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# **Pet Insurance Plan (Nationwide®)**

Marsh McLennan



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*My Pet Protection® from Nationwide® helps you provide your pets with the care they may need<sup>1</sup>. This plan reimburses up to 70% on vet bills including accidents, illnesses and hereditary conditions<sup>1</sup>. You're free to use any vet and get additional benefits for emergency boarding, lost pet advertising and more. Plus, our 24/7 vethelpline® is available as a service to all pet insurance members.*

<sup>1</sup> Some exclusions may apply. Certain coverages may be excluded due to pre-existing conditions. 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.

<b>Plan Feature</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
<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 choose from 50% or 70% reimbursement to get the level of coverage that fits your needs<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>▪ You can visit any licensed veterinarian or specialist nationwide, with no limitations<sup>1</sup>.</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://benefits.petinsurance.com/mmc-pr">http://benefits.petinsurance.com/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 and advising the member care representative of your employer.</li> <li>▪ Once enrolled, go to Colleague Connect (<a href="https://mmcglobal.sharepoint.com/sites/Home">https://mmcglobal.sharepoint.com/sites/Home</a>), click <b>Pay &amp; Benefits</b> and select <b>Mercer Voluntary Benefits</b> under <b>Benefits</b> 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://benefits.petinsurance.com/mmc-pr">http://benefits.petinsurance.com/mmc-pr</a>  Marsh McLennan does not administer this Program. Nationwide’s decisions are final and binding.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Some exclusions may apply. Certain coverages may be subject to pre-existing exclusion. See policy documents for a complete list of exclusions.

## 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 and your pet is located in the US.

#### *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 – Northeast (MMA-Northeast), Security Insurance Services of Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC or Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, Private Client Services – National Region (MMA PCS – National).

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.

#### “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-Northeast, Security Insurance Services of Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC or Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, Private Client Services – National Region (MMA PCS – National).

In addition, references in this section to Marsh & McLennan Companies mean Marsh McLennan.

## ***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.

## **Enrollment**

You may enroll your pet for pet insurance at any time by accessing Nationwide's enrollment website, <http://benefits.petinsurance.com/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 and advising the member care representative of your employer.

## ***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. If you are not satisfied with your policy, Nationwide provides a money-back guarantee if Nationwide receives your written cancellation request within 10 days of your initial policy effective date. After the 10 days, Nationwide will issue a pro-rated refund of any unearned premium.

## **Cost of Coverage**

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

- **My Pet Protection®** – (starting at \$18/paycheck, or \$40/month<sup>1</sup>)

<sup>1</sup> Premiums vary based on plan type, species, age, breed and your state of residence. Your pricing may vary depending on your employer's payment schedule. Rates and plans subject to change.

## **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://benefits.petinsurance.com/mmc-pr> 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?***

Rates will vary and may change during your renewal period only.

### ***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**

For enrollments received between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month. If enrollment is received between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month, the coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the second month following approval.

For example, if your pet is enrolled for coverage on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the coverage effective date would be March 1<sup>st</sup>. If your pet is enrolled 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. Nationwide pet policies auto-renew at the end of each individual policy term.

### **Changing Coverage**

Employees who are already enrolled will have the opportunity to make any changes to their policy only during their individual renewal period by calling +1 800 225 2265. All plan changes are subject to underwriting approval.

You can discontinue coverage at any time 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 of your pet's death
- the date you no longer meet the eligibility requirements
- the date you discontinue coverage
- the last date you've paid contributions if you do not make the required contributions.

**Note:** Upon termination from Marsh McLennan, you will automatically be converted to a direct-bill payment option for your coverage. Upon renewal, you will lose any group 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. Upon renewal, you will lose any discounts that are applicable to your status as an active employee and 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's 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, eligible veterinary expenses are covered after you meet your annual deductible and submit a claim for reimbursement for your pet. You can visit any licensed veterinarian or specialist nationwide, with no limitations.

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

A \$250 annual deductible applies to the medical coverage. Once you meet your deductible, you will be reimbursed up to 70% of your eligible vet bill<sup>1</sup>. A \$7,500 maximum annual benefit applies to both plans.

<sup>1</sup> Some exclusions may apply. Certain coverages may be subject to pre-existing exclusion. See policy documents for a complete list of exclusions.

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

A pre-existing condition means any condition that began or was contracted, manifested or incurred up to twelve (12) months before the effective date of this policy or during any waiting period, whether or not the condition was discovered, diagnosed or treated. A chronic condition is a pre-existing condition unless it began after the effective date of this policy.

### ***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 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?***

Applications for enrollment that are received between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of the month will be effective on the first day of the next month. Applications for enrollment that are received between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the last day of the month will be effective on the first day of the following month. 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 directly 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 licensed 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.

***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.

**Covered Services****My Pet Protection®**

- Up to 70% 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<sup>1</sup>, including cancer and diabetes

- Hereditary and congenital conditions<sup>1</sup>
- Surgeries and hospitalization
- X-rays, MRIs and CT scans
- Prescription medications and therapeutic diets
- Additional benefits for emergency boarding or kennel, lost or stolen pet, advertising and reward and mortality
- 24/7 **vethelpline**® is available to all pet insurance members (a \$110 value)
- Low-cost pet prescription refills with Nationwide **PetRX**Express<sup>SM</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excludes pre-existing conditions

## Avian and Exotic Pet Plan

The My Pet Protection® plan for Avian and Exotic pets covers medical treatments and surgeries for accidents, illnesses and diseases, including cancer.

For more information or to enroll in the Avian and Exotic Pet Plan, call +1 800 225 2265.

Some exclusions may apply. Certain coverages may be subject to pre-existing exclusion. See policy documents for a complete list of exclusions. Policy eligibility may vary. Some species of avian and exotic pets are not eligible for coverage.

### ***Eligible Avian and Exotic Pets***

- Amphibians
- Birds
- Chameleons
- Chinchillas
- Ferrets
- Geckos
- Gerbils
- Guinea pigs
- Hamsters
- Iguanas
- Lizards
- Mice

- Rats
- Rabbits
- Snakes
- Tortoises
- Turtles

## What's Not Covered for My Pet Protection® Plan

### *Pre-existing conditions*

A pre-existing condition is any illness or injury your pet had before coverage started. No pet insurer covers pre-existing conditions. The good news is that not all pre-existing conditions are excluded permanently. See your My Pet Protection® plan for a full definition and explanation of pre-existing conditions.

If you have medical records from your vet showing that your pet's condition has been cured for at least six months, you may be able to get it covered.

### *Plan restrictions and other exclusions*

We don't cover breeding, grooming/bathing, nail trims or boarding (unless you're hospitalized for more than 48 hours), and wellness for new enrollments. Refer to the "What We Do Not Cover: Exclusions" section of your policy as well as your policy Declarations Page for more information.

## 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:

### **Mail:**

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

### **Fax:**

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

### **Web:**

Nationwide Pet Account Access Page at [my.petinsurance.com](https://my.petinsurance.com).

To obtain a claim form, visit <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 does not administer this plan. Nationwide's decisions are final and binding.

## **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>.