

# Core™ Travel Insurance Program for

## Global Medical Brigades

### Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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#### Core™ Travel Administrator

For info re: coverage and upgrades:

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

[administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com)

#### Medical Assistance Provider

For 24-hour emergency medical assistance  
call Zurich Travel Assist:

Tel: 1-800-263-0261 in the US or Canada

Tel: 1-416-977-0277 collect outside the USA

For claims questions, see question #29.

#### **1. What is the purpose and limitation of this document?**

This document addresses frequently asked questions about the Global Medical Brigades travel medical and evacuation insurance program in which you are automatically enrolled. It allows you to quickly locate the information you need to know about the program and its benefits. Please note that we address coverage issues in a broad way, and this summary does not contain all of the policy details that govern the insurance. That information is available from [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com) upon request. In the event of a coverage dispute or discrepancy the wording of the policy on file will apply. These benefits are subject to change without notice.

#### **2. Who is the insurance company?**

The Insurance Company is Zurich American Insurance Company. The policy number is **GPT 0553113**. You will find an ID card customized for your Core™ Travel insurance coverage with Global Medical Brigades on the [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com) website. Click on the button that says "Go to your Profile". There you will find a button that says "Print Insurance Card". Should you have any difficulty, don't hesitate to contact the Core Travel Administrator at [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com).

The front of the card will list your name, policy number and organization. The reverse will show contact information for emergency assistance and claims. The emergency assistance provider can inform a medical facility about your coverage and limits. The card is wallet-sized so that you can carry it with you during your trip. A good idea is to take a photo of the card and keep it in your smartphone.

**3. What benefits does this plan offer and what are its limits?**

“The Core Travel Insurance Silver™ Plan” is automatically provided to Global Medical Brigades participants while they are on a Global Medical Brigades program anywhere in the world, outside of the United States. It covers your travel medical risks, including Medical Expenses and Emergency Medical Evacuation, while you are traveling.

Travel medical insurance is not the same as the health insurance available to you at home and does not cover routine or wellness visits, or expenses that can safely wait until you get home. Expenses that arise from situations that are not clearly due to a covered travel medical risk may be payable by the participant. You can then submit the claim to the insurance company with a request for reimbursement.

This policy doesn't provide any kind of liability insurance. Baggage and Personal Property insurance is not included in “The Silver™ Plan” but can be purchased as an upgrade (see question 24.)

The benefits and limits of “The Silver™ Plan” are:

Medical Expense	\$100,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	100% of covered expenses
Continuation of Coverage Benefit	\$10,000
Emergency Dental	\$ 1,000 for injury \$ 250 for alleviation of pain
Accidental Death Benefit	\$15,000
Loss of Use from Accident up to	\$15,000
Return of Mortal Remains	100% of covered expenses
Trip Cancellation Benefit	\$ 1,000
Emergency Reunion/ Travel Expenses	\$ 2,500
Return Air Only Benefit	\$ 2,500
Security Evacuation Benefit	\$10,000

***How Is Covid-19 covered under this insurance?***

Covid-19 is covered like any other illness for medical expenses, including doctor visits and hospitalizations, as well as for emergency medical evacuations and repatriations. Coverage for medical expenses is limited to the covered medical expenses incurred when an Insured tests positive for the virus. Coverage for Covid-19 does not extend, however, to the other benefits listed above. This means that benefits such as Continuation of Coverage, Reunion Travel Expense and Return Air Only do not respond to claims or losses caused by Covid-19. There is no Covid-19 cover for the cancellation benefit, either for pre- or post- travel.

#### **4. Can I get higher limits of coverage during my Global Medical Brigades program?**

Yes. You can choose to upgrade your limits of coverage from the “The Silver Plan” to “The Gold Plan”; or “The Diamond Plan”. These plans offer up to \$500,000 in Medical Expense, as well as increased limits on other benefits.

You can upgrade by going to [www.Coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.Coretravelinsurance.com) and clicking on “Go to your Profile”. and then “Purchase Options.” Fill out the online application and pay for the additional benefits with a credit card before your Global Medical Brigades program starts. You will receive a confirmation of your order by email. Once you have begun your Global Medical Brigades program, however, your limits of insurance coverage cannot change. Premium paid for upgrades is not refundable once you have left for the international journey. **If you do not wish to upgrade the coverage, you do not have to do anything. You will automatically receive coverage under the “The Silver™ Plan”.**

#### **5. When does the coverage begin and end?**

You are automatically covered for the scheduled period of the Global Medical Brigades program. Coverage begins on the day that your Global Medical Brigades program is scheduled to start, and stays in effect until the end of the day on which your program is scheduled to finish.

