

<b>Disease Level</b>	<b>The medical conditions caused by HCV that will qualify an HCV Infected Person for the various Disease Levels under the Plan</b>	<b>Lump sum compensation payment at various Disease Levels</b>	<b>Cumulative lump sum compensation payments</b>	<b>Loss of income OR compensation for loss of home services</b>	<b>Payment for side effects of taking Compensable HCV Drug Therapy</b>	<b>Reimbursement for uninsured treatment and medication costs and out-of-pocket expenses</b>	<b>Reimbursement for costs of care</b>
<b>1</b>	You are <b>Disease Level 1</b> if blood tests demonstrate the HCV antibody is present in your blood.	<b>\$17,607</b> for being at Disease Level 1	<b>\$17,607</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Available	Not available
<b>2</b>	You are <b>Disease Level 2</b> if your positive polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test demonstrates that HCV is present in your blood.	<b>\$35,214</b> upon reaching Disease Level 2	<b>\$52,821</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Available	Not Available
<b>3</b>	You are at <b>Disease Level 3</b> if one or more of these applies to you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop non-bridging fibrosis,</li> <li>• receive HCV Drug Therapy with interferon or ribavirin;</li> <li>• receive a DAA treatment that causes side effects seriously interfering with your activities of daily living, as certified by your treating physician</li> </ul>	<b>Option One</b> <b>\$52,821</b> upon reaching Disease Level 3	<b>\$105,642*</b>	Not Available	<b>\$1,761</b> per month completed	Available	Not Available
		<b>Option Two</b> If you waive the lump sum payment at Disease Level 3 you may claim your loss of income <b>OR</b> loss of services earlier than otherwise available.	<b>\$52,821</b>	Available	<b>\$1,761</b> per month completed	Available	Not Available
<b>4</b>	You are at <b>Disease Level 4</b> if you develop bridging fibrous in the portal areas of the liver with fibrous bands bridging to other portal areas or to central veins but without nodular formation or nodular regeneration.	There is no lump sum payment at Disease Level but you may begin to claim your loss of income or loss of services	<b>\$105,642*</b>	Available	<b>\$1,761</b> per month completed	Available	Not Available

5	<p>You are at <b>Disease Level 5</b> if you develop one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cirrhosis;</li> <li>• unresponsive porphyria cutanea tarda causing significant disfigurement and disability;</li> <li>• unresponsive thrombocytopenia (low platelets) associated with purpura or other excessive or spontaneous bleeding or low platelets; or</li> <li>• glomerulonephritis not requiring dialysis.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$114,446</b> upon reaching Disease Level 5</p>	<p><b>\$220,088*</b></p>	<p>Available</p>	<p><b>\$1,761</b> per month completed</p>	<p>Available</p>	<p>Not Available</p>
6	<p>You are at <b>Disease Level 6</b> if you develop one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decompensation of the liver;</li> <li>• hepatocellular cancer;</li> <li>• B-cell lymphoma;</li> <li>• symptomatic mixed</li> <li>• cryoglobulinemia;</li> <li>• glomerulonephritis requiring dialysis;</li> <li>• renal failure; or</li> <li>• receive a liver transplant.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$176,070</b> upon reaching Disease Level 6</p>	<p><b>\$396,158*</b></p>	<p>Available</p>	<p><b>\$1,761</b> per month completed</p>	<p>Available</p>	<p>Available to a maximum of <b>\$88,035</b> per annum</p>

- **\* Note:** These compensation payments are cumulative and assume that the Option One compensation payment was chosen at Disease Level 3. If Option Two was chosen at Disease Level 3 the cumulative amount shown marked with an \* must be reduced by \$52,821.
- **\*\*** The amounts shown in this chart are in 2025 dollars. These amounts will however be indexed to the dollar value of the year in which they are paid out.
- **\*\*\*** The 13 Special Distribution Benefits ordered by the Courts in 2017, 2018 and 2023 are included in the amounts shown in the chart above.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 1?**

A person infected with the Hepatitis C Virus (**HCV**) is considered to be at Disease Level 1 if he or she has the hepatitis C antibody present in his or her blood as demonstrated by a blood test using a commercially available assay, and he or she does not meet the criteria at a higher disease level.

### **What compensation is payable at Disease Level 1?**

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 1 will be paid the \$19,104 Disease Level 1 lump sum compensation payment.

### **Are there other benefits recoverable at Disease Level 1?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 1 may also be compensated for:

- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician;
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 1?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 1 is not entitled to compensation for benefits recoverable only at higher disease levels, such as:

- loss of income and the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan;
- payments for loss of services in the home; and
- care costs such as home nursing services.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 2?**

An HCV Infected Person is considered to be at Disease Level 2 if he or she has the hepatitis C virus present in his or her blood as demonstrated by a positive PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test from a commercially available assay, and he or she does not meet the criteria for a higher disease level.

### **What compensation is payable at Disease Level 2?**

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 2 will be paid the \$38,207 Disease Level 2 lump sum compensation payment (plus the Disease Level 1 lump sum compensation payment if it hasn't already been paid).

### **Are there other benefits recoverable at Disease Level 2?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 2 may also be compensated for:

- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician;
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 2?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 2 is not entitled to compensation for certain benefits which are recoverable only at higher Disease Levels, such as:

- loss of income and the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan;
- payments for loss of services in the home; and
- care costs such as home nursing services.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 3?**

An HCV Infected Person is considered to be at Disease Level 3 if he or she:

- develops non-bridging fibrosis caused by his or her HCV; or
  - has taken Compensable HCV Drug Therapy treatment which includes interferon or ribavirin; or
  - has taken a DAA treatment which caused side effects that significantly interfered with his or her activities of daily living as certified by the treating physician,
- and he or she does not meet the criteria for a higher disease level.

