

PHEIC Infectious Disease Extra Benefit

Tracking the latest definitions of diseases



Coverage for Side Effects of COVID-19 Vaccine

Nowadays, diseases are under rapid variation with unpredictable potency, threatening the global population!

In response to such protection gap, BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited ("BOC Life") specially offers PHEIC Infectious Disease Extra Benefit¹ ("the Extra Benefit"). By tracking the latest definitions of diseases, you are assured that the relevant diseases will be covered once they are declared by the World Health Organization as Public Health Emergency of International Concern², providing you with protection covering Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)³ and the outbreak of other potential serious infectious diseases!

From now till 31 December 2021, customers who have successfully applied for any of the designated critical illness insurance plans ("Applicable Plans") will be entitled to the Extra Benefit¹ for free on top of the original coverage of such Applicable Plan. The Extra Benefit¹ will be effective immediately with waiting period waived⁴.

PHEIC Infectious Disease Extra Benefit^{1,5}

Applicable Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SmartViva Flexi VHIS b. ProtectU Insurance Plan c. Forever Wellbeing Whole Life Plan d. SmartGuard Critical Illness Plan e. BestCare-Pro Critical Illness Plan
Eligible Insured	<p>(Applicable to Applicable Plan a) The Insured of the Applicable Plan of which the policy is issued between 26 July 2021 and 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p> <p>(Applicable to Applicable Plan b) The Insured of the Applicable Plan of which the policy is issued between 19 July 2021 and 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p> <p>(Applicable to Applicable Plans c to e) The Insured of the Applicable Plans of which the policy is issued between 1 June 2021 and 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p>

Designated Coverage Period	<p>(Applicable to Applicable Plan a) 26 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p> <p>(Applicable to Applicable Plan b) 19 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p> <p>(Applicable to Applicable Plans c to e) 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 (both days inclusive)</p>
Benefit Coverage (per life per Insured)⁵	<p>Benefit 1: Diagnosis Benefit</p> <p>Within the Designated Coverage Period while the policy of the Applicable Plan is effective, if the Insured is diagnosed by a registered doctor as suffering from a disease, that is declared by the World Health Organization as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern² at that time or within 1 year after the diagnosis ("the Covered Disease"), a lump sum payment of HKD10,000 will be payable.</p> <p>Benefit 2: Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit^{7,8}</p> <p>Within the Designated Coverage Period while the policy of the Applicable Plan is effective, if the Insured is diagnosed by a registered doctor as suffering from the Covered Disease and is admitted to the Intensive Care Unit⁷ of a Hospital⁸ due to the Covered Disease, regardless of the length of stay, Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit being a lump sum payment of HKD10,000 (applicable to Applicable Plan a), or an additional 10% of the total premiums of the policy⁹ (applicable to Applicable Plan c), or an additional 10% of the Initial Sum Insured (applicable to Applicable Plans b, d and e) will be payable, subject to a maximum of HKD100,000.</p> <p>Benefit 3: Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)³ Vaccine Side Effect Cover</p> <p>Within the Designated Coverage Period while the policy of the Applicable Plan is effective, if the Insured receives a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)³ vaccine authorized by the Hong Kong SAR Government and is admitted to a Hospital⁸ due to an Adverse Event Following Immunization ("AEFI")¹⁰ within fourteen (14) days after receiving such vaccine, Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)³ Vaccine Side Effect Cover of HKD1,000 hospital cash for each day of Hospital Confinement¹¹ will be payable, subject to a maximum of fifteen (15) days.</p>
Waiting Period	Waiting period of the Extra Benefit is waived ⁴

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Terms and conditions:

1. PHEIC Infectious Disease Extra Benefit ("the Extra Benefit") is underwritten and provided by BOC Life with no extra premium, subject to successful approval and issuance of a policy of the Applicable Plans within the Designated Coverage Period.
2. The World Health Organization considers some pandemics to be so serious, unusual or unexpected that they constitute an international public health risk that will potentially require an immediate coordinated international response, labelled a Public Health Emergency of International Concern ("PHEIC"). Ebola, poliovirus, H1N1 swine flu and COVID-19 are all examples. For details, please visit <https://www.who.int/ihr/procedures/pheic/en/>. For the avoidance of doubt, once the relevant disease is no longer regarded as a PHEIC by the World Health Organization, we will cease to provide any benefit for the relevant disease from then on.
3. "Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)" refers to the new strain of coronavirus disease currently named by the World Health Organization ("WHO") as "COVID-19", which is announced by Hong Kong SAR Government or any other governments that quarantine is required for the confirmed case.

