



THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE CO. LTD,
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GROUP MEDICLAIM POLICY (2007)

WHEREAS THE Insured designated in the Schedule hereto has by a Proposal and declaration dated as stated in the Schedule which shall be the basis of this Contract and is deemed to be incorporated herein, has applied to THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE COMPANY LTD. (hereinafter called the COMPANY) for the insurance hereinafter set forth in respect of person(s) named in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter called the INSURED PERSON) and has paid premium as consideration for such insurance,

- 1.0 **Coverage:** NOW THIS POLICY WITNESSES that subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and definitions contained herein or endorsed or otherwise expressed hereon, the Company undertakes that if during the period stated in the Schedule or during the continuance of this policy by renewal any Insured Person shall contract any disease or suffer from any illness (hereinafter called DISEASE) or sustain any bodily injury through accident (hereinafter called INJURY) and if such disease or injury shall require any such Insured Person, upon the advice of a duly qualified Physician/ Medical Specialist/ Medical Surgeon (hereinafter called SURGEON) to incur Hospitalisation Expenses (herein defined) for medical/surgical treatment at Nursing Home/Hospital in India as herein defined (hereinafter called HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/DAY CARE CENTRE) as an inpatient the Company will pay through T.P.A. to the hospital / nursing home or reimburse the insured person amount of such expenses as would fall under different heads mentioned below and are reasonably, customarily and necessarily incurred in respect thereof by or on behalf of such Insured Person but not exceeding in any one period of insurance the amount stated hereunder.
- 2.0 **Following reasonable, customary & necessary expenses are reimbursable under the policy:**
- 2.1 Room, boarding and nursing expenses as provided by the Hospital /nursing home not exceeding 1% of the sum insured per day or actual whichever is less.

- 2.2 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) / Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU) expenses not exceeding 2% of the sum insured per day or actual whichever is less
- 2.3 Surgeon, Anaesthetist, Medical Practitioner, Consultants' Specialist fees
- 2.4 Anaesthesia, Blood, Oxygen, Operation Theatre Charges, Surgical Appliances, Medicines & Drugs, Dialysis, Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, Artificial Limbs, Cost of Prosthetic devices implanted during surgical procedure like pacemaker, Relevant Laboratory/Diagnostic rest, X-Ray etc.
- 2.5 Pre-hospitalisation medical charges up to 30 days period immediately before the insured's admission to hospital for that illness and
- 2.6 Post hospitalisation medical charges up to 60 days period immediately after the insured's discharge from a hospital for that illness or injury.

Note:

- 1. The amounts payable under 2.3 and 2.4 shall be at the rate applicable to the entitled room category. In case insured opts for a room with rent higher than the entitled category as under 2.1, the charges payable under 2.3 and 2.4 shall be limited to the charges applicable to the entitled category.**
 - 2. No payment shall be made under 2.3 other than as part of the hospitalisation bill.**
 - 3. However, the bills raised by Surgeon, Anaesthetist directly and not included in the hospitalization bill may be reimbursed in the following manner:**
 - a. The reasonable, customary and necessary Surgeon fee and Anaesthetist fee would be reimbursed, limited to the maximum of 25% of Sum Insured. The payment shall be reimbursed provided the insured pays such fee(s) through cheque and the Surgeon / Anaesthetist provides a numbered bill. Bills given on letter-head of the Surgeon, Anaesthetist would not be entertained.**
 - b. Fees paid in cash will be reimbursed up to a limit of Rs. 10,000/- only, provided the Surgeon/Anaesthetist provides a numbered bill.**
- 2.7 Expenses incurred for Ayurvedic/Homeopathic/Unani Treatment are admissible up to 25% of the sum insured provided the treatment for illness/disease and accidental injuries, is taken in the registered hospitals which are qualifying the definition of hospitals, excluding centers for spas, massage and health rejuvenation procedures.
- 2.8 Ambulances services – 1% of the sum insured or actuals, whichever is less, subject to maximum of Rs. 2,500/- in case patient has to be shifted from residence to hospital for admission in Emergency Ward or ICU or from one Hospital/Nursing Home to another Hospital/Nursing Home by fully equipped ambulance for better medical facilities.

- 2.9 Hospitalisation expenses (excluding cost of organ) incurred on the donor during the course of organ transplant to the insured person. The Company's liability towards expenses incurred on the donor and the insured recipient shall not exceed the sum insured of the insured person receiving the organ.
- 2.10 Persons paying Zone I premium can avail treatment in any Zone. The maximum liability of the Company will be 100% of the Sum Insured.

Persons paying Zone II premium and taking treatment in Zone II and Zone III, the Company's liability will be 100% of the sum insured.

Persons paying Zone II premium but availing treatment in Zone I will have to bear 10% of each claim. The maximum liability of the Company will not exceed 90% of the sum insured

Persons paying Zone III premium and availing treatment in Zone III, the maximum liability of the Company will be 100% of the sum insured.

Persons paying Zone III premium but availing treatment in Zone II will have to bear 10% of each claim. The maximum liability of the Company will not exceed 90% of the sum insured.

Persons paying Zone III premium but availing treatment in Zone I will have to bear 20% of each claim. The maximum liability of the Company will not exceed 80% of the sum insured.

