the claimant, whichever is closer to where the appeal is being held; and
 - ii) any travel expenses incurred by a witness to attend 4.3 d) appeals shall be paid as per SGEU rates and shall be calculated based from the workplace from which the claim was filed or the present

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· · · ·			residency of the witness, which to where the appeal is being h	
	Scheduling	d)	The processing of appeals shall b as operational requirements perm	
	Sequence	e)	Each step of the following appeal followed in sequence unless appro the SGEU LTD Supervisory Comr	oved otherwise by
4.3	Appeal Process of	f En	titlements	
	Arbitration Exclusions		ne following Supervisory Committee al and binding and are not subject t	
		•	Pension Bridge Funding formula a	pplication
		•	Timelines	
		•	Overpayment repayment plans	
		•	Benefit Calculations	
		•	Extending Entitlements - Article 8.	6 c & d
	Initiating an Appeal/Arbitration	a)	Notice of an appeal or arbitration s writing by the claimant or claimant SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee within 30 calendar days from the or notifying the claimant of the situation appeal, or within 30 calendar days claim, whichever comes later.	's advocate to the ee, or designate, date of letter ion causing the
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Step 1 - Pre Appeal b) Upon receipt of an appeal the DDMS and advocates of the SGEU LTD Plan shall jointly review the file to ensure all documentation on the file is up to date and has or will be addressed prior to step 2 of the

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> ii) the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall render its decision on the appeal in writing within 14 calendar days of the appeal.

Step 3 - Arbitration d) The SGEU LTD Plan shall cause an arbitration to be held before a single arbitrator within 60 calendar days of receipt of notice from the claimant that they wish to appeal the Supervisory Committee decision; exceptions will be reviewed by the Table Officers of the LTD Plan.

- e) If the arbitration is not held within 60 calendar days the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee will refer it to the Provincial Council for direction.
- The single arbitrator shall render a written decision, f) unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, within 45 calendar days.
- g) Arbitrations shall be scheduled 'first in, first out' unless authorized otherwise by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.

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4.4 Arbitrator/Arbitration of Entitlements								
Arbitration Costs a)		The SGEU LTD Plan shall pay reasonable costs of the arbitration.						
Authority b)		The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, or amend any of the Plan Text, or to award costs to either party.						
Burden of Proof c		The onus of proving an entitlement and other issues rests with the appellant.						
Conditions of d) Decision		The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties, and shall not be reviewable by any court of law.						
Evidence	e)	In conducting the hearing, the at take into account previous claim that have not been adjudicated b Plan's medical adjudicator in ad- arbitration.	is or medical reports by the SGEU LTD					
Disposal of Appeal	f)	Subject to all other provisions in arbitrator shall have the power to appeal by denying it in total; allo directing a settlement in accorda of the SGEU LTD Plan which the just and equitable.	o dispose of any wing it in total; or ance with the terms					
Notice	g)	The Plan Advocate shall give the arbitrator written notice of the time and place of the arbitration.						
Presentations	h)) At the arbitration, the arbitrator shall afford the appellant and the SGEU LTD Plan reasonable opportunity to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses and make representations.						
Proceedings	i)	The arbitrator shall deal with all proceedings as informally and expeditiously as circumstances and fairness permit.						
Rules of Evidence	j)	The arbitrator is not bound by a	iny legal or technical					
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rules of evidence and all decisions shall be based on evidence adduced at the hearing and considered credible in the circumstances of the case.

