

THE FOLLOWING NOTICE ONLY PERTAINS TO HOSPITAL INDEMNITY COVERAGE

IMPORTANT: This is a fixed indemnity policy, NOT health insurance.

This fixed indemnity policy may pay you a limited dollar amount if you're sick or hospitalized. You're still responsible for paying the cost of your care.

- The payment you get isn't based on the size of your medical bill.
- There might be a limit on how much this policy will pay each year.
- This policy isn't a substitute for comprehensive health insurance.
- Since this policy isn't health insurance, it doesn't have to include most Federal consumer protections that apply to health insurance.

Looking for comprehensive health insurance?

- **Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)** or call **1-800-318-2596** (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) to find health coverage options.
- To find out if you can get health insurance through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.

Questions about this policy?

- For questions or complaints about this policy, contact your State Department of Insurance. Find their number on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' website ([naic.org](https://www.naic.org)) under "Insurance Departments."
- If you have this policy through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.



Hospital indemnity insurance

Hospital indemnity insurance can cover some of the cost associated with a hospital stay, letting you focus on recovery.

Being hospitalized for illness or injury can happen to anyone, at any time. While medical insurance may cover hospital bills, it may not cover all the costs associated with a hospital stay. That's where hospital indemnity coverage can help.

Who is it for?

Hospital indemnity insurance is for people who need help covering the costs associated with a hospital stay if they suddenly become sick or injured.

What does it cover?

If you are admitted to a hospital for a covered sickness or injury, you'll receive payments that can be used to cover all sorts of costs, including:

- Deductibles and co-pays.
- Travel to and from the hospital for treatment.
- Childcare service assistance while recovering.

Why should I consider it?

Health coverage is becoming more expensive, with higher co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. Hospital indemnity insurance can help pay for out-of-pocket costs associated with being hospitalized, giving you more of a financial safety net for unplanned expenses brought on by a hospital stay.

Plus, hospital indemnity insurance is portable and payments are made directly to you – even if you didn't incur any out-of-pocket expenses.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Be prepared

John is hospitalized after a heart attack, and has to cover the cost of five days as an inpatient.

Average heart attack hospitalization expense: **\$53,000**

Average Major Medical deductible: **\$1,500**

Major Medical covers 80% of the cost after the deductible is met, but John's still responsible for 20%: **\$10,300**.

Total out-of-pocket amount for John (deductible + coinsurance): **\$11,800**.

John's Guardian Hospital Indemnity policy pays him **\$1,000** for hospital admission.

The policy gives him a total payment of **\$1,000** to help cover the out-of-pocket amount.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



Your hospital indemnity coverage

Hospital Indemnity	
Option I	
Coverage Details	
Benefits	
Hospital/ICU Admission	\$1,000 per admission, limited to 1 admission(s) per insured and 3 admission(s) per covered family per benefit year.
Hospital/ICU Confinement	\$100/\$100 per day, limited to 15 day(s) per insured per benefit year.
Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation - A pre-existing condition includes any condition for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	
3 months prior, 12 months after	
Portability - Allows you to take your Hospital Indemnity coverage with you if you terminate employment.	
Included	
Child(ren) Age Limits	
Children age birth to 26 years	
Applicants over the age of 69 are not eligible to enroll in the Hospital Indemnity coverage.	

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Hospital Admission & Hospital ICU Admission benefits are not payable on the same day.

Premium will be waived if you are hospitalized for more than 30 days.

Hospital admission or confinement benefits are not payable for a newborn unless the child is admitted to the Neonatal ICU.

Hospital/ICU confinement benefits are not payable on the same day as Hospital/ICU admission benefit.

After initial enrollment, Hospital Indemnity coverage will continue as long as an insured is actively at work.



Your hospital indemnity coverage

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

In order to be eligible for coverage: Employees must be legally working: (a) in the United States or (b) outside the United States, for a US based employer, in a country or region approved by Guardian.

An applicant must enroll within 31 days of the coverage effective date. An open enrollment will occur each year during a 30 day time period specified by the policyholder. If an applicant does not enroll during their initial enrollment period, he/she may not enroll until the next open enrollment period.

This Plan will not pay benefits for:

- Treatment relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces), commission of or attempt to commit a felony, an act of terrorism, or participating in an illegal occupation, riot or insurrection.

- Suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury

Elective surgery;

Surgery to correct vision or hearing, unless medically necessary surgery for glaucoma, cataracts or other sickness or injury;

Dental care, dental xrays, or dental treatment;

Gastric or intestinal bypass services including lap banding, gastric stapling, and other similar procedures to facilitate weight loss; the reversal, or revision of such procedures; or services required for the treatment of complications from such procedures. This exclusion does not apply to completion of a weight reduction program that may be payable under the Health Screening benefit ;

Rest cures or custodial care, or treatment of sleep disorders;

Cosmetic surgery. This Exclusion does not apply to reconstructive surgery:

(a) on an injured part of the body following infection or disease of the involved part;

(b) of a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent newborn or adopted infant; or

(c) on a nondiseased breast to restore and achieve symmetry between two breasts following a covered Mastectomy;

Treatment or removal of warts, moles, boils, skin blemishes or birthmarks, bunions, acne, corns, calluses, the cutting and trimming of toenails, care for flat feet, fallen arches or chronic foot strain;

Service, treatment or loss related to alcoholism or drug addiction, except for drugs prescribed by the Covered Person's Doctor and taken as prescribed;

Care or treatment for mental or nervous disorders;

Services, treatment or loss rendered in any Veterans Administration or Federal Hospital, except if there is a legal obligation to pay;

Services or treatment Provided by a Doctor, Nurse or any other person who is employed or retained by a Covered Person or who is a Covered Person's Spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, Domestic Partner or partner in a civil union.

Surgery and treatment, procedures, products or services that are experimental or investigative.

Treatment of a Covered Dependent Child's Children;

Sickness or Injury sustained while on active duty in the armed forces of any country. This does not include Reserve or National Guard duty for training.

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Guardian Hospital Indemnity Insurance is underwritten by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY and will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. This policy provides limited hospital insurance only. It does not provide basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.
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