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Billing Deadline

Please ensure any changes in staffing, coverage, etc... are submitted prior to August 26, 2025 for September 2025 billing.

All changes need to be in place in order to make the billing cycle. Updates filed after the 18th will show on the following month's billing.

For **New Addition, Changes, and Terminations**, we would prefer a scanned and emailed copy to <u>GroupBenefits@ara.bc.ca</u>. We still need the originally signed **enrollment and change forms**, so please mail these to the ARA office as normal.

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Dependent Children over age 21

Over-age dependents between the ages of 21 and 25 may still be eligible for coverage if they meet the following requirements: they are full-time students, are not in a marriage-like relationship and are fully dependent on you for financial support.

Please complete a <u>Student Verification Form</u> and send the original copy to the ARA Group Plan Department. Supporting documentation may be required (e.g. letter of acceptance, course schedule). Some post-secondary facilities automatically include dental and/or extended health coverage in their fees. Some will waive the coverage if the student has alternative coverage. Simply request a confirmation of benefits letter when you send your Student Verification Form.

Industry Update



Senior Industry Relations Advisor Ken Hendricks met with BC Ferries and ICBC today to discuss the safe transport of electric vehicles aboard BC Ferries.

Last week, BC Ferries updated its safety policy regarding the transport of damaged EVs on tow trucks. We're hopeful that a workable solution will be found. In the coming weeks, a working committee will be formed to develop policy and procedures that ensure electric vehicles can be safely transported on BC Ferries while maintaining the highest standards of public safety

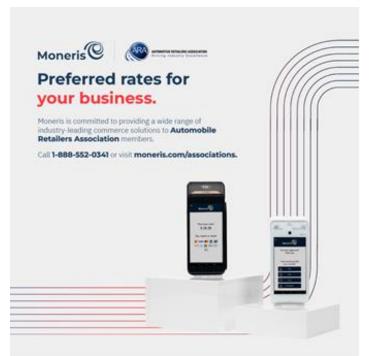
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