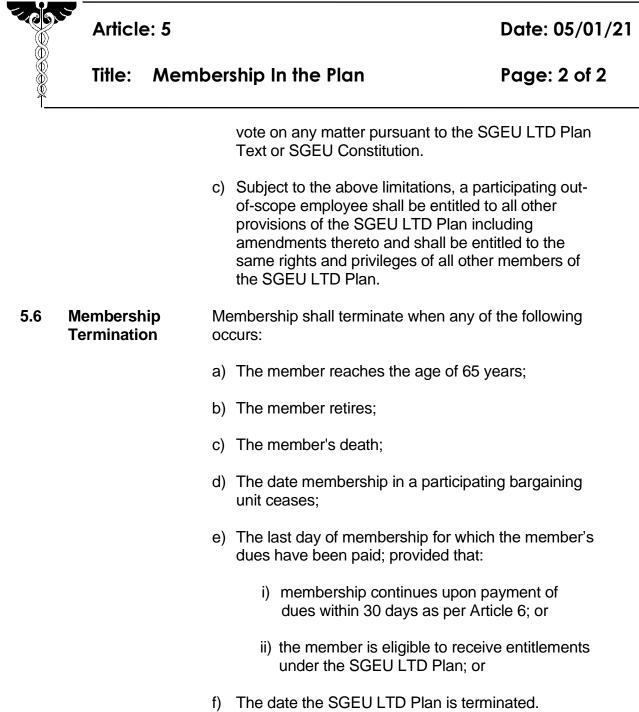
- Delay of Arbitration k) An arbitration shall not be lost or delayed either by the appellant or the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee due to circumstances in filing the appeal if caused by factors found reasonable by the arbitrator.
- **4.5 Delay of Notification** The SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee may extend the 30 day limitations in filing the appeal if caused by factors found reasonable by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.

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5.1	Becoming a Member	Bargaining units of SGEU shall become participants of the SGEU LTD Plan by voting to join by secret ballot among all members of the bargaining unit. The decision will be that of the majority of those voting and shall be binding upon all members of the unit.			
5.2	Effective Date	Effective date shall be the date of ratification. The effective date can be no earlier than January 1, 1983.			
5.3	Coverage	Subject to payment of dues as required pursuant to Article 9:			
		a) Coverage under the SGEU LTD Plan for an eligible member shall take effect on the effective date or the date such member becomes eligible, if later, provided the person is actively at work on that date.			
		 b) Coverage under the SGEU LTD Plan for an eligible member who is not actively at work on the first day of eligibility, shall commence the day the member returns to active employment. 			
5.4	Maximum Age	A person who is under age 64 years and 35 weeks and a member of a participating bargaining unit may be eligible for entitlements under the SGEU LTD Plan.			
5.5 Out-Of-Scope		a) An out-of-scope employee of a participating bargaining unit who is granted associate membership status under the SGEU Constitution may apply for coverage under the SGEU LTD Plan to the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee. The decision of the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee shall be discretionary and not subject to appeal.			
		 b) The participating out-of-scope employee shall not be entitled to be a member of the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee and shall not be entitled to 			



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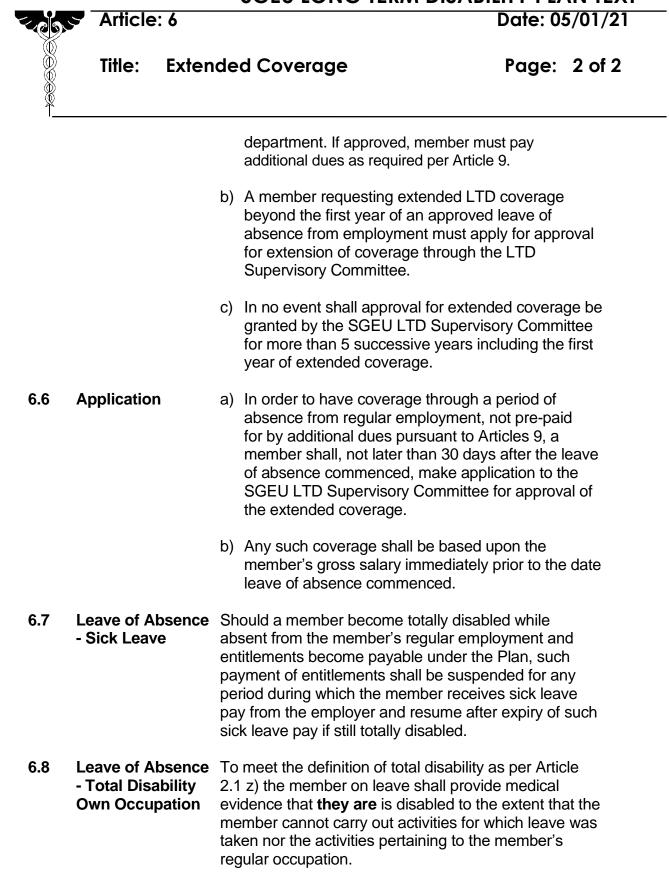
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6.1 Leave of Absence
 With Pay
 A member of the SGEU LTD Plan who is absent from employment while on approved leave of absence with pay shall be eligible for coverage under the SGEU LTD Plan, subject to payments of dues as required as per Article 9.

