

Employment Insurance is now being delivered by Service Canada – the Government of Canada’s new service delivery network that brings a range of federal services and benefits together to meet your individual needs.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPASSIONATE CARE BENEFITS**

Following a change to the Employment Insurance Regulations, the definition of “family member” has been expanded and you can now be eligible to receive Compassionate Care benefits to care for one of the following family members:

- your brother or sister, including step siblings and the siblings of your spouse or common-law partner,
- your grandparent, and their spouse or common-law partner, or the grandparent of your spouse or common-law partner,
- your grandchild, and their spouse or common-law partner, or the grandchild of your spouse or common-law partner,
- the spouse or common-law partner of your son or daughter, or of the son or daughter of your spouse or common-law partner,
- your father-in-law or mother-in-law and their spouse or common-law partner,
- your sibling’s spouse or common-law partner,
- your uncle or aunt and their spouse or common-law partner, or an uncle or aunt of your spouse or common-law partner,
- your nephew or niece and their spouse or common-law partner, or a nephew or niece of your spouse or common-law partner,



- your current or former foster parent, child, ward, guardian or tutor, and their spouse or common-law partner,
- ***Or a person that considers you to be like a family member (for instance a close friend or neighbour).***\*

**You will continue to be eligible to provide care to:**

- your child, or the child of your spouse or common-law partner;
- your spouse or common-law partner;
- your father or mother;
- your father's wife or your mother's husband, and the common-law partner of your father or mother.

**\*If you are a person considered “like a family member,” a signed attestation will be required from the gravely ill individual or their representative. This form is available at Service Canada Centres, or on the Service Canada website [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca).**

Compassionate care benefits are available to EI-eligible workers to take time away from their jobs to provide care or support to a loved one at significant risk of death within 26 weeks. For more information about eligibility for this benefit, please consult the Compassionate Care Benefit guide (IN-057), visit our website at [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca), or call toll free 1 800 206-7218.