4. Waiver of waiting period is only applicable to the Extra Benefit.
5. The entire contents of the "PHEIC Infectious Disease Extra Benefit" table above shall form part of these Terms and Conditions as if they are repeated here in full.
6. Each Insured can only claim each benefit under the Extra Benefit once per life and subject to the per life limit of each benefit under the Extra Benefit, even if the Insured is insured by more than one policy of the Applicable Plans and/or iProtect 10 Years Insurance Plan issued by BOC Life.
7. "Intensive Care Unit" refers to a unit within a Hospital which is designated as an intensive care unit by the Hospital and operates on a 24-hour basis solely for the treatment of in-patients in critical conditions and is equipped for continuous monitoring of cardiopulmonary function of such patients.
8. "Hospital" refers to a legally constituted establishment operating pursuant to the laws of the country/region in which it is based which:
 - i. operates primarily for providing medical treatment and care of injury on an in-patient basis;
 - ii. has facilities for diagnosis and major surgery;
 - iii. has 24-hour nursing services; and
 - iv. has at least one (1) registered doctor in residence.

"Hospital" does not include a rest or convalescent home, or similar establishment or a place for alcoholics or drug addicts.
9. For the definition of "the total premiums of the policy", please refer to the product brochure of Forever Wellbeing Whole Life Plan.
10. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "Adverse Event Following Immunization" ("AEFI") means:
 - any untoward medical occurrence which follows immunization and which does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine. The adverse event may be any unfavorable or unintended sign, abnormal laboratory finding, symptom or disease.
 - There are five categories of AEFI:
 - Vaccine product-related reaction
 - Vaccine quality defect-related reaction
 - Immunization error-related reaction
 - Immunization anxiety-related reaction
 - Coincidental event
 - AEFI can be also classified into one of the following categories:
 - Allergic reaction
 - Local reaction
 - Systemic reaction
 - Neurological disorders
11. "Hospital Confinement" means the admission of the Insured as an in-patient in a Hospital, provided that the Insured continuously stays as an in-patient in the Hospital for a minimum of six (6) hours thereafter prior to his/her discharge therefrom. Hospital Confinement must be Medically Necessary.
12. The policy of the Applicable Plan must remain effective during the Designated Coverage Period. If the policy is terminated for whatever reason, the Extra Benefit will be terminated simultaneously.
13. Major exclusions:

No benefits will be payable under the Extra Benefit for any claims resulting from, or related to, or caused or contributed directly or indirectly, wholly or partly, by any of the followings:

 - i. any Pre-existing Condition (being diagnosed as suffering from the Covered Disease or circumstances applicable to Benefit 3 having arisen before the effective date of the policy or before the start of the Designated Coverage Period, whichever is later); or
 - ii. terrorist attack using biochemical weapons of any kind.
14. The Extra Benefit will automatically be terminated upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following:
 - i. the end of the Designated Coverage Period if the Insured has not been diagnosed as suffering from the Covered Disease or circumstances applicable to Benefit 3 have not arisen; or
 - ii. when the policy of the Applicable Plan lapses, is cancelled or surrendered; or
 - iii. when the Insured passes away.