- 6.2 Leave of Absence a) A member who is on leave of absence without pay for any reason shall be entitled to extended coverage subject to the payment of additional dues as required per Article 9.
 - Duesb) The additional dues collected during the member's
last period of employment will determine the
extended coverage to which the member is
entitled.
 - Coveragec)Extended coverage shall be determined by
additional dues as per Article 9 collected during the
member's last period of employment.
 - Calculations d) Extended coverage to the nearest day shall be calculated as follows (rounded to the nearest day):

Additional Dues collected x 365 1.50% of Gross Salary x 12

- Commencement e) Extended coverage shall be measured from the day following the member's last day of employment with a participating bargaining unit.
- 6.4 Leave of Absence Extended coverage for LTD while on an employer
 One Year or Less approved leave of absence of one year or less shall be mandatory, subject to payment of additional dues as required per Article 9.
- 6.5 Leave of Absence a) A member requesting extended LTD coverage
 Beyond One Year beyond the first year of an approved leave of absence from employment must apply for a leave extension annually through their Human Resources



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7.1 Commencement of Entitlements a) The entitlement period for 'total disability' as per Article 2.1 shall commence with the day following the last calendar day of expiry of the elimination period.

- b) Entitlements shall not be payable, for any period of time for which a member is in receipt of sick leave pay from the employer, retroactive to the commencement of the SGEU LTD Plan on November 1, 1982.
- c) Sick leave entitlements remaining after the 119 days elimination period shall be part of the total disability own occupation 36 month period.
- **7.2 Payment of** Entitlements All entitlements shall be payable monthly at the end of the month and payment for a part of a month shall be determined on the basis of one-thirtieth of the monthly benefit for each day of the part month.

7.3 Suspension of Entitlements may be suspended when: Entitlements

- a) The member does not submit the required medical information, or fails to submit to an examination as required by SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.
- b) The member does not participate and/or co-operate in an appropriate rehabilitation program as required by SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.
- c) The member fails to pursue income from other sources (ie CPP, WCB, SGI).
- 7.4 Notice of The member shall receive immediate notice when entitlements are suspended.



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7.5 Termination of Entitlements Entitlements shall cease on the date which is the earlier of:

- a) The last day of the month when a member who qualifies for "Total Disability Own Occupation" as defined in Article 2.1 aa) becomes 65 years of age.
- b) i) The last day of the month when a member who qualifies for "Total Disability Any and All Occupations" as defined in Article 2.1 bb), becomes 60 years of age; or
 - ii) Members who qualify for LTD entitlements as per Article 2.1 bb) and whose entitlements cease as a result of the member reaching the age of 60 will be provided with bridge funding if the member's total combined income from all sources (per Article 8.3) and including an estimated 15 year single annuity pension is less than the SGEU LTD entitlements being received at the time of age 60, according to the following formula, until the last day of the month in which the member becomes 65 years of age.

Bridge Funding = SGEU LTD Entitlements – Gross Income (from all sources)

- c) Members applying for continued entitlements above will be required to provide copies of previous income tax files, an estimate of pension income based on a 15 year single annuity, and any other financial documents as requested by the SGEU Supervisory Committee.
- d) The date when the member does not qualify for total disability as defined in Article 2.1.
- e) The date of return to work.
- f) The last day of the month in which death occurs.

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- g) The date the member does not submit required medical information, or fails to submit to an examination as required by the SGEU LTD Plan.
- h) The date the member does not participate and/or co-operate in an approved vocational rehabilitation program acceptable to SGEU LTD Plan.
- i) The date employment with the bargaining unit ends for any reason other than disability.
- j) The date the member ceases to be an SGEU member for any reasons other than a severance of the employment relationship by the employer:
 - i) Except in cases of dismissal for just cause, but not until the grievance process has been completed.
 - ii) Notice shall be given of termination from the Plan on the date the termination is upheld if taken to arbitration.
- k) When the Member retires or accesses employer's pension.
- 7.6 Notice of Termination of Entitlements
- 7.7 Termination of the SGEU LTD Plan
- The member shall receive 60 calendar days notice when entitlements are terminated.
- a) In the event dues from the participating bargaining units as a whole cease for any reason, entitlements payable to totally disabled members shall be limited to the then existing assets of the SGEU LTD Plan until contributions recommence.
- b) Entitlements not paid during a period of time described in Article 7.7 a) shall not be paid on a retroactive basis upon resumption of dues, unless

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the SGEU LTD Plan deems it possible given the advice of the SGEU LTD Plan's Actuary.