The insurance does not cover international travel time to and from your home country, or the ordinary travel to and from the airports or other points of disembarkation. However, if you return from your program by Emergency Medical Evacuation, coverage applies for transportation directly to the designated medical facility or to your home.

#### **6. Is it possible to buy insurance that would cover me either before or after the Global Medical Brigades program?**

Yes, you can use the upgrade feature to buy travel insurance for your periods of international travel before or after your Global Medical Brigades program, or both.

EXTENSION BEFORE. If you want coverage for the period before you arrive at the program site, you can purchase that using the upgrade feature before your departure from your home country. If you choose to cover your trip from your home country, coverage begins at the airport (or at the international disembarkation site) on the day you depart for your international journey.

Make sure to specify enough days to fully cover your transportation time, accounting for all stopovers and travel from the airport to the Global Medical Brigades program site. For some Global Medical Brigades programs this may require two or more days.

You may also cover other days you are overseas before your Global Medical Brigades program begins. You can choose to start your coverage at any time before your Global Medical Brigades

program begins, as long as you are not in your home country or in the US during that time, and as long as your period of extension ends on the day your Global Medical Brigades program begins.

Go to the application on the [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com) website and click first on the button that says “Go to my Profile” and then on “Purchase Options”. Because your program coverage operates at the Silver Level, you would need to purchase any extensions at the Silver Level as well. You will find pricing and instructions for purchasing extension coverage for the specific dates you want.

**EXTENSION AFTER.** If you want coverage for the period after your Global Medical Brigades program ends, you can buy it either before your departure from the home country or even while you are still on the Global Medical Brigades program, as long as your period of group insurance with Global Medical Brigades has not yet expired. Coverage for your trip back to your home country will end when you arrive at the airport or other international disembarkation site in your home country.

You can buy extension coverage for travel past your program dates at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com). Note that extension coverage will need to be purchased at the Silver Level, to retain consistency with your program coverage.

Click first on the button that says “Go to my Profile” and then on “Purchase Options”. Note that once the date on which your program is scheduled to end has passed, you will no longer be able to buy the extension. Should you have any difficulty, contact the Core Travel Administrator at [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com).

If you need to stay overseas past the program end date, make sure that your insurance is extended in time to keep your coverage going. If you are not able to arrange for the extension yourself, ask Global Medical Brigades to assist you.

Your insurance will end on the date your program ends unless you have arranged for an extension for additional travel days. If you are hospitalized on the date your program ends, coverage can continue until you are determined to be fit to fly home or for 31 days after the scheduled date of return, whichever comes first.

Call the Travel Assistance Provider If your return is delayed by hospitalization or by unavoidable circumstances beyond your control. Make sure that the Travel Assistance Provider is involved should such circumstances arise, in order to confirm that coverage can remain in effect. (See FAQ 15 for contact information.)

Coverage extension after the Global Medical Brigades program has ended is the only benefit from Core™ Travel that can be purchased after the departure from your home country.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT EXTENSIONS. Coverage limits for extension periods will be the same as the limits in effect during the Global Medical Brigades program. For example, if you elect to upgrade to Gold Plan coverage for your Global Medical Brigades program, you will also need to buy any extension coverage under the Gold Plan too. Coverage extension is available for up to a full year, including your time on the Global Medical Brigades program. Coverage applies anywhere in the world except for travel in your Home Country or the US.

Extension coverage is not provided until your purchase is approved and confirmed. Make sure that your correct email address is on your profile so that you can receive immediate confirmation by email of your extension coverage purchase. If you feel you have not received the confirmation, check your spam or junk files. Then send an email to [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com) to request duplicate confirmation. Keep this confirmation with you while you travel outside the dates of the Global Medical Brigades program.

Premium paid for extended coverage is not refundable once you have left for the international journey.

### **7. Where does the insurance cover me?**

Coverage is valid in the country of your Global Medical Brigades program. Overseas travel to and from the Global Medical Brigades program site is not covered, but you can buy extension coverage for these periods at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com).

Extension coverage applies anywhere in the world except for travel within the US or within your country of residence. The place where extension coverage can begin is at the airport or international disembarkation site for your international journey. Extension coverage ends once you have arrived at the airport or international disembarkation site in your country of residence.

### **8. Does coverage continue if I remain out of my Home Country?**

Coverage ends when your Global Medical Brigades program is over, even if you choose to remain overseas, stay at the program location, or don't return directly home. Your travel medical coverage is only effective for the official period of your Global Medical Brigades trip.

If you plan to continue traveling or remain outside the US or outside your home country after your Global Medical Brigades program ends, you may want to extend coverage to remain protected. You need to do that, however, **before your group coverage ends**. It is not possible to purchase an extension of coverage once your Global Medical Brigades expedition is over.

