

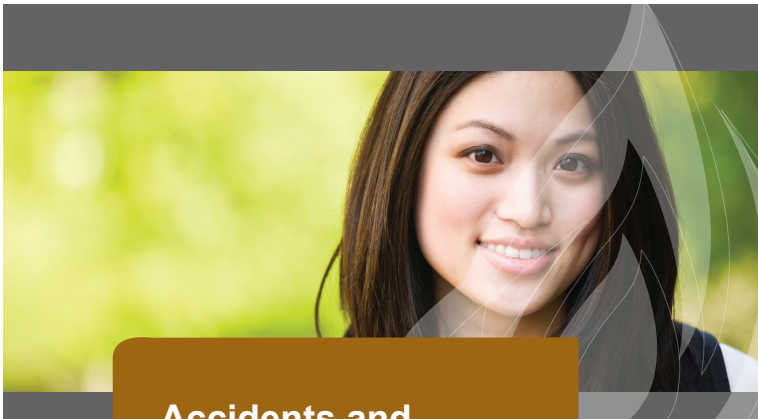
Secure Lite

Short-term medical insurance
for individuals and families



Underwritten by Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York, a member of The IHC Group. The IHC Group is an insurance organization composed of Independence Holding Company (NYSE:IHC) and its operating subsidiaries and has been providing life, health and stop-loss insurance solutions for nearly 30 years. For more information on The IHC Group visit www.ihcgroup.com.





Accidents and illnesses are impartial to your insurance status.

They can happen at any time—to anyone—and may cause serious financial hardship.

When life leaves you temporarily uninsured, the Secure Lite medical insurance plan helps protect you in the meantime. Secure Lite offers short-term coverage with affordable premium achieved through carefully selected benefit limitations. Coverage is available for 30 days to six months.

Life changes

While the need for short-term coverage may be anticipated after college graduation, there are employment or life changes that also present the need for temporary medical insurance.

▸ Newly hired

Often an employer-sponsored plan will have a waiting period before health insurance benefits begin, which means you will need coverage to bridge the gap.

▸ Between jobs

If you've recently been laid off or let go from your job, you may need coverage until you secure another position with benefits.

▸ Return from active military duty

Once you arrive home from active duty, Secure Lite provides coverage while you transition and look for employment with benefits.

Filling the gap

If your application is approved, coverage can begin as early as the day following your online application submission and last up to six months.*

* Maximum coverage length varies by state.

Secure Lite plan selections

Deductible

The selected deductible amount must be paid by the insured person before plan benefits begin. The deductible applies per covered person, per coverage period.

- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$2,500
- \$5,000

Family deductible

When three covered persons in a family each satisfy their deductible, the deductibles for any remaining covered family members are considered satisfied for the remainder of the coverage period.

Coinsurance percentage and out-of-pocket

After the deductible has been met, the Secure Lite plan pays the selected percentage of covered charges. The insured person is responsible for the remaining percentage of covered charges until the selected out-of-pocket amount has been reached. The out-of-pocket amount is specific to charges applied to coinsurance; it does not include the deductible. Once the deductible and out-of-pocket amounts have been paid, additional covered charges within the coverage period are paid at 100 percent, up to the maximum benefit of \$750,000 per covered person, per coverage period.**

- 80% coinsurance
Out-of-pocket:
 - \$2,000
 - \$3,000
 - \$4,000
- 50% coinsurance
Out-of-pocket:
 - \$5,000
 - \$7,500
 - \$10,000

** The coinsurance is subject to benefit-specific and coverage period maximums, and does not include any precertification penalty amounts or other expenses not covered by the Secure Lite plan.

Payments to suit your situation

Secure Lite offers two options for premium payment: monthly or single. Payments may be made monthly for up to six months using check, money order, credit card or automatic bank withdrawal. If your need for coverage ends earlier than expected, simply send written notification.

If you know exactly how many days you need coverage, you can pay the entire premium up front at a reduced rate. Single payments can be made for a minimum of 30 days to a maximum of 180 days.