7.8 Resumption of Entitlements Upon resumption of dues and the advice of the SGEU LTD Plan's Actuary, entitlements may be paid retroactively.

Article: 8 Date: 05/01/21 Title: Amount of Entitlement Page: 1 of 8 8.1 **Entitlements Prior** a) Members whose total disability commenced prior to To or On or on June 30, 1993 shall receive income from all June 30, 1993 sources available of 66 2/3% of gross salary, as per Article 8.3. b) The maximum monthly entitlement payable to a disabled member from the SGEU LTD Plan shall not exceed 66 2/3% of gross salary. c) A disabled member who receives or is entitled to receive compensation from other sources as per Article 8.3, the monthly entitlement from the SGEU LTD Plan shall be reduced to ensure that the sum of the SGEU LTD Plan entitlement and other compensation equals 66 2/3% of gross salary. d) Any member who receives compensation from other sources as per Article 8.3 for the same disability which amounts to 66 2/3% gross salary or more shall receive no entitlement from the SGEU LTD Plan. 8.2 Entitlements a) Effective July 1, 1999, members whose total disability After June 30, 1993 commenced after June 30, 1993 whose claim was still active as of June 30, 1999 or whose total disability commenced after June 30, 1999 shall be entitled to a maximum monthly benefit not exceeding 80% of their pre-claim net salary, as per Article 8.3

> b) A disabled member who receives or is entitled to receive compensation from other sources, as per Article 8.3, but excluding Article 8.6, the monthly benefit from the SGEU LTD Plan shall be reduced to ensure that the sum of the SGEU LTD Plan benefit and other compensation equals 80% of net salary. If, as a result of receiving income from other sources, the net resulting income is less than 80% of their preclaim net salary, the member shall advise the SGEU

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LTD Plan and the Plan shall provide additional monies to ensure the maximum monthly benefit is received.

- c) Any member who receives compensation from other sources as per Article 8.3 for the same disability which amounts to 80% net salary or more, shall receive no entitlement from the SGEU LTD Plan.
- d) The formula used for the Entitlement calculation for 80% of net salary:

[Gross salary minus (Federal and Provincial Taxes, E.I. and C.P.P. statutory deductions for the member's salary level, and number of dependants)] x .80.

- Note #1: This is a formula only. It shall be used to calculate entitlement for all Members who apply for LTD.
- Note #2: C.P.P. and E.I. based on the member's gross salary level. Income Tax is based on the exemption as reported by the employer on the Basic Information Form.
- 8.3 Income From Other Sources In order to receive entitlements under the SGEU LTD Plan, a member with a total disability shall apply for entitlements and pursue in good faith all rights of recovery for which **they** may be eligible from the following sources of compensation. Any compensation from an individual policy shall not be included for the purpose of the income from other sources.

Income from other sources shall include but not be limited to:

a) Any eligible sick leave entitlements remaining from the employer.



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- b) Any income from the employer (excluding previously earned holiday pay, employer funded top-up) and any income that would have been earned prior to the LTD period but was paid during the LTD period.
- c) Any entitlement payable under the Canada or Quebec Pension Plans (excluding children's benefits and spousal benefits).
- Any income entitlements payable under the Workers' Compensation Act or other government plans, excluding the Employment Insurance Act, for the same disability.
- e) Any disability entitlement payable under any vehicle insurance plan, for the same disability.
- f) Any income entitlement payable from a company, union retirement, or pension plan as a result of the same disability.
- g) i) any compensation by way of an award of damages or settlement for wage loss granted or provided for the same disability sustained by the member against a party causing that disability.
 - ii) any amount received by the member by way of settlement shall be deemed to include total wage loss,
 - unless the member can demonstrate otherwise to the satisfaction of the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.
 - iv) a claimant shall not be entitled to compromise the SGEU LTD Plan's share of the total wage loss claim without written consent from the SGEU LTD Plan.

