

**BEST DOCTORS ELITE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICE -  
PRODUCT FEATURES FOR COMPANIES 10 EMPLOYEES AND UP.**

We all know the kind of wait times we experience today for medical services. If you require Diagnostic Imaging to help diagnose a serious medical condition, you can be facing a 2 to 3 month wait, or even longer. Of course, this adds additional anxiety to the stress of worrying what the results of the test will be.

**BEST DOCTORS ELITE DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES PROVIDES RAPID ACCESS TO DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES AND MEDICAL CONSULTING BY COMBINING FOUR ESSENTIAL SERVICES.**

Canadians are facing unreasonably long wait times to access even the most basic medical services. In October 2007, the Fraser Institute reported wait times in Canada had increased by 97 percent between 1993 and 2007. These wait times are consistently and significantly longer than physicians feel are clinically reasonable.

**PRODUCT FEATURES:**

<b>Membership</b>	Individual – 1 adult Extended Family: Spouse and unmarried children under age 21, or under age 25 if they are full-time students Children under age 21 are not covered if they are working more than 30 hours per week, unless they are full-time students. Children who are incapable of supporting themselves because of physical or mental disorder are covered without age limit if the disorder begins before they turn 21, or while they are students under 25, and the disorder has been continuous since that time.
<b>Enrolment</b>	Mandatory for all eligible members in a group
<b>Minimum</b>	Is a group of 10 members
<b>Issue Ages</b>	18 – 65 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>Pre-Existing Condition Clause</b>	None
<b>Portability</b>	Fully portable for lifetime of the member providing the member is a resident of Alberta and continues payment
<b>Medical Requirements</b>	No medical underwriting or evidence of insurability is required
<b>Best Doctors Services</b>	Elite Diagnostic Imaging Service (CT'S AND MRI'S), InterConsultation, FindBestDoc, FindBestCare.

	Immediate access to Best Doctors where a Registered Nurse becomes the member's advocate. Access to diagnostic tests within 72 hours of appointment being booked by Best Doctors. (Physician's prescription for diagnostic test required).
<b>Covered Medical Conditions</b>	Unlimited Usage and Unrestricted Access to InterConsultation, FindBestDoc, and FindBestCare for any medical condition with the exception of mental, nervous and chronic pain conditions such as Fibromyalgia  Diagnostic Imaging is subject to a lifetime maximum of 3 diagnostic tests (CT's and MRI's) per medical condition.
<b>Waiting Period</b>	50 Employees Plus – No waiting period. 90 day waiting period for groups less than 50 employees
<b>Fees</b>	\$12.00 per month for each card

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## HOW WILL YOUR EMPLOYEES BENEFIT FROM HAVING THIS COVERAGE?

- Employees and their treating doctors get access to 50,000 renowned specialists worldwide through Best Doctors InterConsultation program - an exhaustive medical analytical process completed by our multidisciplinary team of Harvard affiliated doctors who analyze the member's medical information and tests and redo all pathology. Based on the analysis, the appropriate specialist is selected from the Best Doctors database to confirm diagnosis and treatment options to the member and their treating physician.
- Employees are empowered with knowledge, guidance and support when faced with a serious illness or injury.
- Their average 80 day wait time for diagnostic testing is reduced to 72 hours.
- There is a significant improvement in the overall care, recovery time, and outcome for employees by accurately diagnosing

Members will have rapid access to diagnostic facilities. An appointment at a private imaging clinic will be available within 72 hours.

Members have access to a network of 50,000 world renowned specialists; peer voted the best in their field, ensuring that the right diagnosis and the right treatment plan has been made.

Please contact Sean Murray at The Benefit Specialists Corp to set up this plan.



A 33 year old woman who had completely lost her sight over a period of months was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour requiring emergency open head surgery, which was both disfiguring and dangerous. Because of where the tumour was situated, the optic nerve would have to be cut resulting in permanent blindness. Her employee benefit coverage included Best Doctors services. She turned to Best Doctors in hopes that they may know of an alternative treatment. The registered nurse assigned to her case took the information and arranged for all of her records and history to be sent to a team of Harvard affiliated specialists. This team is specially trained to take nothing at face value. These experts re-read all of her imaging and diagnostic tests, and analyzed her case. In this case, the Best Doctors team discovered she did not have a life-threatening tumour. Instead, she had sarcoidosis, a treatable inflammatory condition. Rather than looking for a neurosurgeon they looked for a rheumatologist in the Best Doctors database and forwarded their assessment for final determination and expert advice on treatment.

This expert confirmed her condition was sarcoidosis. The Best Doctors expert rheumatologist immediately phoned her surgeon and recommended he cancel the imminent emergency operation. Her surgeon was sceptical, but at the urgent insistence of the specialist, agreed to delay the operation for 48 hours. During this time, anti-inflammatory drugs were administered intravenously. The change was dramatic, as her eyesight began to return shortly after treatment started. Today she is a healthy, active woman with full eyesight and thankful

### **WHAT VALUE IS GAINED BY THE EMPLOYER?**

- Immediate access to diagnostic testing and treatment protocols helps employers reposition employee health benefits by offering more than financial support.
- Membership fees are stable and therefore provide a budgetable investment that is predictable. This allows a portion of your health care benefits to be placed on a fixed versus variable cost platform.
- The “hidden” costs incurred by your organization related to lost work time, decreased productivity associated with physical impairment and anxiety, increased drug costs, and physical and psychological pain and suffering may be reduced.
- The number of long term disability claims may be reduced as is the financial obligation on short term disability plan.