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# **Pet Insurance**

Marsh & McLennan Companies



## Pet Insurance

*Pet insurance, from Nationwide<sup>®</sup>, is made directly available to all eligible employees. Marsh & McLennan Companies' sole function with respect to the program is permitting it to be publicized to employees, collecting premiums through payroll deductions and remitting them to the insurer.*

*My Pet Protection<sup>®</sup> from Nationwide<sup>®</sup> helps you provide your pets with the care they may need\*. This plan reimburses 90% on vet bills including accidents, illnesses and hereditary conditions\*\*. You're free to use any vet and get additional benefits for emergency boarding, lost pet advertising and more. Plus, our 24/7 vethelpline<sup>®</sup> is available as a service to all pet insurance members.*

*\*Also available with wellness.*

*\*\*Some exclusions may apply. Certain coverages may be subject to pre-existing exclusion. See policy documents for a complete list of exclusions.*

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## The Plan at a Glance

This Plan offers pet insurance to help meet the costs for caring for your pets. The chart below contains some important program features. For more information, see “How the Plan Works” on page 5.

Plan Feature	Highlights
<b>How the Plan Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pet insurance, from Nationwide, is made directly available to all eligible employees. Generally, care is covered after you meet your deductible and submit a claim for reimbursement of medical expenses for your pet.</li> <li>▪ You can visit any licensed veterinarian or specialist nationwide, with no limitations.</li> <li>▪ See “How the Plan Works” on page 5 for details.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You are eligible to participate if you meet the eligibility requirements described under “Eligible Employees” on page 2.</li> <li>▪ See “Participating in the Plan” on page 2 for details.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You may enroll your pet for pet insurance at any time by accessing Nationwide’s enrollment website, <a href="http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr">http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr</a>, or by calling +1 800 225 2265, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.</li> <li>▪ Evidence of Insurability may be required for each pet (cat, dog, bird and/or exotic pet).</li> <li>▪ Once enrolled, go to Colleague Connect (<a href="https://colleagueconnect.mmc.com">https://colleagueconnect.mmc.com</a>), click <b>Career &amp; Rewards</b> and select <b>Voluntary Benefits website</b> under Tools to view your deduction amount. If you wish to change coverage, where eligible, you must contact the Plan Administrator.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>For more information, contact the Claims Administrator:            Nationwide            Phone: +1 800 225 2265, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.            Website: <a href="http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr">http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr</a>            Marsh &amp; McLennan Companies does not administer this Program.            Nationwide’s decisions are final and binding.</p>

## Participating in the Plan

The following section provides information on how you start participating in the program.

If you are an employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies and you meet the requirements set forth below, you become eligible on your eligibility date.

### Eligible Employees

To be eligible for the benefits described in this Benefits Handbook you must meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

#### *Marsh & McLennan Companies Employees (other than MMA)*

You are eligible if you are an employee classified on payroll as a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies (other than Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC and any of its subsidiaries (MMA)).

Individuals who are classified on payroll as temporary employees, who are compensated as independent contractors or who are employed by any entity in Bermuda, Barbados or Cayman Islands are not eligible to participate.

If you are an expatriate, you are not eligible to participate in this Plan unless a US mailing address is on file.

#### *MMA Employees*

You are eligible if you are an employee classified on payroll as a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Corporate (MMA-Corporate), Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Alaska (MMA-Alaska), Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Southwest (excluding MHBT Inc., IA Consulting, Insurance Partners of Texas, Hendrick & Hendrick, Inc. and Eustis Insurance) (MMA-Southwest), Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Northeast (MMA-Northeast), or Security Insurance Services.

Individuals who are classified on payroll as temporary employees or who are compensated as independent contractors are not eligible to participate.

If you are an expatriate, you are not eligible to participate in this Plan unless a US mailing address is on file.

### Your Eligibility Date

There is no waiting period if you are ACTIVELY-AT-WORK. Your eligibility date is the first day you are Actively-At-Work on or after your date of hire.

#### **“You,” “Your,” and “Employee”**

As used throughout this plan summary, “employee”, “you” and “your” always mean:

- For Marsh & McLennan Companies participants: a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies (other than MMA).
- For MMA participants: a US regular employee of MMA-Corporate, MMA-Alaska, MMA-Southwest, MMA-Northeast, or Security Insurance Services.

## Enrollment

You may enroll your pet for pet insurance at any time by accessing Nationwide's enrollment website, [http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc\\_pr](http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr), or by calling +1 800 225 2265, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time.

Evidence of Insurability may be required for each pet (cat, dog, bird and/or exotic pet).

