

Terminal Illness Cover



What is Terminal Illness Cover?

A terminal diagnosis changes everything. PPS Mutual Professionals' Choice Terminal Illness Cover is here to help you take back some control in an uncertain time, providing immediate financial support in the event of a terminal diagnosis. If you're diagnosed with a terminal illness or an advanced terminal illness condition, you'll receive a lump sum payment. This can give you the freedom to focus on what matters most – spending time with loved ones, making important decisions, and taking time for yourself.

You can tailor your cover with a range of optional benefits in addition to the built-in features (see page 2). Your PPS Mutual adviser will work with you to create a plan for your tailored cover.



How does it work?

Terminal Illness Cover provides a lump sum payment that can be used however you choose – whether that's covering medical expenses, making time for loved ones, or easing financial pressure during a difficult time. It can give you and your family the freedom to focus on what truly matters, without added financial stress. It provides a full payment of your sum insured if you are diagnosed with a terminal illness and have a likely life expectancy of less than 12 months, or a partial payment if you have a likely life expectancy of less than 24 months.

PPS Mutual Professionals' Choice Terminal Illness Cover goes further, with built-in support for things like counselling, legal or professional advice, and travel or accommodation costs if treatment is more than 100km from home.



Terminal Illness Cover built in benefits and features

This is a summary of PPS Mutual's Terminal Illness Cover. Please read the policy wordings for all terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions.

Benefit or feature	Amount	Description
Terminal Illness Benefit	100% of the sum insured.	A lump sum paid if the life insured is diagnosed with a terminal illness and their life expectancy would more likely than not be less than 12 months even if they were to receive all reasonable treatment.
Terminal Illness Advance Benefit	50% of the sum insured to a maximum of \$600,000.	A lump sum paid if the life insured is diagnosed with a terminal illness and their life expectancy would more likely than not be less than 24 months even if they were to receive all reasonable treatment.
Non-Survivable Accident Benefit	100% of the sum insured.	A lump sum paid if the life insured suffers an accident and their life expectancy would more likely than not be less than 3 months because of an injury sustained from the accident, even if they were to receive all reasonable treatment.
Child Funeral Benefit	\$15,000 for a dependent child aged 10 – 24 years (inclusive). \$2,000 for a dependent child under 10 years old.	A lump sum paid if the life insured's dependent child passes away. For a dependent child aged under 10 years, PPS Mutual will only make 1 payment per dependent child under the Child Funeral Benefit across all PPS Mutual policies irrespective of how many parents are a life insured. For a dependent child aged 10 years or older, PPS Mutual will make 1 payment per dependent child under the Child Funeral Benefit across all PPS Mutual policies for each parent who is a life insured.
Professional Advice Benefit	\$3,000 across all PPS Mutual policies for each life insured.	An additional lump sum to cover associated professional advice fees after the payment of a benefit under Terminal Illness Cover.
Return to Home Benefit	Reimbursement of up to \$10,000 per life insured across all PPS Mutual policies.	If PPS Mutual pays a benefit under Terminal Illness Cover for a life insured while the life insured has been outside of New Zealand for 3 or more continuous months and the life insured subsequently returns to New Zealand, then PPS Mutual will reimburse the cost of a one-way flight to New Zealand for the life insured and 1 support person.
Counselling Benefit	Reimbursement of up to \$3,000 across all PPS Mutual policies for each life insured.	If PPS Mutual pays a benefit under Terminal Illness Cover, we will reimburse the fees paid to a psychiatrist, psychologist or counsellor for services provided to the life insured or an immediate family member of the life insured within 12 months of the payment of the benefit.

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Accommodation and Transport Costs Benefit	Pays \$3,000 per life insured across all PPS Mutual policies.	A lump sum paid if the life insured is diagnosed with a Terminal Illness, suffers a Non-Survivable Accident, Terminal Illness Advanced condition or an Optional Severe Illness Covered condition and receives treatment at least 100 kilometres away from their main home.
Specified Life Event Increase Feature	<p>Each increase cannot exceed 25% of the underwritten sum insured, or \$400,000.</p> <p>Total of all increases cannot exceed lower of 100% of the underwritten sum insured or \$800,000.</p>	Allows increases to the life insured's sum insured without further underwriting following a specified life event.





Terminal Illness Cover optional benefits and features

Optional benefit or feature	Amount	Description
Optional Severe Illness Booster Benefit	Maximum sum insured at application of \$250,000.	A lump sum paid if the life insured meets the criteria of one of the covered severe illness condition definitions. For example, advanced cancer or severe cardiovascular illness.
Optional Business Insurability Feature	Increase the Terminal Illness Cover sum insured up to the Optional Business Insurability sum insured.	Allows for increases to the life insured's sum insured for specific business-related events without further medical underwriting.



Example

When Priya was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer at 42, her specialist advised that her life expectancy was likely to be 6–9 months. Her PPS Mutual Professionals' Choice Terminal Illness Cover provided a lump sum payment shortly after her diagnosis. This allowed her to step away from work, focus on her health, and spend meaningful time with her family.

Priya used the payment to cover medical costs and get her affairs in order, while PPS Mutual also reimbursed counselling sessions for both her and her partner – supporting them emotionally as well as financially.

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