### **What compensation is payable at Disease Level 3?**

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 may choose between **TWO options**:

**Option One**: An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 who chooses Option One will be paid the \$57,311 Disease Level 3 lump sum compensation payment (plus the lump sum compensation payment for Disease Level 2 and/or Disease Level 1, if they haven't already been paid).

**Option Two:** An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 who chooses Option Two can waive the \$57,311 Disease Level 3 lump sum compensation payment and instead choose to be paid either his or her loss of income as calculated under the Plan including the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan OR his or her loss of services in the home to a maximum of \$465 weekly. (He or she will also be paid the lump sum compensation payment for Disease Level 2 and/or Disease Level 1, if they haven't already been paid.)

### **Are there other benefits payable at Disease Level 3?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 (either Option One or Option Two), may also be compensated for:

- the monthly payment of \$1,761 for each completed month of Compensable HCV Drug Therapy treatment which includes interferon or ribavirin or each month of DAA treatment causing side effects that significantly interfered with activities of daily living as certified by his or her treating physician;
- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician;
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 3?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 who chooses Option One will not be compensated for certain benefits which are recoverable only at higher Disease Levels, such as:

- loss of income and the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan.
- payments for loss of services in the home; and
- care costs such as home nursing services.

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 3 who chooses Option Two will not be compensated for care costs such as home nursing services which are recoverable only at a higher Disease Level.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 4?**

An HCV Infected Person is considered to be at Disease Level 4 if he or she has bridging fibrosis caused by his or her HCV, and he or she does not meet the criteria for a higher disease level.

### **What compensation is available at Disease Level 4?**

There is no lump sum Disease Level 4 compensation payment. Instead, an HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 4 is eligible to be paid his or her loss of income caused by HCV including the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan OR his or her loss of services in the home caused by HCV to a maximum of \$465 weekly. (He or she will also be entitled to be paid the lump sum compensation payment for Disease Level 1, Disease Level 2 and Disease Level 3 (assuming he/she did not choose Disease Level 3, Option Two), if they haven't already been paid.)

### **Are there other benefits payable at Disease Level 4?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 4 may also be compensated for:

- the monthly payment of \$1,761 for each completed month of Compensable HCV Drug Therapy treatment which includes interferon or ribavirin or each month of DAA treatment causing side effects that significantly interfered with activities of daily living as certified by his or her treating physician;
- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician;
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 4?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 4 will not be compensated for care costs such as home nursing services which are recoverable only at Disease Level 6.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 5?**

An HCV Infected Person is considered to be at Disease Level 5 if he or she has developed any one or more of the following medical conditions caused by his or her HCV:

- cirrhosis of the liver;
  - unresponsive porphyria cutanea tarda which is causing significant disfigurement and disability;
  - unresponsive thrombocytopenia (low platelets) which is associated with purpura or other spontaneous bleeding, or which results in excessive bleeding following trauma or a platelet count below  $30 \times 10^9$  ; or
  - glomerulonephritis not requiring dialysis,
- and he or she does not meet the criteria for a higher disease level.

### **What compensation is available at Disease Level 5?**

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 5 will be paid the \$124,174 Disease Level 5 lump sum compensation payment. (He or she will also be entitled to be paid the lump sum compensation payment for Disease Level 1, Disease Level 2 and/or Disease Level 3 (provided he or she did not choose Disease Level 3, Option Two), if they haven't already been paid.)

### **Are there other benefits payable at Disease Level 5?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 5 may also be compensated for:

- either his or her loss of income and the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan OR his or her loss of services in the home to a maximum of \$465 weekly;
- the monthly payment of \$1,761 for each completed month of Compensable HCV Drug Therapy treatment which includes interferon or ribavirin or each month of DAA treatment causing side effects that significantly interfered with activities of daily living as certified by his or her treating physician;
- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician; and
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 5?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 5 will not be compensated for care costs such as home nursing services which are recoverable only at a Disease Level 6.

### **Who is considered to be at Disease Level 6?**

An HCV Infected Person is considered to be at Disease Level 6 if he or she has developed any one or more of the following conditions caused by his or her HCV:

- decompensation of the liver;
- hepatocellular cancer;
- B-cell lymphoma;
- symptomatic mixed cryoglobulinemia;
- glomerulonephritis requiring dialysis;
- renal failure; or
- received a liver transplant.

### **What compensation is available at Disease Level 6?**

An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 6 will be paid the \$191,036 Disease Level 6 lump sum compensation payment. (He or she will also be paid the lump sum compensation payment for Disease Level 1, Disease Level 2, Disease Level 3 (provided he or she did not choose Disease Level 3, Option Two) and/or Disease Level 5, if they haven't already been paid.)

### **Are there other benefits payable at Disease Level 6?**

Yes. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 6 may also be compensated for:

- care costs such as home nursing services paid to a maximum of \$105,642 per year;
- either his or her loss of income and the amount payable because of his or her inability to contribute to a pension plan OR his or her loss of services in the home to a maximum of \$465 weekly;
- the monthly payment of \$1,761 for each completed month of Compensable HCV Drug Therapy treatment which includes interferon or ribavirin or each month of DAA treatment causing side effects that significantly interfered with activities of daily living as certified by his or her treating physician;
- uninsured HCV treatment and medication expenses incurred on the recommendation of his or her treating physician;
- out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, meals and other similar expenses attributable to seeking medical advice regarding HCV in accordance with federal expense guidelines; and
- out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred in successfully establishing a claim in accordance with a court approved tariff.

### **Are there any benefits which are not recoverable at Disease Level 6?**

No. An HCV Infected Person approved at Disease Level 6 is entitled to all benefits under the HCV Late Claims Benefit Plan applicable to his or her personal situation.