You can upgrade at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com) by clicking on "purchase options", making your selection, paying by credit card and receiving an email confirmation. If you have any difficulty, contact the Core Travel Administrator at [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com).

Your Home Country is the country from which you hold a passport. If you hold a passport from more than one country, it's the passport you used to enter the host country.

**9. Is there any deductible or co-payment?**

Yes, there is a deductible of \$200. There is no co-payment required. Once the deductible has been payable one time, you're fully covered up to the policy limits for eligible medical expenses, except for any exclusions or limited provisions under the coverage. (There is also a deductible for baggage and personal effects coverage, which is available as an upgrade.) It's important to note that the insurance does contain exclusions. If one is found to apply to you after coverage has been provided, for example for a pre-existing condition, your insurance claim could be denied and you could be held financially responsible for the expense, as is the case with any travel medical insurance policy.

**10. I think I am already insured for my medical expenses while on the program. What happens then?**

The Global Medical Brigades insurance program is mandatory for all participants, regardless of existing coverage. Many domestic insurance policies don't cover expenses incurred outside your Home Country or even in different states or provinces in your Home Country. In particular, many don't cover Emergency Medical Evacuation or Assistance, especially from remote areas. We have this policy to make sure that you don't encounter gaps in coverage that might impede your medical care while on the program and that could result in costly medical expenses for you.

While this is primary coverage, if the insurance company pays benefits that are available to you under another health care plan, they may seek to recover those expenses.

There are also special travel risks that can occur on an international travel program that this policy is designed to address that other medical policies may not cover. In many cases, such as automobile accidents, the insurer is obliged to investigate coverage related to the vehicles involved. We will ask for your help in making such investigations, as they assist greatly in helping to keep Global Medical Brigades insurance affordable.

**11. What is covered under the Medical Expense benefit?**

The medical limit of "The Core™ Plan" coverage is \$100,000. "Medical expense" means the cost of medical care received overseas. It applies to Medical Expenses that arise from a covered illness or injury. This policy is meant to cover expenses that can't wait until you return home, and those not covered under any other source of insurance. The first covered expenses have to be incurred within 30 days from the date of covered accident or illness.

The same medical expense benefits are covered on all the upgrade plans offered. The maximum limit covered are different from plan to plan.

If an Injury or Illness occurs during the period of coverage and you require medical or surgical treatment, this plan will pay no more than **Reasonable and Customary (R&C)** charges for Covered Expenses, up to the policy maximum. Reasonable and customary represents the range of usual fees for comparable services charged by medical professionals in the geographic area where medical services are rendered, as determined by the insurance company.

**Covered Medical Expenses include:**

- **Hospital Room and Board**—including Intensive Care
- **Medical emergency care**—including Emergency Room
- **Hospital expenses**—including operating room, laboratory tests, anesthesia and medicines
- **Outpatient Surgical Room**—including diagnostic X-rays, diagnostic imaging, laboratory procedures and tests
- **Physician Expenses**, including surgical expenses—including services of Assistant Physicians, Anesthesiologists and Registered Nurses
- **Physiotherapy**— including rehabilitative devices and equipment prescribed by a Physician
- **Ambulance Expenses**
- **Prescription Drugs**
  
- **Emergency Dental--if Caused by an Accident or for Alleviation of Pain** - for repair and replacement of sound, natural teeth damaged as a result of an accident or for the relief of pain are covered at \$100 per tooth up to the maximum. Routine dental examinations, routine x-rays, and other dental procedure that are not the result of an accident are not covered.
- **Mental Health Visits** –Charges for visits to a mental health professional, including costs for an interpreter if needed, up to a maximum of \$500. This maximum limit applies for the entire duration of the participant’s international journey, including any extensions taken.

**Medical Expenses Not Covered:**

- **Pre-existing Conditions** – which means that expenses arising from a sickness, disease or other condition during the 30 day period immediately prior to date plan payment was received are not covered. This does not apply when the Insured Person is taking prescription medications for a condition which is and remains under control without any change in the required prescription for this time period.

However, when it does apply, there is an emergency medical benefit of up to \$2,500 for medical expenses arising from pre-existing conditions.

- **Routine Physical Examinations, Vaccinations** - *Not covered*
- **Routine Eye Examinations, Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses** – *Not covered*
- **Preventive Medical Services and Wellness Benefits** - *Not covered*
- **Mental and Nervous Disorders--** *Not covered.*

· **Maternity—Not covered.** There is an emergency medical services benefit of up to \$2,000 for medical expenses arising from treatment of complications of pregnancy, as well as a Newborn Nursery Care benefit of \$2,000

### **12. What kind of dental coverage is provided?**

The plan provides coverage for expenses due to injury to sound, natural teeth or to relieve pain. It does not cover fillings or routine dental exams. There is no upgrade available for dental coverage.

