



Accelerated Benefits Rider (ABR) for Critical Illness (ABR₃)

Accelerates death benefit during lifetime for critical illness

Overview

ABR is a no additional premium rider that allows for the death benefit, under certain circumstances and on a discounted basis, to be accelerated during lifetime, for critical illness. A unique feature about ABR is that benefits do not have to be used to defray actual expenses associated with the critical illness. They could be used for such things as making structural changes to a home to accommodate the illness, compensating a non-licensed care provider, etc.

Critical Illness Definition:

ABR₃ accelerates the death benefit when a client is suffering from a triggering illness.¹ Triggering illnesses include:

- Heart Attack
- End Stage Renal Failure
- Cancer
- Major Organ Transplant
- Stroke
- ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)²
- Blindness.

ABR Critical Benefit:

The amount of death benefit available for ABR payout is based on a discount factor off the death benefit amount. The amount accelerated will reduce the death benefit, the cash value and the loan value. A summary of the projected discounted death benefit amount can be illustrated through ICSolutions.

The critically ill client can request a full acceleration or partial acceleration of the policy's death benefit in the form of a lump sum. The level of discounting applied to the death benefit varies depending on the insured's age and the severity of the critical illness.

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¹ Covered Critical Illness in the state of Massachusetts includes: End stage renal disease; Coronary artery disease resulting in acute infarction vascular or requiring surgery; Major organ transplant; Permanent neurological deficit resulting from cerebral vascular accident; Diagnosis of an invasive malignancy characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and the invasion of tissue. Cancer does not include: Stage A Prostate Cancer: Any skin cancer except invasive malignant melanoma into the dermis or deeper; Premalignant lesions, benign tumors, or polyps; and Carcinoma in-situ.

Payment of Accelerated Benefits will reduce the Cash Value and Death Benefit otherwise payable under the policy. Receipt of Accelerated Benefits may be a taxable event and may affect eligibility for public assistance programs. Policyholders should consult their personal tax advisor to determine the tax status of any benefits paid under this rider and with social service agencies concerning how receipt of such a payment will affect eligibility for public assistance.

ABR₃ is optional, may not be available in all states and is issued and underwritten by Life Insurance Company of the Southwest, Addison, TX.

² Upon diagnosis

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