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·		h)	Any ta memb Rever	, that a da				
8.4	Right Of Subrogation	a)) Where a totally disabled member receives entitlements from the SGEU LTD Plan or is eligible to receive entitlements from the SGEU LTD Plan, the SGEU LTD Plan, upon assuming liability for the payment of those entitlements, is deemed to be an assignee of and is subrogated to all rights of recovery of the disabled member from a third party to the full extent of the entitlements paid or payable to the member pursuant to Article 8.3.					
	Legal Costs	b)	The member shall be responsible for all legal costs in pursuing the SGEU LTD Plan's rights of subrogation.					
	Recovery From Other Sources	c)) The SGEU LTD Plan may exercise its rights of subrogation by any one or more of the following methods:					
			i)	Reducing the monthly entitlem of payment based on the actual monthly payments from other the reduction is an estimate, S will make such adjustments as after the actual amount of the known.	al or estim sources, a GEU LTD s are nece	nated and if 9 Plan essary		
			ii)	Suspending or terminating mo entitlement not yet paid to the	-			
			iii)	Requiring the disabled member irrevocable assignment and di such amounts payable or rece other sources of compensation disability.	rection to eivable fro	pay all m		
			iv)	Bringing an action in its own nation is a second		cover		
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		v)	Where the member has receive Plan entitlements and compen- other sources, which together the applicable percentage of g salary paid or payable under A or 8.3, the amount of the Plan exceeding the applicable perce or net salary is an overpaymen and SGEU LTD Plan shall hav seek, from the member, reimb that overpayment.	sation fro total more ross or ne articles 8.7 entitleme entage of nt of entitl re the righ	m e than et 1, 8.2 nt gross ement it to
		vi)	In seeking this reimbursement Plan reserves the right to colle accordance with the Pre-Judge Act.	ct interes	t in
		vii) Any overpayment shall be con liquidated debt payable by the SGEU LTD Plan immediately the over-payment without dem SGEU LTD Plan.	member upon rece	to the eipt of
	Cost of Recovery	•	GEU LTD Plan may commence repayment, interest and costs o	-	
	Interest on Outstanding Debt	LTD F outsta and to	a third party overpayment occu Plan shall charge prime plus 3% anding amounts owed to the SG be paid within 30 days of notic his to be adjusted annually.	on all EU LTD I	Plan
8.5	Consumer Price Index Increase	monthly e Plan befo	ary 1 of each year, the amount of entitlement payable under the S ore reduction for other compensions used by 50% of the quotient obtain	GEU LTD ation shal	
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dividing the Regina/Saskatoon Consumer Price Index on October 31 of the preceding year by Consumer Price Index for one year earlier.

8.6 Vocational Rehabilitative Employment Earnings

Vocational Rehabilitative Employment Earnings	 a) During the three year own occupation period as defined in Article 2.1 z), vocational rehabilitative employment earnings shall be taxable earnings from employment that was developed or expanded following the commencement of SGEU LTD Plan entitlements and approved by the SGEU LTD Plan. Included shall be all self-employment, any part-time or full-time employment with present or alternate employers.
Entitlement Reduction	b) The monthly SGEU LTD Plan income entitlement payable shall be reduced by an amount equal to 50% of the increased monthly income (after tax) from the rehabilitative employment, until such time as the member's SGEU LTD Plan Entitlement and Vocational Rehabilitative Employment Earnings equals the pre-disability net salary as determined in the initial calculation of benefits.
Extending Entitlements	 c) Subject to prior written approval by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee entitlements may be extended to a claimant who has accepted vocational rehabilitative employment. d) Upon approval by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee vocational rehabilitative earnings may be extended to a claimant under the Total Disability Any and All Occupation definition of the SGEU LTD Plan Text.
Gross Salary	Gross salary for determining the monthly entitlements as defined in Article 7 shall mean:

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Ι		 a) The average regular monthly hou deemed to have worked during th preceding the date total disability 	e 12 months
		 b) The period since date of employn participating bargaining unit if less 	
		 c) Times the hourly rate of the mem of work prior to the date of total di 	•
		 d) The hourly rate when entitlements from the SGEU LTD Plan if highe overtime or shift differential. 	
8.8	Sick Leave - Return to Work	A claimant shall be entitled to a maxi (120 hours) paid sick leave for the firs to work, subject to the following cond	st year of the return
		 a) The entitlement period shall comr day of a full return to work and sh period of one year from that date; 	all continue for a
		 b) Upon notification of the sick day r employer or employee shall be re SGEU LTD Plan for the Claimant 	imbursed by the
		 Any portion of the sick leave entit the end of the year shall revert ba LTD Plan; and 	
		 d) The claimant may be asked to pro as to the nature of the illness. 	ovide documentation
8.9	EFAP Entitlement	A member who is in receipt of SGEU entitlements and who has exhausted sponsored EFAP program or who of not have access to an EFAP progra entitled to access the SGEU LTD EF	d their employer herwise does m shall be

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9.1	Basic Dues	Dues payable by a member shall be:	
		 a) 1.5% (subject to amendment pend Valuation of the SGEU LTD Plan) 	•
		b) 1.5% of any retroactive payments.	
9.2	Gross Salary Determination	Gross salary contributions shall be the monthly hours worked (during the per contributions are due) times the hourl member at the time the contributions	iod for which the y rate of the
	Hourly Rate	 a) The hourly rate including statutory vacation pay shall be applicable to pursuant to the Collective Bargain between the employer and the me participating bargaining unit. 	o the member ing Agreement
	Camp Differential	 b) Camp differential shall be included "gross salary". For the purposes of salary, camp differential, shift diffe premiums and sleepover allowance to have been paid on any sick leave calculation period. 	of calculating gross rential, weekend e will be deemed
		 Northern District Allowance shall b calculate "gross salary". 	be included to
		 d) President's & Secretary/Treasurer For the purposes of determining G this Article, the SGEU President's include pay-loss and top up, hono allowance. 	Gross Salary under gross salary shall
9.3	Special Assessment	Subject to approval by SGEU Annual gross salary special assessment may an annual basis.	
9.4	Non-Permanent	Dues for non-permanent members s	hall be:

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		a) Calculated as per Articles 9.1, 9.	2 and 9.3; and
		b) On the actual earnings received.	
9.5	Labour Service / Seasonal	Dues for labour service or seasonal deducted:	members shall be
		a) On an average of the projected le term;	ength of the work
		b) From each pay cheque;	
		c) For any outstanding dues from the unless an agreement has been ag the member and the SGEU LTD S Committee; and	greed to between
		d) As per Articles 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.	
9.6	Sick Leave While Receiving Pay	a) Dues shall be payable during any leave for which the member receivenployer.	•
		 b) Dues shall be waived for any period member has been approved for e the SGEU LTD Plan and is receive benefits from the employer. 	ntitlements from
		c) Dues shall be waived for any period members initial application to the when the member is on an absen- to documented sickness and has sick or other payments from the e receipt of El sick benefits. In order such a waiver, dues must be paid of the start of the unpaid absence	SGEU LTD Plan) ce from work due ceased to be paid mployer or is in er to be eligible for up until the date
9.7	Elimination Period	Dues shall be payable during the elim	nination period.
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9.8 Age 64

A member who has attained the age of 64 shall not be

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		required to pay dues but shall contir member of the Plan if otherwise elig	
9.9	LTD Dues Rebate	Upon retirement, or reaching the ag member may apply to the SGEU LT of SGEU LTD dues based on the foll	D Plan for a rebate
		LTD Dues rate times Gross hourly pa hours times 1.25% = LTD Dues Reb	•
9.10	Alternate Coverage	 Participating bargaining units ma mutual agreement with the SGE Committee to provide alternate L providing that: 	ULTD Supervisory
		 an additional assessment those participating bargai negotiate/bargain sick bar 	ning units that
		ii) members who are expect of absence without pay of contribute additional dues additional assessment du employment with a partici unit.	r lay-off shall s including the rring their period of
9.11	Collection of Dues	a) Payment of basic dues and any assessments shall be deducted	•
		 b) Other members shall pay dues on LTD Plan. 	lirectly to the SGEU
		 Dues shall be deemed to have b time of deduction or received by Plan. 	•
9.12		A member on an employer approve s for one year or less shall pay dues.	d leave of absence



- 9.13 Leave of Absence A member approved for extended LTD coverage
 Beyond One Year beyond the first year of an approved leave of absence from employment shall pay dues.
- **9.14 During Appeal** Dues may not be collected from a member during the appeal process. Upon acceptance to the SGEU LTD Plan or upon return to work, all outstanding dues shall be paid retroactively on a pro-rated per month basis.

