

TRAVEL INFORMATION FROM BLUE CROSS FOR THOSE TRAVELLING TO CUBA AFTER MAY 1, 2010

Effective May 1, 2010 Cuba will make it mandatory for all visitors to hold either travel health insurance from providers approved by the Cuban government or to purchase it from Cuban vendors at its ports of entry.

Approved companies are those, like CanAssistance, that are affiliated with Asistur SA, the official medical assistance society of Cuba. Because of Medavie Blue Cross's affiliation with CanAssistance, travellers who hold Medavie Blue Cross travel insurance are covered.

This new rule will apply to tourists and other visitors including visiting Cubans living abroad and foreigners temporarily living in Cuba. Diplomats and representatives of accredited international organizations will be exempt.

In order to avoid any potential difficulty we remind you pack the following in your carry-on luggage:

- A valid Canadian passport;
- Your provincial health care card;
- Your Medavie Blue Cross ID card.

More information is available from the Cuban Embassy to Canada's website, or read the update from the Travel Health Insurance Association of Canada.