

Are you aware that the BCRPVPA has Associate Members?

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Protect your partner by ensuring they continue their extended health and other benefits upon your death.

Upon the death of a member, spouses may immediately lose benefits in extended health or dental plans unless you protect them. To help protect our membership, the category of "Associate Membership" was established and placed into the Constitution of the BCRPVPA.

Section 1.3 Associate Member states:

Upon the death of an Active or Honourary Life Member, the spouse shall be eligible to apply to the Executive Committee for Associate membership and on acceptance and payment of annual membership dues, shall become an Associate member of the Association entitled to all benefits but without voting rights.

It is important, to have a discussion with your life partner, to ensure they are aware of this option. Partners can maintain your present extended health benefits and travel insurance or they can change to a different provider if you have had continuous coverage previously.

If you have any questions regarding this, you can email me for clarification. My email is gersoon@telus.net.