### **13. What is the Continuation of Coverage benefit?**

This benefit keeps you covered in certain cases after your return to your Home Country. It covers medical expenses from a covered Injury or Illness that occurred and was diagnosed and treated while you were on a Global Medical Brigades program. It's particularly useful should you be medically evacuated and face continuing medical bills from a covered Injury or Illness. This coverage does not apply to a new Injury or Illness you experience once you have returned to your Home Country.

The maximum is \$10,000, which you must use in the forty-five days immediately following the date of your return to your Home Country. Coverage ends forty-five days from the date you return to your Home Country even if the full limit has not been used up. Coverage includes Physician visits, surgery, medicine, hospital stay and ambulance, but not air evacuation that may be desired once you are back home. If you have other insurance, like domestic medical insurance, available on your return, this feature is secondary. This benefit is in excess of any other valid and collectible insurance. There is no upgrade available for the Continuation of Coverage benefit.

### **14. How much coverage is available for Emergency Medical Evacuation and how does it work?**

The policy pays a limit of 100% of covered expenses for covered emergency medical evacuation expenses. Note that this is separate from the limited benefit for Medical Expense, which addresses the cost of medical care you receive overseas. Emergency Medical Evacuation is used when you become injured or ill and the Physician assisting you recommends that your Illness or Injury requires an Emergency Medical Evacuation to the nearest medical facility where appropriate medical treatment can be obtained or to your Home Country. This can include the costs of a nurse or physician to accompany you, either on a commercial airliner, on a special chartered plane, or other means of transportation.

It is important to note that Emergency Medical Evacuation is subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, which means that coverage exclusions apply. If you are medically evacuated for a reason that is found to be excluded under the policy the Medical Evacuation expenses become



your responsibility. If it is possible that you could be medically evacuated for a reason excluded under this policy, it is advisable to make special provisions for additional coverage.

Note that Emergency Medical Evacuation is done only in serious cases, where your life is threatened or where you face a risk of permanent disability, and used when your health would be threatened by using regular forms of transport.

The decision to medically evacuate, and the determination of whether the evacuation is made to the home country or to a different medical facility, is made based on information from medical professionals working on the case and is implemented by Zurich Travel Assist.

**The process has to be coordinated by Zurich Travel Assist in order to be covered, including medical care, transportation arrangements and travel plans. Do not arrange a Medical Evacuation on your own. Make sure that both Zurich Travel Assist and Global Medical Brigades are involved in helping with any medical evacuation plans.**

### **15. Who is Zurich Travel Assist and how do I reach them?**

Zurich Travel Assist is a travel assistance company that operates around the world in conjunction with your insurer. Zurich Travel Assist services are administered by World Travel Protection Canada Inc., a member company of Zurich Insurance Group. World Travel Protection operates as a third party travel insurance administrator for insurance companies.

The Zurich Travel Assist emergency hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call them from **inside the US or Canada at 1-800-263-0261** or collect from **outside the US at 1-416-977-0277**. When calling, please identify yourself as an insured of Zurich in North America. Your policy number with Global Medical Brigades is **GPT 0553113**.

Zurich Travel Assist can also be reached by email at [info@wtp.ca](mailto:info@wtp.ca) and by fax at 1-416-205-4622.

If a medical evacuation is required, Zurich Travel Assist will arrange for it. They provide the following services:

**Medical Assistance** - Worldwide medical information, worldwide hospital and physician referral, medical monitoring, mental health counseling, dispatch of physician or specialist, emergency prescription replacement, evacuation or return of remains, and payment guarantee of medical expense.

Please note that payment guarantees apply to emergency medical situations only and must be approved by the assistance provider. Medical expense for emergency admission will be guaranteed up to \$5,000. Up-front payment by Zurich Travel Assistance for non-emergencies is not guaranteed. You should be prepared to pay these expenses and submit a claim to the insurance company for them later if necessary.

The assistance provider will provide the service and guarantee payment unless there is clear indication that the situation is not an emergency. The definition of an emergency is “ a condition

caused by accident or illness that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity that a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine would reasonably expect that failure to receive adequate medical attention would place the health of the person in serious jeopardy”.

**Travel Assistance Services-** 24-hour emergency travel arrangements, emergency translation service (for a fee), embassy and consular assistance, lost document assistance, worldwide legal referrals, bail bonds assistance, credit card replacement, lost baggage assistance. For more information about these services, please contact Zurich Travel Assistance.

**Travel Information**—For general worldwide travel information on safety and health risks, visit [zurichtravelassist.com](http://zurichtravelassist.com). Click on “travel risk and security” and register using the insurance policy number found in FAQ question #2. This will provide access to the following benefits: 1) travel security information on 230 destinations worldwide 2) access to the TravelKit app, including geolocation services 3) Option for email travel alerts and daily intelligence briefings 4) World risk matrix chart 5) Dashboard for country, state and local information related to Covid-19 infection around the world.

### **16. Who handles my insurance questions and administration?**

For information about the Core™ Travel program for Global Medical Brigades participants, including detailed explanation of upgrade options, go to [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com). There you can select and purchase upgrade options. Payment may be made by Visa, MasterCard or Discover; payment by check or money order is not accepted. You will be contacted by the administrator if there are any questions about your application or adjustments that need to be made, and you will receive a confirmation of upgrade purchase by email. Premium paid for upgrades, including coverage extension, is not refundable once you have left for the international journey.

For questions about Core™ Travel coverage and upgrade options, you can send an email to [administrator@coretravelinsurance.com](mailto:administrator@coretravelinsurance.com) or telephone at 518-708-4192.

All questions about claims should be directed to the insurance company at the contact information listed in question #29.

### **17. What is the Return of Mortal Remains benefit?**

Return of Mortal Remains means the transport of bodily remains or ashes to your Home Country. Coverage for this is included in the limit provided for Emergency Medical Evacuation. The process has to be coordinated by Zurich Travel Assistance in order to be covered.

### **18. How does the Accidental Death Benefit work?**

This Accidental Death benefit is paid to a beneficiary if you die as the result of a covered Injury that occurred while traveling on an expedition. The death has to arise solely as a result of the

covered Injury, and within twelve months of the date it occurred. Disappearance of the insured person is covered. The insurer will need a certificate of death to process a claim.

Participants have the option to increase the Accidental Death benefit limit by using the Gold or Diamond upgrade plans.

**19. How does the Accidental Loss of Use benefit work?**

This benefit extends coverage to loss of use of limbs, speech and hearing due to an accident, and also to loss of covered use due to an accident. This means total paralysis of a limb or limbs that has continued for twelve consecutive months and is determined to be permanent and irreversible.

In the event that both this benefit and the death benefit could be utilized, the largest benefit will be paid. Illness is not covered under the Accidental Loss of Use benefit.

Participants have the option to increase the Accidental Loss of Use benefit limit by using the Gold or Diamond upgrade plans.

**20. What are the Emergency Reunion Transportation Expenses?**

If you suffer an injury or sickness while overseas and must be confined to a hospital for at least seven days, the insurer will reimburse the expenses for a Family Member to visit you during your stay in the hospital. This includes the cost of one round-trip economy class air fare subject to a maximum of \$2,500 to the place of hospitalization. The benefit also includes lodging and meals not to exceed \$200 per day for five days. .

Benefits need to be approved in advance by the Insurance Company, and travel arrangements made by Zurich Travel Assist

**21. What is the Return Air Only Benefit?**

This benefit accommodates extra travel expenses that arise when you have to go home because of a medical emergency that happens while you are traveling outside your home country. The medical emergency can happen either to you or to a member of your family.

**1) Your return to your home country for your health reasons.** If you are advised by a physician in writing that you should return to your Home Country before the scheduled completion of your trip for health reasons, but the situation does not require an Emergency Medical Evacuation, this benefit can address your extra traveling expenses. It's important to get the physician's note before you leave the country, as it may not be easy to obtain later. Coverage can apply if you incur an injury or illness that prevents you from continuing with your trip.

This benefit can reimburse the costs of a one-way economy air and/or ground transportation ticket, up to the limit of coverage provided. This benefit can also pay for your economy transportation costs home should you be medically evacuated to a location other than your home country. The benefit does not cover the expenses of returning to the location of your trip after your recovery.

**2) Your return to your home country for family health reasons.** If a Family Member has died, or experienced an unforeseen illness or injury, to a degree that is so disabling that it could reasonably cause your trip to be interrupted, this benefit will reimburse the cost of your one-way economy air and/or ground transportation ticket to return home. The health situation of the Family member should be confirmed in writing by a physician who is not related to you or to the Family Member involved, and by a death certificate. This benefit does not cover the expenses of returning to the location of your trip.

**“Family Member”** means your spouse, child, spouse’s child, son/daughter-in-law, parent(s), sibling(s), brother/sister, grandparent(s), grandchild, step-brother/sister, step-parent(s), parent(s)-in-law, brother/sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, guardian, Domestic Partner, foster child, or ward.

An unforeseen injury is one that happens after the participant has left for the trip overseas. An unforeseen illness is one for which the sick person had not seen a doctor, experienced symptoms or received diagnosis or treatment in the thirty days before coverage became effective under the policy.

