

# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE MADE SIMPLE

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# About Boone Insurance Associates

- Boone Insurance Associates provides health and life insurance products to clients all over Oregon.
- We work directly with the companies to resolve any of your claim, benefit, & premium questions.
- Unlike a captive insurance producer who represents that insurance company alone, we are independent of a specific insurance company and represent a variety of different companies and products.
- Boone Insurance Associates provides this educational program today to help inform you. There is no obligation for you to purchase services from us.

**“Our pledge is to provide our clients with superior customer service and product knowledge in order to guide them in making the most informed decisions.”**

# Terminology

- **Deductible:** A specific dollar amount that your health insurance company may require that you pay out-of-pocket each year before your health insurance plan begins to make payments for claims.
- **Coinsurance:** The amount that you are obliged to pay for covered medical services after you've satisfied any co-payment or deductible required by your health insurance plan. Coinsurance is typically expressed as a percentage of the charge or allowable charge for a service rendered by a healthcare provider. For example, if your insurance company covers 80% of the allowable charge for a specific service, you may be required to cover the remaining 20% as coinsurance.
- **Maximum Limit:** the maximum amount of money an insurance company will pay you for a covered loss.

# What is International Travel Insurance?

- International Travel Insurance is a travel medical insurance that provides coverage for any unexpected injuries, illnesses, or travel risks while you are traveling abroad.
- International travel can quickly turn into a frightening situation if you're not prepared for a medical emergency. Most travelers assume they will be covered by their standard medical plan, but that isn't always the case. While traditional plans may offer adequate domestic coverage, they are not designed for international travel. These plans will include additional benefits like emergency evacuation, return of mortal remains, accidental death and dismemberment, and others.
- International Travel Insurance is temporary and is intended for the short term only. Your coverage will end when the term you selected is finished, though you maybe able to apply for additional terms of coverage after your first term is complete

# How International Travel Insurance Works

## □ Cost

- Compared to traditional major medical coverage, short-term plans are often more affordable. Most International Travel plans have a daily rate based on your age, zip code, and other factors.
- Travel insurance primarily works in a reimbursement structure. You will get reimbursed from the travel insurance company if they approve your claim.
- You will generally need to provide documentation of your issue while filing a claim. This documentation could be a medical bill, statement from the airline or a flight schedule depending on the situation.

## □ Limitations

- Purchase travel insurance before anything actually happens to disrupt your trip. Once the event has occurred, like an act of terrorism, illness or severe weather, you can no longer purchase a plan to cover that or any related events.
- International Travel Insurance is intended to provide you with protection against out-of-pocket costs in case of unexpected injury or hospitalization. Short-term plans may not cover prescription drugs and typically do not cover maternity care or care for pre-existing medical conditions.

## □ Liability

- Short Term plans generally do not meet the minimum essential benefits as required by the Affordable Care Act and therefore, you may still be subject to a penalty on your federal tax return for being under-insured

# Types of Plans:

- **International:** provides coverage for people traveling outside their home country whose destination excludes the United States or its territories (limited coverage for brief returns to the United States or its territories).
- **American:** provides coverage for people traveling outside their home country whose destination includes the United States or its territories.
- **Crew:** a long-term, worldwide medical insurance program for professional marine captains and crew.
- **Mission:** a long-term, worldwide medical insurance program for missionaries and their families
- **Adventure Sports:** Optional coverage you can add on to your policy that cover high risk activities that are engaged solely for leisure, recreation, or entertainment purposes
- **Chaperone/Faculty Leader Replacement:** Optional coverage that groups may purchase in the event that an insured person who is designated as a Chaperone/Faculty Leader by the sponsoring organization has an unexpected death of a relative, a medical emergency, or the substantial destruction of the principal residence in his/her home country, which causes the insured person to have to cancel or interrupt travel.

# Enrollment Information

- With most International Travel plans, anyone is eligible to apply including dependent children
- There is no enrollment period for International Travel plans and you can generally start the next day after you apply.
- You can choose your own coverage term. Most plan periods will range from 5 days up to a maximum of two years
- When you apply for an International Travel plan you will typically indicate how long your term will be after which it will automatically cancel.
- If you want to extend your International Travel coverage you will usually be required to apply again at the end of your current term. Most plans are renewable and can be extended until reaching a maximum of 24 months.