

Important Changes to your Policy!

Your Auto Insurance Benefits are **CHANGING**

Before you renew your policy, **you need to make important coverage decisions**

Effective June 1, 2016, the Ontario government has introduced changes to the automobile insurance system, to help make insurance premiums more affordable. These amendments **only apply to policies issued or renewed on or after June 1, 2016.**

These changes will give you **more choice** over the coverages you select and the price you pay for auto insurance. Many of the changes affect the Statutory Accident Benefits you receive if you are injured in an auto accident, regardless of who is at fault. Some of these benefits have been reduced and some options for increased coverage have been eliminated or changed.

Your enclosed policy automatically has the new **lower standard**¹ benefits that will take effect on your renewal date. The most significant changes to your policy are:

Coverage	Current Policy	New Policy	You can choose
Medical and Rehabilitation for non-catastrophic injuries	\$50,000	\$65,000 Combined Standard: Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care	Increase to \$130,000 or \$1,000,000 for combined Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care ²
Attendant Care for non-catastrophic injuries	\$36,000		
Medical and Rehabilitation for catastrophic injuries	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000 Combined Standard: Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care	An additional \$1,000,000 for combined Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care
Attendant Care for catastrophic injuries	\$1,000,000		

To increase any of your benefits, call your insurance representative

Unless you contact your insurance representative to increase your benefits, your coverage will default to the new lower standard benefits.






The name and contact details for your insurance representative and your renewal date are on the enclosed policy documents.

Remember: Your enclosed policy automatically has the new lower limits, **so act quickly if you want to make changes.**

¹ If you have previously opted to increase these benefits check your policy – they may have changed to reflect new available options.

² Regardless of whether you purchase increased Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care benefits for catastrophic or non-catastrophic injuries, there is a limit of \$3,500 for minor injuries.

Other important changes to your policy

Minor Accident		Insurer can no longer use a minor at-fault accident meeting certain criteria ³ to increase your premiums.
Interest Rate for Monthly Payment Plans		Maximum that can be charged for monthly premium payments has been lowered from 3% to 1.3% for one year policies, with corresponding reductions for shorter terms.
Comprehensive Deductible		The standard deductible for Comprehensive coverage has been increased from \$300 to \$500.
Non-Earner benefit		The six-month waiting period for people who are not working has been reduced to four weeks. Benefit can only be received for up to two years after the accident.
Duration of Medical, Rehabilitation and Attendant Care benefits		For all claimants except children, duration of this standard benefit is now five years for non-catastrophic injuries, and will be paid only as long as you remain medically eligible.

Other Options⁴

There are many other choices to increase the benefits in your standard auto policy. The following chart lists some, but not all, of your options. You can also choose not to increase any benefits.

Coverage	Current Policy	New Policy	You Can Choose
Income Replacement benefit	70 per cent of gross income up to \$400 per week.	No change	Weekly limit can be increased to \$600, \$800 or \$1,000 per week.
Caregiver benefit	Available only for catastrophic injuries: Up to \$250 per week for the first dependent plus \$50 for each additional dependent	No change	Make same amounts available for <u>all</u> injuries as currently available for catastrophic injuries
Housekeeping and Home Maintenance expenses	Available only for catastrophic injuries: Up to \$100 per week	No change	Make same amounts available for <u>all</u> injuries as currently available for catastrophic injuries
Death and Funeral benefits	\$25,000 lump sum to an eligible spouse; \$10,000 lump sum to each dependent; maximum \$6,000 funeral benefits.	No change	\$50,000 lump sum to an eligible spouse; \$20,000 lump sum to each dependent; maximum \$8,000 funeral benefits.
Dependent Care benefit	Not provided	Not provided	Up to \$75 per week for the first dependent and \$25 per week for each additional dependent to a maximum of \$150 per week.
Indexation benefit	Not provided	Not provided	Annual adjustment for inflation for many benefits according to the Consumer Price Index for Canada
Third Party Liability	\$200,000 minimum for claims as a result of lawsuits against you	No change	Options exist to increase the minimum amount.
Tort Deductible	\$36,540 deductible for court awarded compensation for pain and suffering (as of August 1, 2015)	No change	Reduce deductible to \$20,000 regardless of annual indexation percentage increases.
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For general information about auto insurance in Ontario, more about these changes, definitions of different types of coverages and a glossary of insurance terms, visit www.fsco.gov.on.ca or www.ibc.ca.

³ Criteria include no payment by any insurer, no injuries, damage less than \$2,000 and paid by the at-fault driver.

⁴ If you have previously purchased any optional benefits please review your renewal documents as they may have changed.