

**SUMMARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LIFE AND HEALTH  
INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT of 2019 (RSA 408-F) (the Act)  
AND  
NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS**

**SUMMARY:**

This notice provides a brief summary of the purpose of the New Hampshire Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (Association) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under New Hampshire law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law and it does not in any way change one's rights or obligations under the Act or the rights or obligations of the Association.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity, or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with New Hampshire law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies, including health maintenance organizations (HMOs).

**DISCLAIMER:**

The Association may not cover your policy or contract or, if coverage is available, it may be subject to substantial limitations and exclusions and conditioned on continued residence in the state.

This protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well managed and financially stable and consumers should not rely on coverage under this Act when selecting an insurer or HMO. The valuable protection through the Guaranty Association is not unlimited.

**COVERAGE:**

Generally, individuals will be protected by the New Hampshire Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association if they live in this state and hold a life or health insurance policy or an annuity contract, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, assignees or payees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

Coverage provided under the current, amended Act may be different from coverage provided prior to 2020, as coverage is determined by the governing Act in effect on the date that the Association becomes obligated.

**BASIC LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE:**

The Act limits the amount the Association is obligated to pay. The Association cannot pay more than what the insurance company would owe under a policy or contract.

The basic protections provided by the Association are limited to:

- **Life Insurance**
  - \* \$300,000 in death benefits
  - \* \$100,000 in cash surrender and withdrawal values
- **Health Insurance**
  - \* \$500,000 for health benefit plans (see definition below)
  - \* \$300,000 in disability (income) insurance benefits
  - \* \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - \* \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- **Annuities**
  - \* \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

With respect to any one life, the Association will pay a maximum of \$300,000 no matter how many policies and contracts there were with the same company, even if they provided different types of coverages, except with respect to benefits for basic hospital, medical and surgical insurance and major medical insurance, in which case the aggregate liability of the Association shall not exceed \$500,000 with respect to any one individual.

“Health benefit plan” is defined in RSA 408-F:4,VI and generally includes hospital or medical expense policies, contracts or certificates, or HMO subscriber contracts that provide comprehensive forms of coverage for hospitalization or medical services, but excludes policies that provide coverages for limited benefits (such as dental-only or vision-only insurance), Medicare Supplement insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance.

Benefits provided by a long-term care (LTC) rider to a life insurance policy or an annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

**NOTE: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or may not be fully covered.** For example, coverage does not extend to a portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

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