

NICU admission and confinement enhancement benefits

Having a child can be a joyous occasion, but when your newborn needs specialized care, it can also lead to worry and expense. That’s why Lincoln’s hospital indemnity insurance provides enhanced Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) admission and confinement benefits.

Here’s how it works

Hospital indemnity coverage through Lincoln Financial Group increases the percentage payout when a newborn is admitted and/or confined to a Hospital ICU or NICU for care or treatment due to a premature birth or other covered event. For example, let’s take a look at Anita.



Anita

Employer plan design: (mid level)

Effective day: January 1, 2022

Hospital Admission benefit:
\$1,000 (two days per calendar year)

Hospital Confinement benefit:
\$200 (30 days per calendar year)
▪ Benefit paid on 2nd day of confinement

Hospital ICU Admission benefit:
\$2,000 (one day per calendar)

Hospital ICU Confinement benefit:
\$400 (30 days per calendar)
▪ Benefit paid on 2nd day of confinement

Hospital NICU Admission:
25% increase

Hospital NICU Confinement:
25% increase

Anita’s claim

Anita goes to the hospital for a routine delivery after the effective date, but she and her baby both have complications, resulting in a longer-than-expected stay for her and her baby.

Claim paid:

Hospital Admission	\$1,000
Hospital Confinement (mom 4 days)	\$800
Hospital ICU Admission (newborn child)	\$2,000
Hospital ICU Confinement (newborn child 3 days)*	\$1,200
Hospital NICU Admission Child	\$500
Hospital NICU Confinement	\$300
Mom =	\$1,800
Child =	+\$4,000
Total claim paid benefits =	\$5,800

*Hospital Confinement begins on the 2nd day. Requires a minimum of 23 hours confined to qualify.

Why is this coverage so critical?

When new parents have a child in the NICU, the last thing they want to worry about is expenses. This coverage is specifically aimed at helping reduce this financial burden.



A stay in the NICU is all too common ...

Each year, **10-15%** of babies born in the U.S. need a stay in an NICU.¹



Can be quite lengthy ...

The average length of hospital stay for newborns in a special care nursery is **13.2 days**.² However, infants born earlier than 32 weeks stay for an average of **46.2 days**.²



And very expensive ...

The average cost for infants hospitalized in a NICU is **\$3,000 per day**.³

The average cost to an employer of a healthy baby born at full-term, or 40 weeks of gestation, is **\$2,830**, but the average cost for a premature baby is **\$41,410**.³

¹ <https://www.parenting.com/baby/nicu-care/>

² <https://www.oakbendmedcenter.org/which-babies-need-care-in-the-nicu/#:~:text=How%20long%20infants%20remain%20in,an%20average%20of%2046.2%20days>

³ <https://www.managedcaremag.com/archives/2010/1/how-plans-can-improve-outcomes-and-cut-costs-preterm-infant-care/>



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