### ***Can I cancel my coverage and get my money back after enrolling?***

Absolutely. You can cancel anytime at [my.petinsurance.com](http://my.petinsurance.com) or by letting Nationwide know in writing.

## Evidence of Insurability

Your pet may be subject to Evidence of Insurability based on certain characteristics, such as age and breed. During the enrollment process you will be required to provide certain information about your pet. Based on your responses, you may have to provide Evidence of Insurability for your pet, including additional information about your pet's medical history. Nationwide will notify you if Evidence of Insurability is required. If your pet has a pre-existing condition or is 10 years of age or older, Nationwide will request a copy of your pet's handwritten medical history (including lab reports) for the last year. Nationwide veterinarians will review the medical history and determine if your pet is eligible for coverage or whether any exclusions need to be applied to the policy.

You must enroll each pet individually, and each pet may be subject to its own Evidence of Insurability.

If Evidence of Insurability is required, coverage starts after your pet's Evidence of Insurability application has been approved by Nationwide for pet insurance. If your pet is approved for coverage between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month then the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. If your pet is approved for coverage between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month then the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the second month following approval.

## Cost of Coverage

You pay the full cost of coverage for the following options:

- **My Pet Protection with Wellness<sup>®</sup>** - (starting at \$31/paycheck, or \$66/month\*)
- **My Pet Protection<sup>®</sup>** - (starting at \$18/paycheck, or \$40/month\*)

\* Premiums vary based on plan type, your pet and your state of residence. Your pricing may vary depending on your employer's payment schedule.

## Multiple Pet Discounts

Save more when you enroll multiple pets:

- 2-3 pets = 5% discount on base medical or wellness plan for each pet

- 4+ pets = 10% discount on base medical or wellness plan for each pet.

For a quote on the cost of coverage for your pet refer to Nationwide's Website, [http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc\\_pr](http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr), elect the Quick Quote link and follow the steps. You pay the full cost of coverage.

### ***How do I pay for coverage?***

You pay for coverage through after-tax payroll deductions.

### ***How do I pay for coverage if I take an unpaid leave of absence?***

Coverage will remain in effect, provided you continue to make the required contributions. Eligible employees may continue to make the required group rate contributions through the end of your policy period, directly to Nationwide through direct billing.

### ***How do I pay for coverage if I take a paid leave of absence?***

Coverage will remain in effect. Your cost for coverage will continue to be withheld from your pay.

### ***Will my costs change?***

Your cost for pet insurance may change. Nationwide reserves the right to change the amount you are required to contribute at any time.

## **Taxes**

### ***Do I pay for my coverage with before-tax or after-tax dollars?***

You pay for your pet insurance with after-tax dollars.

## **When Coverage Starts**

Coverage starts after your pet's Evidence of Insurability application has been approved by Nationwide for pet insurance. If your pet is approved for coverage between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month then the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. If your pet is approved for coverage between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month then the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the second month following approval.

For example, if your pet is approved for coverage on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the coverage effective date would be March 1<sup>st</sup>. If your pet is approved for coverage on February 18<sup>th</sup>, the coverage effective date would be April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Policy Term**

A policy term is defined as one year of coverage (that is, 12 months from the date coverage becomes effective).

### ***Do I have to re-enroll each year?***

No, generally you do not need to re-enroll each year, but each year the determination will be made and communicated whether re-enrollment will be required for the upcoming year.

## Changing Coverage

You can change your level of coverage or discontinue coverage at any time.

Employees who are already enrolled will have the opportunity to change plans only during their regular renewal period by calling +1 800 225 2265. All plan changes are subject to underwriting approval. You may have to provide Evidence of Insurability to increase your pet's coverage level. Each pet may be subject to its own Evidence of Insurability.

You can decrease your pet's coverage level or discontinue enrollment by calling Nationwide at +1 800 225 2265 and speaking to a representative.

## When Coverage Ends

Coverage ends when the first of the following occurs:

- the date of your death
- the date the program is terminated
- the date you no longer meet the eligibility requirements
- the date you discontinue coverage
- the date you terminate your employment
- the last date you've paid contributions if you do not make the required contributions.

**Note:** Upon termination from Marsh & McLennan Companies, you will automatically be converted to a direct-bill payment option for your coverage. Upon renewal, you will lose any discounts that are applicable to your status as an active employee.

## Portability

If your employment terminates, you can continue coverage on a group basis through the end of your policy term, provided you continue to make the required contributions to Nationwide through direct billing. When your policy term ends, you have the option to convert to an individual policy.

