



# Insurance Update

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Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association

## It's all about Vision...

### *Individual Highlights:*

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none

### *Links:*

[www.suma.org](http://www.suma.org)

[www.greatwestlife.com](http://www.greatwestlife.com)

[www.vfis.com](http://www.vfis.com)

[www.aon.com](http://www.aon.com)

SUMA's goal for processing vision claims is to have your payment mailed within two weeks of the date the claim is received in our office. You can help us continue to reach our goal!

Please be sure that all vision claims being submitted include the SUMA Vision Claim form. "Part I" of the claim form must be completed by the dispensary. Also required is the original receipt, we can not accept a photocopy or fax copy.

If you have submitted your claim to another payer first, we will need the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) provided by the first payer. This must accompany the SUMA claim form along with a copy of the original receipt (the first payer will not return your original receipt).

If any of this information is not provided we can't process your claim! All claims that are missing information are mailed back to the claimant which may create a significant delay for you to receive payment for eligible expenses.

## Vision Exams & Claims - No Grace Period!

Kindly remind all employees that there is absolutely no grace period for eye exams and vision claims.

Your eye exam is covered through the Extended Health Care benefit which is insured by Great-West Life.

This benefit allows for one eye exam every 24 months and will cover up to a maximum of \$50.00 per eye exam, per person.

Any claims that are submitted where an employee/dependent has received an eye exam prior to serving the entire 24 months since the last exam **will be declined**. The time frame is calculated to the exact day and Great-West Life will not flex on this.

If you are uncertain when your last eye exam was please contact Great-West Life and they will be happy to tell you. You can also check this online at [www.greatwestlife.com](http://www.greatwestlife.com)

SUMA has the same policy with respect to all vision claims for glasses/contacts. Claims for payment that have an early purchase date will be declined.

For information on your last vision claim please contact the SUMA office at 525-4390 or [gis@suma.org](mailto:gis@suma.org)

Great-West Life does not have this information as vision claims are processed in the SUMA office.

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## Adding Vision Care Coverage

Did you know that you can add the Vision Care Benefit to your existing Group Benefits Package?

SUMA's Vision Care Plan pays for glasses, contacts, laser eye surgery, etc with a maximum amount payable of \$450.00/person/24mths.

Vision Care can be added for your employees and elected officials.

All that is required to add Vision coverage to your plan is a resolution from council stating that vision care should be added to your SUMA benefits plan. Coverage can begin as early as the first of the month following the date of resolution.

Pricing information is listed below:

### Vision Care Coverage

- single coverage	\$8.70/month
- couple coverage	\$17.40/month
- family coverage	\$26.93/month

If you need more information or a formal price quote for your municipality please call or email the Group Benefits office.

## UMAAS Convention - June 9 - 12

Tania Meier, Manager of Corporate Programs and myself, Shauna Brown, Insurance Services Manager will be seeing many of you at the UMAAS Convention June 9 - 12, 2009 in Saskatoon.

We're looking forward to another fun filled convention. The conference always delivers interesting workshops and discussions, and a chance to meet new administrators and reconnect with the veterans!

Laurent Mougeot, CEO of SUMA, is pleased to provide an update on the happenings at SUMA. Laurent, will be presenting on Wednesday afternoon.

Tania and I will be in the SUMA booth in the trade show and look forward to chatting with you. Please drop by our booth to find out about the expanding number of programs and services that are available to our member municipalities.

Do you have your SUMA mug yet? Stop by the booth to pick up your new mug, supplies are limited so get there early!

As always, remember to enter our draw to win a toy fire truck!

**Admin tip:** Over- age dependents who are attending post secondary educational institutions that will **not** be returning to school in the fall should be removed from the group benefits plan.

If this is the employee's last/only dependent child on the plan you should also change the coverage level to that of either couple or single coverage depending on the employee's marital status. Complete the blue Great-West Life change form and submit it to SUMA for processing.

Call the SUMA office for more information or assistance.