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10.1 Time Period A member with a total disability as defined in Article 2.1 **- Same Disability** and:

- a) Recovers and accepts any remunerative employment; and
- b) Has recurrence of the same total disability as defined in Article 2.1 within one year of return to work shall be entitled to receive entitlements at the level as defined in Article 8 and at the same level as was previously paid plus applicable COLA; then
- c) The elimination period shall be waived.
- **10.2 Time Period** A member with a total disability as defined in Article 2.1 **Different Disability** and:
 - a) Recovers and accepts any remunerative employment; and
 - b) A totally different disability occurs within one month; then
 - c) The member shall be eligible for entitlements at the same level as previously paid; and
 - d) The elimination period shall be waived.
- 10.3Continuous Total
DisabilityA member recovers and accepts remunerative
employment and:

- Own Occupation

- a) Returns to the SGEU LTD Plan as defined in Articles 10.1 or 10.2 and;
- b) Was collecting entitlements in the total disability own occupation period; therefore
- c) Any time spent in remunerative employment shall be deemed as continuous of the total disability own occupation period.

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10.4 Successive Period A successive period of total disability shall only be considered a recurrent disability when the duration of the absence is at least five (5) consecutive scheduled days of work.

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11.1	Conditions When Claiming	To claim entitlements a member shall:
	Entitlements	 a) Give written notice of disability to the SGEU LTD Plan no later than one year from the first day of any period of continuous disability;
		 b) Provide proof of disability and such other information relative to the claim as required by the SGEU LTD Plan;
		 Provide the SGEU LTD Plan with medical evidence from a physician as to the cause, nature, and duration of such disability;
		 d) undergo, at the expense of the SGEU LTD Plan, an examination;
		 e) undergo therapy or treatment as recommended by a physician; and
		 f) take such corrective measures as may be recommended and prescribed by a physician.
11.2	Additional Conditions	The SGEU LTD Plan has the right to require a member who is receiving entitlements under the SGEU LTD Plan to undergo an examination or treatment plan when and as often as deemed necessary by the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee, at the expense of the SGEU LTD Plan.
11.3	Failure to Give Notice	Failure to give notice of disability or to furnish proof of disability within the time as per Article 11.1 will not invalidate a claim provided that the claimant supplies:
		a) Proof and relative information satisfactory to SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee with respect to the exact duration, nature and cause of the disability, not later than one year from the date of total disability; provided the SGEU LTD Supervisory

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		Committee is satisfied of the specific extenuating circumstances which have medically prevented the claimant from making an application, in which event the one year may be extended;
		 A reason satisfactory to SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee as to why the proof and other required information was not submitted within the time limits as per Article 11.
11.4	Discontinuation of Entitlements - Other Sources	In the event that a member has received entitlements from any other source referred to in Article 8, the member may claim entitlements pursuant to the SGEU LTD Plan by giving written notice of disability to the SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee;
		 a) not later than 60 calendar days from the discontinuation of the prior entitlements for that same disability; or
		 b) such later date as is satisfactory to SGEU LTD Supervisory Committee.
11.5	Denial of Entitlements - Other Sources	Once accepted onto the SGEU LTD Plan, if a member's application for Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits, Workers' Compensation Act benefits, or any other form of insurance or entitlements as contemplated by the Plan has been denied, the claimant, at the written request of the Plan, shall be required to appeal such denial, or may be required at a later date to apply again for such entitlements. The Plan shall, upon request of the member, provide the services of the Plan Advocate or Claimant Advocate in this appeal. Refusal to appeal as requested will result in the suspension or termination of SGEU LTD Plan benefits.
11.6	Delay of Entitlements	Delay in the payment of entitlements pursuant to Article 10.1 and 10.2 shall not entitle the member to collect interest on any payments that eventually may be

made to that member from the SGEU LTD Plan.

