

The Nationwide Long-Term Care Rider II integrates life insurance with long-term care (LTC) benefits, enabling policyholders aged 21 to 80 to effectively manage potential LTC expenses. Upon claim approval, policyholders can access their LTC benefits flexibly without the need to submit monthly bills or receipts, allowing them to choose care from licensed professionals or informal caregivers, including family members. The rider guarantees a 100% monthly cash benefit paid directly to the policyowner, applicable for various LTC services such as home health care, assisted living, and nursing home care. However, exclusions apply for services related to suicide attempts, felonies, substance abuse, and conditions arising from war, as well as for pre-existing conditions not disclosed within six months of the policy's effective date. The benefits are structured as an acceleration of the life insurance death benefit, meaning that utilizing LTC benefits will reduce the death benefit available to beneficiaries. At application, the policyholder selects a specified long-term care amount and an acceleration percentage (2%, 3%, or 4%), which determines the maximum monthly benefit.

To qualify for LTC benefits, a licensed healthcare practitioner must certify that the insured has a severe cognitive impairment or is unable to perform two or more activities of daily living for at least 90 days. There is a 90-day elimination period before benefits commence, and an annual recertification of the care plan is required. The rider includes a lapse protection feature, ensuring that the policy will not lapse while benefits are being paid, even if there is insufficient cash value. It is essential to note that additional premiums are required to prevent lapsing of the LTC Rider II, and if benefits are utilized, they will reduce the death benefit dollar for dollar. In cases where the lapse protection feature is active at the time of the insured's death, the death benefit will be calculated based on the rider's specified amount, which may be lower than the total specified amount of the policy. Beneficiaries are guaranteed a minimum death benefit even if all LTC benefits have been exhausted, and to avoid a taxable event, the policy must remain in force if there is an outstanding loan balance after all LTC benefits are paid.

Nationwide offers personalized support for filing LTC claims, assisting with the claims process, care plans, and locating local care services. The Long-Term Care Rider II is guaranteed renewable, meaning it cannot be canceled or reduced unilaterally by Nationwide as long as the policy remains active. The monthly charge for the rider cannot exceed the maximum stated in the policy, although Nationwide may uniformly increase the charge up to that maximum for insureds of the same demographic. It is important to recognize that the LTC Rider II payout will reduce both the death benefit and cash surrender value, and there is no guarantee that the rider will cover all long-term care costs. Benefits are paid to the policyowner, and if the insured is not the policyowner, there is no assurance that the benefits will be used for long-term care. The rider incurs additional charges, and potential policyholders should consider the life policy itself rather than optional riders when making decisions. The rider includes exclusions, limitations, and terms for continuation or discontinuation, and consulting a financial professional for detailed information on costs and coverage options is advisable. When selecting a product, it is crucial to consider long-term life insurance needs, especially in light of personal changes such as marriage or job promotions. Life insurance costs vary based on health and age, and all guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company, not the broker or agency selling the policy. Coverage approval is subject to underwriting and may require a medical exam, with products issued by Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio.