

## Two options to help employees cover expenses after an accident

Scheduled Benefit or Per-Occurrence Accident Insurance



# Accidents can happen to anyone at any time.



Even with a good health care plan, out-of-pocket costs associated with an accident can be painful. The fact is, only 4 out of 10 U.S. households say they're able to cover an unexpected \$1,000 expense.<sup>1</sup> Could your employees afford the financial hit if an accident happened to them or someone in their family?

First Symetra offers two types of accident plans that can help relieve some of the financial pressure that employees and their families may face after an accidental injury. Benefits are paid regardless of any other health insurance employees may have and can be used for anything employees may need.

Understanding how both policies work can help you decide which plan fits best with your benefits package.

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## Choosing between a scheduled benefit or per-occurrence accident plan



#### Scheduled benefit accident insurance

Groups that typically choose scheduled benefit accident insurance view catastrophic injury protection as a high priority.



#### Per-occurrence accident insurance

Groups that typically choose per-occurrence accident insurance **look for greater financial protection for accidents that tend to be more common.** 

Plan features	Scheduled benefit accident insurance	Per-occurrence accident insurance
Guaranteed issue	✓	$\checkmark$
Flexible plan designs	✓	$\checkmark$
Tiered rates	✓	$\checkmark$
No coordination of benefits	✓	$\checkmark$
Automatic direct payroll deductions	✓	$\checkmark$
Additional coverage options	✓	
Portability, continuation and/or extension of coverage	✓	$\checkmark$
Accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) coverage	✓	
Broad definition of qualifying injuries		$\checkmark$

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#### Simple-to-use benefits

Scheduled benefit accident insurance pays fixed benefit amounts for covered injuries and services related to covered injuries. First Symetra offers three plan options—**Base**, **Classic** and **Premier**. Each plan offers the same schedule of coverage but at increasing benefit levels.

#### **Customizable coverage**

With First Symetra's scheduled benefit accident insurance, you can customize your coverage to ensure you have the right plan for your group. You decide who's eligible to enroll, which plan(s) to offer, and what additional coverage options to include.

 Decide who's eligible: employees only or employees plus spouse and eligible dependents. Offer one, two or all three plans: Base. Classic or Premier. Choose whether to offer additional coverages such as catastrophic accident benefits or non-occupational coverage.



#### How it works

Mike takes a fall during one of his hikes and breaks a leg. See the benefits he would receive for this covered injury under each plan.

Treatments and services	Base plan pays	Classic plan pays	Premier plan pays
Emergency room visit	\$150	\$200	\$300
X-ray	\$40	\$50	\$60
Treatment for leg fracture	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
Five physical therapy sessions	\$150	\$250	\$375
Total	\$2,340	\$3,000	\$3,735

Mike can use these benefits to pay for:

- Outstanding medical costs.
- Transportation to physical therapy sessions.
- Anything else he may need.

This example is for illustrative purposes only and is meant to provide a general overview of how coverage works. Any resemblance to actual persons is purely coincidental.

This is a brief description of our available benefits. For a complete list, please contact your First Symetra representative.

#### Scheduled benefit accident insurance

#### What's covered

We cover several types of accidental injuries, including the ones below. Please see your policy documents for a complete list of covered injuries.

#### **Common accidental injuries**

- Fractures
- Dislocations

- ✓ Second- and third-degree burns
- Lacerations
- Torn ligaments

We'll also pay a benefit for the following services if they're related to a covered injury.

## Emergency care and diagnostics

- ✓ Ambulance rides
- Emergency room admission
- 🗸 X-rays

#### **Additional coverages**

#### Catastrophic accident benefits\*

A lump-sum benefit is paid if an insured suffers accidental death, common carrier accidental death, or dismemberment as the direct result of an accident.

#### Follow-up care

Eye injuries

- Physical therapy
- Follow-up doctor visits
- Chiropractic visits
- Medical equipment
- ✓ Prosthetic devices

## Hospitalization and surgical procedures

- ✓ Hospital admission
- 🖌 ICU
- ✓ Surgery
- ✓ Rehabilitation
- Non-occupational coverage

First Symetra's scheduled benefit accident policy standardly provides 24-hour coverage for accidents that occur either on or off the job. A nonoccupational option is available for groups looking for coverage that applies only to accidents that occur outside of work.



#### Simple-to-use benefits

Per-occurrence accident insurance can help employees by paying for 100% of eligible services and supplies related to an accidental injury, up to the maximum benefit amount.<sup>2</sup>

There is no schedule of benefits, and eligible services related to the original accident are covered even if they're incurred on different days or with different providers.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Customizable coverage**

You can offer a plan that covers one or three accidents per person, per calendar year. You decide who's eligible to enroll, the number of occurrences covered in a calendar year and the per-occurrence benefit amount.

- Decide who's eligible: employees only or employees plus spouse and eligible dependents.
- Cover one or three occurrences per calendar year.
- Choose an available benefit amount that's between \$300 and \$10,000 per occurrence.



#### How it works

Carlos is enrolled in their company's per-occurrence accident insurance, which has a **\$2,500 per-accident benefit**. When Carlos breaks an ankle, they have to go to the emergency room, get x-rays and follow up with other specialists throughout the recovery process.

Treatments and services	Medical expenses
Emergency room	\$720
X-ray and lab tests	\$510
Diagnostic testing (MRI)	\$850
Physician fees	\$300
Physical therapy	\$690
Total	\$3,070

Total related medical bills:\$3,070Per-occurrence accident benefit:\$2,500Remaining out-of-pocket costs:\$570

Since Carlos' eligible medical expenses total more than \$2,500, Carlos receives the full \$2,500 peraccident benefit. These funds are paid regardless of any other insurance coverage and can be used for anything.

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#### Per-occurrence accident insurance

#### What's covered

Eligible expenses in the following categories would be covered to the maximum benefit amount if they are the result of an accident.

#### X-rays, MRIs and CT scans

Benefits are provided when they are performed by a licensed physician.

#### Inpatient prescription drugs

Benefits are provided if an insured, once confined in a hospital, is prescribed and administered drugs by a licensed health care provider.

#### Dental

Benefits are provided for treatment performed by a licensed physician or licensed dentist in connection with the following:

- ✓ Dislocation of jaw
- Injury to natural teeth
- Closed or open reduction of a fracture

#### Surgery

Benefits are provided when surgical procedures are performed by a licensed physician.

#### Medical

Benefits are provided for the following services and supplies when they are provided by a licensed physician or other licensed health care provider:

- ✓ Physician office visits
- Emergency room visits
- Outpatient hospital visits
- Urgent care visits
- Chiropractic visits
- Rehabilitation services
- ✓ Nursing services

#### Inpatient hospital

Benefits are provided when all of the following conditions are met:

- The insured is confined in a hospital.
- A charge is made for room and board.
- The entire duration of the hospital confinement is recommended and approved by a physician.
- Confinement is the result of a non-occupational accident.
- The services and supplies used are not excluded under the exclusions and limitations provision of the policy.

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When you choose First Symetra, you'll benefit from the support of our in-house administration and service teams:

- Seamless policy implementation and enrollment support from your dedicated implementation manager.
- Personal, consultative service from your dedicated account manager.
- Accessible, responsive and empathetic customer service representatives for benefits questions and claims support.
- Convenient online plan administration via Group Online (GO).

To learn more about which accident insurance plan is right for your benefits package, talk to your First Symetra representative.



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Coverage may be subject to exclusions, limitations, reductions and termination of benefit provisions.

- <sup>1</sup> René Bennett, "The average amount in U.S. savings accounts—how does your cash stack up?", *Bankrate*, Dec 21, 2022.
- <sup>2</sup> Unless covered by workers' compensation or similar law.
- <sup>3</sup> Expenses must be incurred within 52 weeks from the date of the accident, and the first expense must be incurred within 60 days after the date of the accident.