



## **New travel medical insurance plan aims to save money for small and large Canadian companies**

*TravelSure may be customized to suit all group benefits plans*

**Richmond, BC, August 5, 2005** - Travel Underwriters, a specialty provider of travel insurance products, has launched a new travel medical insurance plan designed for Canadian employee group health benefits packages.

TravelSure is a travel insurance plan that covers medical expenses in excess of what provincial health plans cover in case of emergencies such as accidents and sickness.

TravelSure provides value for organizations by reducing benefits costs per member while offering more comprehensive travel protection. By removing the travel health insurance component from the benefits package and replacing it with TravelSure, brokers and benefits consultants can help their clients reduce their overall costs and provide better coverage for employees and their families. Currently, the addition of an annual medical travel policy increases the costs of most group benefits packages.

Travel Underwriters partners with brokers and benefits consultants to distribute TravelSure. Kathy Starko, president of Travel Underwriters, said this product is designed to help brokers target both small and large companies: "Travel Underwriters offers the highest level of customization. We are the only provider of group travel insurance that offers a flexible commission structure with competitive rates, allowing our partners to adapt the product to their clients' needs."

Coverage includes hospital and physician fees, diagnostic services, emergency air transportation, interpretation services, return of insured to destination after emergency treatment, direct claims payment capabilities, among other benefits.

### **About Travel Underwriters**

Travel Underwriters, a member of the TU Group, develops and administers medical and travel insurance products for Canadians, visitors to Canada and international students studying in Canada. TU Group is privately owned and oversees the strategic direction of member companies including: Travel Underwriters, OneWorld Medicare, OneWorldRx, OneWorld Assist, and TravelGold Mexico. Based in Richmond, BC, TU Group began operation in 1964 and now has office locations in Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, San Diego and Mexico City.

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