See questions 22 and 23 for information on upgrading these travel expense benefits. Note that while Emergency Reunion Transportation Benefit and Return Air Only Benefits have separate limits, the benefit limits combine when upgrading to gold and diamond levels. Benefits are subject to the conditions specified by the policy.

Note that when a trip is interrupted due to a covered reason, the Return Air Only benefit pays just for transportation expenses. In some cases the trip cancellation benefit could also be payable, up to the Core™ Travel limit provided, or to the upgrade limit purchased. For example, if a participant must return home early because of the illness of a Family Member, the Return Air Only expense could reimburse travel expenses up to \$2,500. The Post-departure trip cancellation benefit could pay up to \$1,000 towards the costs of non-refundable trip payments, or more if you have purchased a voluntary upgrade.

The Trip Cancellation benefit is also triggered when a trip has been purchased but can’t be undertaken for covered reasons. See question 27 for more information on the trip cancellation benefit and upgrades.

**22. Can I get higher limits of coverage?**

You can upgrade to any of the following plans. Any extension of coverage you take before or after your Global Medical Brigades program will also be put into effect at the upgraded level. Rates are based on the length of your program.

Terms and conditions offered under these plans are the same as provided under “The Silver™ Plan”, but the limits are higher. See the application online for applicable premiums at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com).

**The limits of coverage for “The Silver Plan” are:**

Medical Expense	\$100,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	100% of covered expenses
Continuation of Coverage Benefit	\$10,000
Emergency Dental due to	Injury \$1,000 or Pain \$250
Accidental Death Benefit	\$15,000
Loss of Use from Accident up to	\$15,000
Return of Mortal Remains	100% of covered expenses
Trip Cancellation	\$1,000
Emergency Reunion	\$2,500
Return Air Only	\$2,500

**The limits of coverage for “The Gold Plan” are:**

Medical Expense	\$200,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	100% of covered expenses
Continuation of Coverage Benefit	\$10,000
Emergency Dental due to	Injury \$1,000 or Pain \$250
Accidental Death Benefit	\$25,000
Loss of Use from Accident up to	\$25,000
Return of Mortal Remains	100% of covered expenses
Trip Cancellation	\$1,000
Emergency Reunion	\$5,000
Return Air Only	\$5,000

**The limits of coverage for “The Diamond Plan” are:**

Medical Expense	\$500,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	100% of covered expenses
Continuation of Coverage Benefit	\$10,000

Emergency Dental due to	Injury \$1,000 or Pain \$250
Accidental Death Benefit	\$25,000
Loss of Use from Accident up to	\$25,000
Return of Mortal Remains or Cremation	100% of covered expenses
Trip Cancellation	\$1,000
Emergency Reunion	\$5,000
Return Air Only	\$5,000

**23. Is it possible just to buy higher levels of the Emergency Reunion Transportation Benefit and the Return Air Only Benefit?**

Higher levels for these two benefits are available in the Gold and Diamond plans. To increase this coverage, participants need to buy one of these plans. To determine the level of benefit that is right for you, consider the typical cost of purchasing last-minute travel, either for you to fly home suddenly from your program overseas, or for a family member to come to your overseas location at short notice.

**24. Can I obtain coverage for lost baggage and personal property and for baggage delay?**

Baggage and personal property coverage is not provided under “The Silver™ Plan” but you may purchase it as an upgrade at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com). **Baggage insurance**, including coverage for baggage delay, may be purchased before the departure for overseas travel, but not once the trip has begun.

You can get \$2,500 limits for loss, with a \$50 deductible. There is a \$500 limit per item. Coverage is not just for luggage in transit (whether checked or not) but also applies to personal possessions and travel documents that are lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed during the course of your stay overseas.

Note that there is a \$600 sublimit for electronic and professional equipment, such as cell phones, iPads or laptops. These items are also subject to a deductible of \$250 first.

Coverage includes reimbursement of the cost to reissue passports or visas, as well as loss due to unauthorized use of credit cards that is not otherwise waived by credit card companies. If the covered items are in the custody of a common carrier and delivery is delayed, this coverage will continue until the property is delivered.

The policy will not pay for some items, including: 1) animals 2) items used for business or trade 3) musical instruments 4) brittle or fragile articles 5) jewelry 6) sporting equipment 7) boats, motorcycles, motor vehicles and other conveyances 8) dental bridges, retainers or dentures 9) hearing aids 10) sunglasses, eyeglasses or contact lenses 11) prosthetic devices 12)

documents or tickets except for fees required to reissue tickets up to \$250 per ticket 13) money, checks, securities, credit cards 14) property shipped prior to the scheduled date of departure 15) contraband

There is no coverage for losses coming from 1) defective materials 2) wear & tear 3) insects & animals 4) electric current or electric arcing 5) mysterious disappearance or 6) confiscation by airport or border personnel.