## How the Plan Works

Pet insurance, from Nationwide, is made directly available to all eligible employees. Marsh & McLennan Companies' sole function with respect to the program is permitting it to be publicized to employees, collecting premiums through payroll deductions and remitting them to the insurer. Generally, care is covered after you meet your deductible and submit a claim for reimbursement of medical expenses for your pet. You can visit any licensed veterinarian or specialist nationwide, with no limitations. There are two options under the Plan: My Pet Protection with Wellness<sup>®</sup> and My Pet Protection<sup>®</sup>.



***How does the deductible work?***

A low annual deductible of your choice applies to the medical coverage plans. Once you meet your deductible, you will be reimbursed 90% of your vet bill. A \$250 annual deductible and \$7,500 maximum annual benefit apply to both plans.

***What is a pre-existing condition?***

A pre-existing condition is any illness or injury your pet had before coverage started. If you have medical records from your veterinarian showing that your pet's condition has been cured for at least six months, you may be able to receive reimbursement.

***What are my payment options?***

Payroll deductions, monthly and annual payment options are available. For the monthly and annual options, credit cards, debit cards and checks are accepted for payment.

***Are medical records required for enrollment?***

Not always. Sometimes medical records are requested for clarification so Nationwide can ensure you receive all the benefits available under the plan.

***Are prescriptions covered under my policy?***

Yes. FDA-approved prescriptions for covered medical conditions are eligible for reimbursement.

***Will a pet be dropped from coverage because of age?***

No. As long as your pet is enrolled before age 10 and you keep your policy continually in force (it does not lapse or expire), your pet will not be dropped from coverage.

***Once I enroll, how long before my policy is effective?***

Most policies have a 10-day waiting period once your application is approved and payment is received. For questions, call +1 800 225 2265 and speak with a representative.

***How does my veterinarian receive payment?***

You pay your veterinarian directly and then submit a claim to Nationwide. Nationwide will adjust your claim and reimburse you according to your plan.

***Does my pet insurance policy cover diagnostic testing?***

Yes. You are reimbursed for diagnostic tests as long as the medical condition is covered by your plan.

***Is there a list of veterinarians I have to use?***

With Nationwide, you're free to visit any veterinarian, anywhere—even specialists and emergency providers.

### ***Are anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries covered by my policy?***

Yes. There is no waiting period for ACL injuries and no limitations unless the ACL injury occurred prior to the policy effective date.

### ***What if I don't know my pet's exact age?***

If you do not know your pet's age, take your pet to the veterinarian for a physical exam that includes an age estimate.

### ***How do I file a claim?***

Take a copy of your personalized claim form to your next veterinarian visit, have your veterinarian provide your pet's diagnosis and then complete the claim form and submit it along with supporting receipts and invoices to Nationwide at:

#### **Mail:**

Nationwide Claims Department  
PO Box 2344  
Brea, CA 92822-2344

#### **Fax:**

(714) 989-5600 (No cover sheet necessary)

#### **VitusVet app:**

VitusVet is a third-party mobile app that you can use to submit Nationwide® pet insurance claims via your smartphone. Nationwide has partnered with the company that created the app to bring this convenient service to you. The app is available in the App Store and on Google Play.

To obtain a claim form look for our contact info at: <https://www.petinsurance.com/submit-claim>.

### ***How long do I have to submit a claim?***

You have 180 days from date of service to submit a claim and receive reimbursement.

Marsh & McLennan Companies does not administer this plan. Nationwide's decisions are final and binding.

### ***Can I cancel my policy before the term is up?***

Absolutely. You can cancel anytime at [my.petinsurance.com](http://my.petinsurance.com) or by letting Nationwide know in writing.

### ***Preventive/Wellness Care***

Annual examinations are covered only if you purchase the My Pet Protection with Wellness® or the Supplemental and Routine Care Coverage Rider for Birds.

***Is there a network of veterinarians that I have to use?***

No. Nationwide's coverage allows you to see any licensed veterinarian or specialist nationwide. You are covered whenever you see any of these licensed care-givers.

**Covered Services****My Pet Protection with Wellness<sup>®</sup>**

- 90% back on veterinary bills
- \$250 deductible
- Accidents, including poisonings and allergic reactions
- Injuries, including cuts, sprains and broken bones
- Common illnesses, including ear infections, vomiting and diarrhea
- Serious/chronic illnesses\*\*, including cancer and diabetes
- Hereditary and congenital conditions\*\*
- Surgeries and hospitalization
- X-rays, MRIs and CT scans
- Prescription medications and therapeutic diets
- Wellness exams
- Vaccinations
- Flea and tick prevention
- Spay or neuter
- Heartworm testing and prevention
- Routine blood tests
- Emergency boarding, lost pet advertising
- 24/7 vethelpline<sup>®</sup> is available to all pet insurance members (\$150 value).