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12.1	Exclusions - Entitlements	The SGEU LTD Plan shall not provide entitlements for total disability resulting from:
		a) War, whether declared or not, or any act of war;
		 b) Committing or attempting to commit a criminal offence for which the person is convicted;
	Military Service	c) Any loss incurred, injury sustained, or sickness contracted while a member is on full-time active duty (other than active duty for training purposes for a period of two months or less) as a member of any armed forces. (Dues shall be waived during this period.)
12.2	Exclusions - While Disabled	Entitlements shall not be payable during a period of total disability while:
		a) A member is in custody and is awaiting trial;
		 A member is imprisoned due to conviction of an offence; or
		 A member has established permanent residence outside Canada, as per the residency requirements of the Canada Health Act.
12.3	Acquittal - Retroactive Entitlements	If a member is acquitted of any offence, they shall be eligible for retroactive entitlements.
12.4	Interest - Retroactive Entitlements	A member shall not be entitled to interest on entitlements that become payable.
12.5	Exclusions - Dues Refund	The SGEU LTD Plan shall refund on written request, any dues paid by or on behalf of a member for any

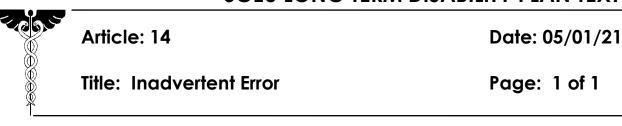
Article: 12 Date: 05/01/21 **Title: Exclusions** Page: 2 of 2 period for which no coverage has been provided because of the exclusions contained in this Article. 12.6 First 90 Days Entitlements shall not be payable: a) For any loss incurred, injury sustained, or sickness contracted if such occurs during the first 90 calendar days of being a member in the SGEU LTD Plan; and b) Can be directly attributed to a condition that existed prior to membership in the SGEU LTD Plan for which treatment was received, or drugs were prescribed by a physician, during the six (6) month period prior to membership in the SGEU LTD Plan.

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13.1	Assignments	Entitlements shall be payable:
		a) Only to members entitled; and
		 b) No assignment of entitlements made by a member shall be valid.
13.2	Incapacitated	In the event that a member is incompetent to administer their own affairs, entitlements may be made payable to the legally appointed and/or authorized representative.



14.1	Inadvertent Error	An inadvertent error shall not be sufficient cause to invalidate a Member's claim for entitlements under the SGEU LTD Plan. For purposes of this Article, "inadvertent error" shall include an error by an individual or individuals other than the Member claiming entitlements and would include errors such as:
		 a) Omission of the name of an eligible member from a list submitted to the SGEU LTD Plan by an authorized person;
		b) Failure to forward dues on time; or
		 Forwarding of incorrect dues to the SGEU LTD Plan.
14.2	Excess Dues	Any excess dues forwarded to the SGEU LTD Plan on behalf of a Member or dues forwarded for a person not eligible for coverage shall be returned upon receipt by the SGEU LTD Plan of a written request.
14.3	Liability	There shall be no liability on the SGEU LTD Plan for payment of any entitlements to persons for whom dues are paid when the membership conditions of the SGEU LTD Plan were not satisfied.

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15.1	Amendments	The SGEU LTD Plan may be amended by:
		 a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Annual Convention; or
		 b) a resolution adopted by a secret ballot conducted among all members of the SGEU LTD Plan in which a majority of those voting, vote in favour.
15.2	Effective Date	The effective date of amendments shall be the first day of the month following the month in which the vote occurs, except where otherwise provided.
15.3	Termination	 The termination of the SGEU LTD Plan shall be without prejudice to claims originating prior to the date of termination.
		 b) Entitlements shall be limited to the assets of the SGEU LTD Plan at the termination date including the earnings thereon less expenses of the SGEU LTD Plan.
15.4	Termination	Excess funds shall be:
	- Excess Funds	 a) distributed pro-rata to the members of the SGEU LTD Plan based on dues paid; or
		 by such other method of distribution as decided by the SGEU LTD Plan.
15.5	Termination - Date	The SGEU LTD Plan may be terminated effective on the next following anniversary date by a resolution adopted by a vote conducted among all members of the SGEU LTD Plan. Such resolution shall be by secret ballot and shall be determined by the decision of the majority of those voting.