[Only applicable to Benefit 1 and Benefit 2] Within the Designated Coverage Period while the policy of the Applicable Plan is effective, if the Insured is diagnosed by a registered doctor as suffering from a disease, that is declared by the World Health Organization as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern within 1 year after the diagnosis, even the Extra Benefit is terminated, the diagnosis will still be eligible for claim payment under the Extra Benefit.
15. BOC Life reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the Extra Benefit and to amend the relevant terms and conditions at any time at its sole discretion without prior notice.
16. In case of any dispute, the decision of BOC Life shall be final.
17. Upon the approval of the Applicable Plan, these terms and conditions of the Extra Benefit will become an endorsement of the relevant policy and will form part of the policy provisions of the Applicable Plan.
18. The content of this promotion material is only related to the Extra Benefit. For details of the Applicable Plans, please refer to the relevant product brochures, benefit illustrations and provisions.
19. Should there be any discrepancy between the Chinese and English versions of this promotion material, the English version shall prevail.

Source: World Health Organization website (accessed in Feb 2021) <https://vaccine-safety-training.org/classification-of-aefis.html>

Medically Necessary:

It means in respect of confinement, treatment, procedure, supplies or other medical services, such confinement, treatment, procedure, supplies or other medical services which are, in BOC Life's opinion:

- (i) required for, appropriate and consistent with the symptoms and findings or Diagnosis and treatment of the covered illness;
- (ii) in accordance with generally accepted medical practice and not of an experimental or investigative nature;
- (iii) not for the convenience of the Insured, the Policy Owner, the Physician or any other person; and
- (iv) not able to be omitted without adversely affecting the Insured's medical condition.

Notice and proof of claims:

The Insured must fill in the relevant claim form(s) and submit other required document(s) at the time of claim. For details, please contact BOC Life at 2860 0655.

Important Notes:

- The Extra Benefit, the Applicable Plans and the supplementary rider(s) (if any) are underwritten by BOC Life.
- BOC Life is authorised and regulated by Insurance Authority to carry on long term business in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("Hong Kong").
- BOC Life reserves the right to decide at its sole discretion to accept or decline any application for the Extra Benefit, the Applicable Plans and the supplementary rider(s) (if any) according to the information provided by the proposed Insured and the applicant at the time of application.
- The Extra Benefit, the Applicable Plans and the supplementary rider(s) (if any) are subject to the formal policy documents and provisions issued by BOC Life. Please refer to the relevant policy documents and provisions for details of the insured items and coverage, provisions and exclusions.
- (Applicable to SmartViva Flexi VHIS) BOC Life reserves the right to amend the Terms and Benefits of the certified plan subject to the prior approval and re-certification by the Food and Health Bureau. The product brochure of SmartViva Flexi VHIS have been prepared in both English and Chinese. Both English and Chinese versions are official versions and neither one shall prevail over the other. Any inconsistency shall be interpreted in favour of the Policy Holder. BOC Life also reserves the right to adjust the standard premium at each policy renewal on a portfolio basis. In addition, BOC Life reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the other services of this Plan and to amend the relevant terms and conditions of the other services of this Plan at any time without prior notice. In case of dispute(s) regarding other services of this Plan, the decision of BOC Life shall be final.
- BOC Life reserves the right to amend, suspend or terminate the Extra Benefit, the Applicable Plans and the supplementary rider(s) (if any) at any time and to amend the relevant terms and conditions. In case of dispute(s), the decision of BOC Life shall be final.

Important Notice:

You have an option to purchase SmartViva Flexi VHIS as a standalone certified plan under the VHIS without bundling with other type(s) of insurance product.

You have an option to purchase ProtectU Insurance Plan as a standalone plan base on your personal need to choose life protection solely or include additional critical illness coverage instead of bundling with other type(s) of insurance product.

You have an option to purchase Forever Wellbeing Whole Life Plan as a standalone life insurance plan with critical illness coverage, instead of bundling with other type(s) of insurance product.

You have an option to purchase BestCare-Pro Critical Illness Plan and SmartGuard Critical Illness Plan as a standalone critical illness insurance plan instead of bundling with other type(s) of insurance product.

The product information does not contain the full terms of the policy(ies) and the full terms can be found in the policy documents.

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