

Accident Expense Plus and your Major Medical Plan —



Some things just go better together

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Accident Expense Plus® Insurance A Case Study*

Janet, recreational downhill skier

Problem: Knee injury resulted in \$12,225 of medical bills and three weeks lost compensation

Solution: Accident Expense Plus combined with a major medical plan covered all medical expenses with money left over to help with living expenses while Janet could not work.

Last month, Janet was skiing with some friends late in the day. A surprise winter storm caught them at the top of the mountain. Icy conditions and limited visibility caused Janet to lose control and tumble down the mountain. She had a twisted knee and needed assistance from the ski patrol getting to the bottom of the mountain.

On the ride home with an ice pack on her knee, Janet began thinking about her next steps. She would go to the doctor first thing in the morning since it was late and she was not in unbearable pain. She had purchased new medical coverage a few months ago – an individual major medical plan and an Accident Expense Plus insurance policy with no deductible and a \$5,000 calendar year maximum benefit. With relief, she remembered her agent explaining that the accident policy would help to cover the \$2,000 deductible of her major medical plan, and she would most likely not incur any out-of-pocket medical costs due to the accident.

Janet made an appointment with her doctor for the next morning. When she referred to her Accident Expense Plus policy, she confirmed that the policy required her to see a doctor within 72 hours of her injury. During the appointment, Janet's doctor ordered an X-ray which confirmed that nothing was broken. He then referred her to an orthopedic specialist—Dr. Thomas—to evaluate ligament damage.

Dr. Thomas ordered an MRI which indicated that she had medial collateral ligament damage to her knee. The doctor advised her that surgery would be necessary but that the internal swelling would have to be reduced and the stabilization muscles would need to be strengthened before surgery. He prescribed ten physical therapy sessions.

Janet completed her physical therapy sessions in nine weeks and returned to Dr. Thomas who ordered another MRI and confirmed Janet was ready for surgery. It had been ten weeks since her accident.

After surgery, Janet continued with another three weeks of physical therapy. Her follow-up visit with Dr. Thomas revealed that she was healing nicely. Dr. Thomas asked Janet to come back for a final visit in one month. Since the accident, Janet had accumulated three weeks of unpaid time-off from work.

*Not an actual case; for illustrative purposes only

Summary



Janet used \$2,000 of her \$5,000 Accident Expense Plus reimbursement to pay her major medical plan deductible. Since the remaining expenses were also covered 100 percent by her major medical plan, she had \$3,000 left over to help pay living and other expenses while she was not able to work. Even though she had to endure the pain of an injury, she recovered with no out-of-pocket medical expenses or injury to her finances.

MEDICAL CARE AND COVERAGE SUMMARY			
Date of Accidental Injury 2/3/09			
Service	Cost	Accident Expense Plus	Major Medical Plan
1st Doctor Visit 2/4/09	\$110	Covered 100% (within 72 hours of accidental injury)	Not covered until \$2,500 deductible is met
X-ray 2/4/09	\$170	Covered 100%	Not covered until \$2,500 deductible is met
1st Specialist Visit 2/6/09	\$125	Covered 100%	Not covered until \$2,500 deductible is met
MRI 2/6/09	\$1,100	Covered 100% ¹	Not covered until \$2,500 deductible is met
10 Physical Therapy Sessions 2/9 - 4/9/09	\$850	Covered 100% (up to 10 sessions)	\$355 covered (deductible met)
2nd Specialist Visit 4/13/09	\$125	Not covered ² (more than 30 days after accidental injury)	Covered 100%
MRI 4/14/09	\$1,100	Not covered ¹	Covered 100%
Surgery 4/17/09	\$7,800	Covered up to \$2,645 (benefit maximum reached)	Covered 100%
7 Physical Therapy Sessions 4/29 - 5/18/09	\$595	Not covered (benefit maximum reached)	Covered 100%
3rd Specialist Visit 5/22/09	\$125	Not covered ² (benefit maximum reached)	Covered 100%
Final Specialist Visit 6/22/09	\$125	Not covered ² (benefit maximum reached)	Covered 100%
Total Medical Expenses	(\$12,225)		
Paid by Major Medical Plan	\$10,225		
Paid by Accident Expense Plus	\$5,000		
This Amount Can Be Used to Help Replace Lost Wages or Pay Other Expenses	\$3,000		

¹ Policy allows for one major diagnostic exam if conducted within 14 days of the accident.

² Follow-up physician visits must occur within 30 days of the accidental injury or discharge from the hospital. The policy allows for a total of 3 follow-up physician visits, but not more than 1 follow-up physician visit per day.

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