PPO networks

With a Secure Lite plan, you have access to discounted medical services through two national preferred provider organizations (PPOs). These network providers have agreed to negotiated prices for their services and supplies. While you have the flexibility to choose any health care provider, the discounts available through network providers for covered services will help to lower your out-of-pocket costs.

ACS—www.anci-care.com

A comprehensive network of 38,000 ancillary service providers, ACS represents providers of outpatient services, including lab and diagnostic testing, but it does not include physicians.

MultiPlan—www.multiplan.com

One of the nation's largest networks, MultiPlan has more than 500,000 providers in 50 states, including physicians, and inpatient and outpatient facilities.

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To search for a network health care provider or facility, please visit the websites listed above. At the time of service, simply present your identification card, which will include the network information needed for the provider to correctly process covered billed charges.

Maximum benefit

\$750,000 is the maximum amount of covered charges that will be considered under the Secure Lite plan per covered person, per coverage period.

Covered expenses¹

Covered expenses are limited by the Usual, Reasonable and Customary Charge as well as any benefit-specific maximum. If a benefit-specific maximum does not apply to the covered charge, benefits are limited by the coverage period maximum. All benefits are subject to the selected plan deductible and coinsurance.

Covered expenses include treatment, services and supplies for:

- ▶ Physician office visits - up to \$25 per visit, up to four visits per coverage period. The balance due above the \$25 per visit benefit is subject to plan deductible and coinsurance up to \$1,000 per coverage period.
- ▶ Inpatient hospital regular care – up to \$1,000 per day; includes daily room and board and miscellaneous charges²
- ▶ Inpatient hospital intensive care or critical care – up to three times the average semi-private room rate with a \$1,250 maximum benefit per day; includes daily room and board and miscellaneous charges²

¹ Benefits may vary by state

² Miscellaneous charges include X-rays, scans, laboratory, blood, therapy, oxygen, casts, splints, medicines, injections,

chemotherapy and medical supplies.

- ▶ Outpatient hospital surgery and ambulatory surgical center services – up to \$1,000 per day; includes cost of operating room and miscellaneous charges³
- ▶ Outpatient emergency room services – up to \$500 per day; includes the emergency room physician charge, 24-hour surveillance and miscellaneous charges³
- ▶ Inpatient physician visits - up to \$500 per hospital stay
- ▶ Surgical and anesthesiology services - up to \$2,500 per surgery with a \$5,000 maximum per coverage period
- ▶ Outpatient or physician office miscellaneous medical expense services - up to \$1,000 per coverage period
- ▶ Ambulance services - up to \$250 per trip
- ▶ Organ transplants - up to \$150,000 per coverage period
- ▶ Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) - up to \$10,000 per coverage period⁴

Pre-existing condition limitation

Secure Lite will not provide benefits for any loss caused by or resulting from a pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition is any medical condition or sickness for which medical advice, care, diagnosis, treatment, consultation or medication was recommended or received from a doctor within five years immediately preceding the covered person's effective date of coverage; or symptoms within the five years immediately prior to the coverage that would cause a reasonable person to seek diagnosis, care or treatment. The length of the pre-existing time period varies by state.

Usual, Reasonable, and Customary Charge

The Usual, Reasonable and Customary Charge for medical services or supplies is the lesser of: a) the amount usually charged by the provider for the service or supply given; and b) the average charged for the service or supply in the locality in which it is received. With respect to treatment of medical services, usual, reasonable and customary means treatment which is reasonable in relationship to the service or supply given and the severity of the condition. In reaching a determination as to what amount should be considered as usual, reasonable and customary, we may use and subscribe to a standard industry reference source that collects data and makes it available to its member companies.

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⁴ The AIDS maximum of \$10,000 per coverage period does not apply to Policies/Certificates issued to residents of AZ, CA, CO, DC, ID, MD, ME, MO, NH, NC or ND. The maximum benefit in KS is \$75,000 per coverage period.

Eligibility

Secure Lite is available to all persons between the ages of 18 to 64, their spouses, and dependent children up to age 26. Each applicant must be able to qualify based on the plan's application questions and underwriting guidelines. Child-only coverage is available for ages two through 18.

