

# Simple protection for your clients' income

We will see a significant refresh of income protection offerings across the market, in line with new APRA requirements.

At OnePath, we have viewed the requirements as an opportunity to revisit the core customer needs - and adviser challenges - in this vital category. As a result, we've gone back to the drawing board to design a new suite of products, making income protection easier to understand and afford, and ultimately offering more certainty for the future.

And for advisers, that means protecting your client's biggest asset - their income - with even more certainty.

# Clients need income protection more than ever

Across the market, income protection is the most claimed upon life insurance product of all.

Last year, more than 9,000 income protection claims were paid to the holders of retail advised policies. And across OnePath and Zurich, we paid close to \$300 million in retail income protection claims in 2020.

Which perhaps shouldn't come as a surprise, given research<sup>1</sup> suggests up to half of us will experience some sort of income loss due to accident or illness at some point in our working lives.

IN 2020, THERE WERE MORE INCOME PROTECTION CLAIMS
THAN DEATH, TPD AND
TRAUMA CLAIMS COMBINED

# Our guiding principles for the Income Protection product design



Work is good for you, supporting your mental health and wellbeing



Returning to health is a unique journey for every claimant



We pay genuine claims, meeting community expectations



Removing complexity, improves understanding and administration





#### 75 becomes 70 (+ other changes)

At OnePath, we've placed a priority on providing both comprehensive protection and certainty.

One of the changes you will see across the industry is a new 70% limit on monthly insured benefits, replacing the old 75% 'rule of thumb'.

Whilst some insurers may choose to offer less than 70% - or cap the length of claim the 70% applies to - OneCare Income Secure Protection offers the certainty of the full 70% for the entire claim.

And, because we recognise that out-of-pocket medical and household costs can often be higher in the period immediately after a claimable illness or injury, we offer a unique Severity Booster optional benefit, for extra peace of mind.

We've also removed the complexity around the definition of disablement, offering a simple '7 out of 12 days' definition for all occupations.

There are other changes too, designed to make cover more accessible and more affordable.

#### The core promise remains the same

Post October, the core promise of income protection cover, and its power to meet the obvious consumer need, remains the same.

The philosophy underlying APRA's mandated changes is one of sustainability through equity, ensuring income protection provides vital financial protection when it is most needed, whilst supporting claimants in their desire to return to work. All in a way which is fair to all policyholders.

It's for this reason that benefits that were paid regardless of a claimant's ability to work - such as trauma and specified injury benefits - can no longer be offered, and why the rules around offsets will become more equitable.

Ultimately this allows insurers to continue providing strong, vital coverage, but in a more sustainable framework.

OneCare	Pre 27 September 2021	From 27 September 2021
Replacement ratio now lower	75% of income (including super contributions)	<ul> <li>70% of income (excluding super contributions)</li> </ul>
	5% priority income option	super contributions not insurable
Maximum sum insured	• \$60K monthly benefit	• \$30K monthly benefit
Definition of Totally disabled changes	Own occupation definition usually applies for entire claim period	Own occupation definitions applies for the first 2 years of claim; any occupation (ETE) applies after 2 years on claim
	• 3 tiers (1 duty, loss of income, 10 hours)	
		<ul> <li>1 tier (all important income producing duties)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Participation in reasonable retraining or rehabilitation where appropriate</li> </ul>
Income at risk (at claim time) calculation changed	Various definitions used across the market, including best 12 consecutive months in 24 months pre-disablement.	Income earned at claim time and not more than 12 months old, or average earnings over an appropriate time period (for claimants with fluctuating incomes)
Capacity to work changes	Part of the calculation of partial disability benefits	<ul> <li>Part of the calculation of total and partial disability benefits</li> </ul>
Ongoing income and paid leave	Not always offset	Offset from Day 1*
Accident option	Day 3 and Day 14 available payable during the waiting period	<ul> <li>Day 14 available payable during the waiting period</li> </ul>
Superlinking	• Available	Not available – complimentary cover (super-owned policies) automatically issued to allow claims where the life insured is unemployed at time of illness or injury
Severity booster option	Not applicable	New option - allows for an additional 20% to be paid in the first 6 months for severe trauma events and hospitalisation

<sup>\*</sup>Paid leave taken not entitlement





### Navigate the changes with ease

The industry-wide Income Protection reset is happening at the same time as other major regulatory changes, including Design and Distribution Obligations (DDO) come into effect. We understand that changes of this magnitude will require you to refine your processes, your conversations, and your risk advice strategies. That's why we have developed a range of practical resources to support you, every step of the way.

Our Change Navigator hub is a one-stop knowledge centre to help you understand and adapt to the changes. You'll find templates, fact sheets and FAQs, along with a new suite of customer facing materials. There's also a series of educational videos covering topics including advice strategies, pricing, and claims. And of course, your OnePath BDM is here to answer your questions and connect you to the support your business needs.

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### Expert view on the IDII changes

There's also a series of educational videos covering topics including advice strategies, pricing, and claims. These videos, along with other helpful resources, can be accessed through zoneeducation.com.au, our adviser education platform.

#### For more information and support

Visit our Change Navigator hub

onepath.com.au/changenavigator

Ask your OnePath BDM

Call our Adviser Services Line on 1800 222 066



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