Payment is made less any other valid or collectible insurance. It is based on the actual cash value or replacement cost of the items, whichever is less. In order for coverage to take effect, you must report the incident to local authorities, which can be the representative from Global Medical Brigades, and obtain their written report of the loss. You must also take reasonable steps to protect your baggage from further damage and make necessary repairs.

Coverage for extra expenses caused by **Baggage Delay** can kick in after a delay of at least 12 hours after travel by common carrier, such as plane or train. The limit of coverage specifically for baggage delay is \$100 a day for a maximum of 7 days, or \$700.

Baggage Delay coverage is meant for replacement of emergency items, such as clothing and personal articles, as well as expenses incurred to get the baggage returned. You must present itemized receipts to make a claim. Baggage Delay coverage applies to destinations other than your primary residence. This benefit is secondary over any other insurance coverage that is available, such as homeowner's insurance.

The general policy exclusions in question 25 apply both to loss of baggage & personal property, and also to Baggage Delay.

### **25. What are the general exclusions to this insurance policy?**

Coverage won't be provided for any benefit provided under this insurance policy that is caused by or results from:

- Pre-existing conditions. This means that expenses arising from a sickness, disease or other condition during the 30 day period immediately prior to date plan payment was received are not covered.
- Intentionally self-inflicted Injury; suicide or attempted suicide while sane or insane.
- Non-emergency or elective treatment or surgery
- Mental or nervous disorders. There is a limited benefit offered in the policy for mental health visits.
- Pregnancy, childbirth. There is a limited emergency benefit for expenses due to pregnancy and for nursery care.
- Being under the influence of drugs or intoxicants unless prescribed by a physician; expenses resulting from alcoholism or drug addiction
- Routine physicals

- Routine dental care and treatment
- Routine nursery care
- Cosmetic surgery, except for reconstructive surgery needed as the result of an injury
- Repetitive motion injuries
- Treatment for Osteochondritis, including Osgood-Schlatter Disease
- Expenses relating to repair or replacement of artificial devices or medical equipment
- Treatment by any immediate family member or member of the Covered Person's household
- Expenses that are payable by any other form of insurance, including expenses covered by an employer or government sponsored plan, such as workers' compensation
- Participation in professional athletics, as well as organized/interscholastic/collegiate sports
- Riding or driving in any motor competition, as well as off-road driving
- Scuba diving, if the depth of the water exceeds 75 feet
- Air travel other than as a fare-paying passenger of a scheduled commercial or scheduled charter flight, including piloting or serving as a crew member.
- Active participation in riot, or insurrection or commission of, or attempt to commit a felony, an assault, or any other criminal activity.
- Fighting or brawling, except in self-defense
- Civil disorder
- Expenses arising from Injuries or Illnesses that occur after the return to your Home Country
- Losses occurring at a time when the policy is not in effect
- Medical expenses incurred more than 12 months from the date of covered injury or onset of sickness
- Expenses incurred within 6 months of injury of the same body part, unless cleared by a physician to practice or play
- Expenses that are more than usual and customary payment
- Medical expenses the insured is not legally obligated to pay
- Services, supplies or treatment including any period of hospital confinement which were not recommended, approved and certified as necessary and reasonable by a doctor, or expenses which are non-medical in nature
- Diagnosed sickness that carries a prognosis of death within 12 months; hospice care
- Travel against the advice of a physician
- Travel for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment
- Expenses incurred while temporarily visiting the home country
- Expenses for personal or convenience items, such as telephone, television or guest meals
- Military service
- Nuclear reaction, radiation or radioactive contamination
- Pandemic or Epidemic
- Under the Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit, which responds to accidental injury only, there is an exclusion for sickness, disease or infection of any kind



**26. Which sports does this policy cover?**

Most sports are covered under this policy. There are exclusions for professional and organized team sports, racing, off-road driving, and scuba deeper than 75 feet. Flying in an aircraft other than as a regular passenger is excluded.

**27. How does the Trip Cancellation Benefit work?**

The cancellation benefit can reimburse you for the amount you paid for your trip up to the \$1,000 limit that is automatically provided under the Silver™ Plan. The benefit responds if you are prevented from taking your trip or if the trip is interrupted as the result of 1) sickness 2) injury or 3) death that happens to you or to a Family Member.

“Family Member” means your spouse, child, spouse’s child, son/daughter-in-law, parent(s), sibling(s), brother/sister, grandparent(s), grandchild, step-brother/sister, step-parent(s), parent(s)-in-law, brother/sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, guardian, Domestic Partner, foster child, or ward.

A licensed physician who is not a Family Member of the person who is the cause of the cancellation must do an examination. The medical condition must be so disabling that it prevents you from traveling. If the matter involves a family member, it must be life-threatening, or so severe as to require your care. The physician must advise the cancellation of the trip in writing.