Additional services are available.

\*\*Excludes pre-existing conditions

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- 24/7 vethelpline® is available to all pet insurance members (a \$150 value).

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### **Avian Option for Birds**

The Avian Option for Birds covers major medical treatments and surgeries for accidents and illness, minor treatments as well as lab fees, prescriptions, x-rays and hospitalization. Your bird will also be covered for self-mutilation, feather picking, egg binding surgery, neoplasia surgery and more.

After you pay the \$50 per incident deductible, Nationwide will reimburse you up to 90% of the Benefit Schedule or 90% of veterinary bill, whichever is lower. The Avian Option for Birds allows a maximum payment of \$2,000 per incident or illness and a maximum payment of \$7,000 per policy term.

For more information or to enroll for the Avian option, call +1 800 225 2265.

### ***Supplemental and Routine Care Coverage for Birds***

You can purchase the Supplemental and Routine Care Coverage Rider, which enhances the scope of covered services under the Avian Option for Birds. This additional coverage rider does not have a deductible. Call +1 800 225 2265 for more information on the supplemental and routine care coverage for birds.

### **Exotic Pet Option**

The Exotic Pet Option covers major medical treatments and surgeries for accidents and illness, minor treatments as well as lab fees, prescriptions, x-rays and hospitalization.

After you pay the \$50 per accident or illness deductible, Nationwide will reimburse you up to 90% of the Benefit Schedule or 90% of veterinary bill, whichever is lower. The

Exotic Pet Option allows a maximum payment of \$2,000 per incident or illness and a maximum payment of \$7,000 per policy term.

For more information or to enroll for the Exotic Pet option, call +1 800 225 2265.

### ***Eligible Exotic Pets***

Only the following animals are considered exotic pets under the Exotic Pet Option.

- Amphibians
- Chameleons
- Chinchillas
- Ferrets
- Geckos
- Gerbils
- Goats
- Guinea pigs
- Hamsters
- Hedgehogs
- Iguanas
- Lizards
- Mice
- Opossums
- Pot belly pigs
- Rats
- Rabbits
- Snakes
- Sugar gliders
- Tortoises
- Turtles

## Services Not Covered

The following services are not covered under any Nationwide option:

- Congenital or hereditary defects or diseases
- Elective and cosmetic procedures
- Expression or removal of anal glands or anal sacculitis
- Breeding or conditions related to breeding
- Diagnostic tests and treatments for conditions excluded or limited by the policy
- Special diets, pet foods, vitamins, mineral supplements, boarding or transporting expenses, grooming costs
- Diseases that are preventable by vaccines
- Behavioral problems
- Orthodontics, endodontics and removal of deciduous teeth
- Diagnosis, medical management, or surgical correction of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) damage or rupture during the first 12 calendar months of policy effectiveness.

## Filing a Claim

Take a copy of your personalized claim form to your next veterinarian visit, have your veterinarian provide your pet's diagnosis and then complete the claim form and submit it along with supporting receipts and invoices to Nationwide at:

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To obtain a claim form look for our contact info at: <https://www.petinsurance.com/submit-claim>.

### ***How do I file a claim for veterinary benefits?***

- Pay for the cost at time of service.
- Complete the Nationwide Pet Insurance claim form (available at [http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc\\_pr](http://www.petinsurance.com/affiliates/mmc_pr) under the Policyholder Portal link).
- Have an authorized veterinary staff member fill out the claim form by listing the diagnosis, signing and dating it.
- Include the original itemized receipt(s) and keep a copy for yourself.
- Mail the completed claim form and receipt(s) to:

Claims Department  
P.O. Box 2344  
Brea, CA 92822-2344

### ***How long do I have to submit a claim?***

You have 180 days from date of service to submit a claim and receive reimbursement.

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## **Glossary**

### **ACTIVELY-AT-WORK**

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As a new hire, you are "Actively-At-Work" on the first day that you begin fulfilling your job responsibilities with the Company at a Company-approved location. If you are absent for any reason on your scheduled first day of work, your coverage will not begin on that date. For example, if you are scheduled to begin work on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, but are unable to begin work on that day (e.g., because of illness, jury duty, bereavement or otherwise), your coverage will not begin on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thereafter, if you report for your first day of work on August 4<sup>th</sup>, your coverage will be effective on August 4<sup>th</sup>.