Effective date

Coverage begins as early as the day following your online application submission or the postmark date stamped on your envelope. You may request a later effective date up to 60 days after the application date. All coverage is subject to approval and payment of the first premium.

Right to return period

If you are not completely satisfied with this coverage and have not filed a claim, you may return the Policy/Certificate within 10 days from the date received and receive a premium refund.

Precertification

You must notify the professional review organization 10 days prior to a nonemergency hospital admission or surgery and 48 hours, or as soon as reasonably possible, following an emergency admission to the hospital. Failure to precertify will result in a benefit reduction of 50 percent. Precertification is not a guarantee of benefits.

Coverage length

Secure Lite is specifically designed to fill a temporary insurance need. Coverage stops at the end of the period for which you apply. Depending on the payment option you select, coverage can continue for one to six months.

Continuing coverage

If your need for temporary health insurance continues, most states allow you to apply for another Secure Lite plan. Your application is subject to eligibility, underwriting requirements and state availability of the coverage. The next coverage period is not a continuation of the previous period; it is a new plan with a new deductible, coinsurance and pre-existing condition limitation.

Coverage termination

Coverage ends on the earliest of: 1) the date the premium is not paid when due; 2) the date you enter full-time active duty in the armed forces; or 3) the date Standard Security Life determines fraud or misrepresentation has been made in filing a claim for benefits. A dependent's coverage ends the earliest of: 1) the date your coverage terminates; 2) the date the dependent becomes eligible for Medicare; or 3) the date the dependent ceases to be eligible. Additional events or circumstances may cause coverage to terminate; refer to the Policy/Certificate for complete details.

Exclusions

The following is a partial list of services or charges not covered by Secure Lite:⁵

- Any services that are not medically necessary, as defined in the Policy/Certificate
- Eye exams, eyeglasses, hearing aids
- Dental or orthodontic services and any treatment for jaw joint problems
- Outpatient prescription or legend drugs and medications
- Conditions resulting from an act of war
- Pregnancy or childbirth, except for complications of pregnancy; newborn treatment prior to discharge from the hospital, unless the charges are medically necessary to treat premature birth, congenital injury or sickness, or sickness or injury sustained during or after the birth; any infertility or sterilization treatments
- Spinal manipulation or adjustment
- Services or supplies provided by your immediate family
- Medical care received outside of the United States, Canada or its possessions
- Charges eligible for payment by Medicare and any expenses paid or payable under workers' compensation
- Cosmetic surgery, treatment for acne, hair loss or varicose veins
- Physical exams and other services not needed for medical treatment, except as specifically covered
- Experimental or investigational services
- Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity or autism
- Mental illness or nervous disorders, suicide or attempted suicide
- Alcohol or drug dependency and disorders
- Obesity treatment or weight reduction, including all forms of intestinal or gastric bypass surgery performed for obesity treatment.
- Sleep disorders
- Participation in school or organized competitive sports or any high-risk sport, including riding an all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or go-cart

⁵ The limitations and exclusions may vary by state. Please see the Policy/Certificate for detailed information about these and other plan limitations and exclusions.

Short-term medical expense coverage under the Secure Lite plan is not available in all states.

In the states of ID, IN, KS, LA, MD, ME, MN, MT, ND, NH, NV and SD coverage is offered under an Individual Short-Term Medical Expense Insurance Policy, Form No. SSL-ISTM-1104.

In other states, short-term medical expense coverage is available to members of Communicating for America, Inc. (CA), the Group Policyholder. Coverage is offered under a group Certificate of Insurance, Form No. SSL-STM-1104. CA is a national, non-profit 501c3 association headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minn., with an office in D.C., that has been providing valued member benefits and savings since 1972. Your enrollment as a member of CA is completed upon receipt of the association dues. *CA is not affiliated with Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York, nor is it part of the insurance coverage.*

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Important information

This brochure provides a brief description of the benefits, exclusions and other provisions of the Policy/Certificate. For complete listings, see the Policy/Certificate.

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