Coverage addresses the payments and deposits made for your trip that could not be used, limited to published cancellation penalties. It will apply excess of any refund available. If your travel has not yet begun, you must notify Global Medical Brigades within 72 hours of becoming aware of your need to cancel, or as soon as medically possible.

The maximum benefit payable under the Silver™ Plan is \$1,000, so in order to fully protect the cost of your trip you must purchase additional insurance, such as with the voluntary upgrade. You must purchase the cancellation upgrade no later than two weeks after you make your last payment for the Global Medical Brigades trip.

If you would like higher limits of coverage, upgrades are available for limits up to \$8,000.. Click on the “Go to Your Profile” button and then on “Purchase Options” [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com) for premiums. Coverage cannot be purchased after you have begun any part of of your international journey.

Note that this cancellation benefit is not as broad as many of those found on some travel insurance policies. It responds to medical reasons for cancellation (please note that there is an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions). Coverage, for example, does not apply if your travel provider goes bankrupt or if the airline goes on strike. You will need to obtain a different

insurance policy to address these kinds of cancellation losses. For more information about the trip cancellation benefit, go to [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com)

**28. How does this coverage address War Risks?**

There is no exclusion for war risks in the policy, and no countries are specifically excluded from coverage. However, the policy operates in compliance with the US State Department Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Coverage is not provided to entities sanctioned under OFAC.

**29. How do I make a claim under this policy?**

You need to send a completed claim form and original medical bills within 90 days to ACI, who provide claims services for the insurance company. Find the claim form by contacting ACI, or at [www.coretravelinsurance.com](http://www.coretravelinsurance.com) in the Claims section. At your request, and of course subject to coverage, ACI will either compensate the medical provider directly, or reimburse you if you have already paid the bill.

For fastest service, send claims by fax or email, including backup information, to :

Email: [aciclaims@acitpa.com](mailto:aciclaims@acitpa.com)

The toll-free telephone number to call about claims is 1-888-293-9229.  
Press option 2 for claims assistance.

Claims can also be mailed to:

Administrative Concepts, Inc. (ACI)  
PO Box 400  
Collegeville, PA 19426  
[www.acitpa.com](http://www.acitpa.com)

Fax: 610-293-9299

The ACI website address is [www.acitpa.com](http://www.acitpa.com).

Zurich customers have access to the ACI's Online Claims Portal. Please consult with ACI on the specifics of using that service.

Your policy number is GPT 0553113.

**30. What if I need to leave the host country because of a natural disaster or political instability?**

The insurance company and/or the travel assistance company will assess the situation and advise the best course of action. If the recommendation is to evacuate, the insurance company

and/or the travel assistance provider will arrange for your evacuation out because of these risks, even if you have not experienced an injury or an illness but just need to get to safety. The limit of coverage is \$10,000.

An evacuation means extricating you from the country because of an imminent physical danger arising from natural disaster or political instability involving the program location that could cause grave physical harm or death. All arrangements must be made by Zurich Travel Assist and/or by their designated security consulting firm in order to be covered.

Evacuation will be to the nearest place of safety, which means a place where you can be safe, get transportation and find lodging. Then, within 14 days, the policy will pay for your transportation back to your home country, to the country where your program is located, or back to the host country if return is safe and permitted. It will cover your expenses for food and lodging (up to \$200 per day for ten days) and physical protection, as well as for transportation via the most efficient and available means. Benefits are payable only once for any one occurrence of natural disaster or political instability.

A natural disaster means a storm, earthquake, flood, volcanic eruption, wildfire or similar event that is due to natural causes. It must cause so much damage that the local government determines the location to be a disaster area and the area itself is deemed dangerous or uninhabitable. The evacuation can take place up to seven days after the natural disaster has occurred.

Political instability means political, social or military events happening in the country of travel that indicate that you should leave the country. These can be an advisory from the appropriate authorities in your home government or the host government that says that their citizens should leave, or a documented threat of physical harm. The insurer will seek to recover their costs if the volunteer or participant is found to have been an active participant in the event.

If the volunteer or participant is reported missing to, or considered kidnapped by, local and international authorities, the coverage can respond with services from the security consultant designated by the insurer to get information. Coverage does not include payment of ransom.

Coverage does not respond to epidemic or pandemic disease. Zurich Travel Assistance is not responsible for the availability of transport services. Where an evacuation becomes impractical because of hostile or dangerous conditions, the security consultant will work to keep contact with the volunteer or participant until the evacuation occurs. The insurance company does not accept liability arising from the security evacuation situation. This coverage can change with limited notice. There are other very specific exclusions, terms and conditions that govern this benefit that can be found in the insurance policy.

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