3.0 **Definitions:**

- 3.1 **PRE-EXISTING DISEASE/CONDITON** means any condition, ailment or injury or related condition(s) for which the Insured Person had signs or symptoms, and / or were diagnosed, and / or received medical advice / treatment, within 48 months prior to his / her first policy with us.

3.2 **HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME:** means any institution in India established for indoor care and treatment of sickness and injuries and which has been registered either as a hospital or nursing home with the local authorities and is under the supervision of a registered and qualified medical practitioner, **or complies with minimum criteria as under:**

- (a) Must have a minimum of:
in-patient beds if located in towns having population of less than 10 lacs **or**
15 in-patient beds if located in other towns.
- (b) Fully equipped operation theatre of its own wherever surgical operations are carried out.
- (c) Fully qualified Nursing Staff under its employment round the clock.
- (d) Fully qualified Doctor(s) should be in-charge round the clock.
- (e) Maintains a daily medical record for each of its patients.
Note: In case of Ayurvedic Hospital, (b) is not applicable

For the purpose of this definition the term Hospital/Nursing Home/Day Care Centre shall not include an establishment, which is a place of rest, a place for the aged, a place for drug addicts or place for alcoholics, a hotel or any other like place.

3.3 **“Surgical Operation”** means manual and/or operative procedures for correction of deformities / defects, repair of injuries, cure of diseases, relief of suffering and prolongation of life.

3.4 **HOSPITALISATION:** shall mean admission in any Hospital/Nursing Home in India upon the written advice of a Medical Practitioner for a minimum period of 24 consecutive hours. The time limit of 24 hours will not be applicable for following surgeries / procedures.

Anti Rabies Vaccination	Hysterectomy
Appendectomy	Inguinal/Ventral/Umbilical/Femoral Hernia repair
Coronary Angiography	Lithotripsy (Kidney Stone Removal)
Coronary Angioplasty	Parenteral Chemotherapy
Dental surgery following an accident	Piles / Fistula
Dilatation & Curettage (D & C) of Cervix	Prostate
Eye surgery	Radiotherapy
Fracture / dislocation excluding hairline fracture	Sinusitis
Gastrointestinal Tract system	Stone in Gall Bladder, Pancreas, and Bile Duct
Haemo-Dialysis	Tonsillectomy,
Hydrocele	Urinary Tract System

OR any other Surgeries / Procedures agreed by TPA/Company which require less than 24 hours hospitalisation due to advancement in Medical Technology.

- 3.5 **Any one illness** will be deemed to mean continuous period of the illness for which treatment is undergone and includes relapse within 45 days from the date of last consultation with the Hospital/Nursing Home where treatment was taken. Occurrence of same illness after a lapse of 45 days as stated above will be considered as fresh illness.
- 3.6 **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** means a person who holds a degree/diploma of a recognized institution and is registered by Medical Council of respective State of India. The term Medical Practitioner would include Physician, Specialist and Surgeon and shall not include insured person and member of his family covered under this insurance.
- 3.7 **QUALIFIED NURSE** means a person who holds a certificate of a recognized nursing Council and who is employed on recommendations of the attending Medical Practitioner.
- 3.8 **MATERNITY EXPENSES BENEFIT** means treatment taken in hospital/Nursing Home arising from or traceable to pregnancy, childbirth including caesarian section. This is an optional benefit available on payment of additional payment. When maternity expenses benefit is opted for in the policy exclusion no.4.4.13 of the policy stands deleted.
- 3.9 **THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (T.P.A.)**
TPA means a third party administrator as mentioned in the schedule, licensed by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) and engaged by the Company for a fee or remuneration for providing Cashless service and or reimbursement of claim under Mediclaim policy to insured persons.
- 3.10 **NETWORK HOSPITAL** shall mean the hospital, day care center, nursing home or such other medical aid provider that has agreed with the TPA to provide cashless access services to policyholders. Non-network provider shall mean any other hospital/nursing home/day care center, or such other medical aid provider, who has not agreed to provide such cashless access services.

- 3.11 **CASHLESS FACILITY:** A facility whereby the TPA agrees, on the insured's request, to settle the admissible claim directly to the network hospital. Any expense in excess of the admissible claim amount will, however, be borne by the insured himself.
- 3.12 **ID CARD** means the identity card issued to the insured person by the TPA to avail cashless facility in network hospitals.
- 3.13 **DAYCARE PROCEDURE** means the course of medical treatment / surgical procedure in specialized day care center which enables the insured to be discharged on the same day. The requirement of minimum number of beds will be waived, provided other conditions are met.
- 3.14 **CUSTOMARY & REASONABLE CHARGE:** A charge for health care, which is consistent with the prevailing rate in an area or charged in a certain geographical area for identical or similar services.
- 3.15 **INCURRED CLAIMS:** is the ratio of the total amount of claims paid plus outstanding claims at the end of the policy period to the total premium for the policy.
- 4.0 **Exclusions:**The Company shall not be liable to make any payment under this policy in respect of:
- 4.1 **PRE-EXISTING DISEASES/CONDITION BENEFITS** will not be

available for any condition(s) as defined in the policy, until 48 months of continuous coverage have elapsed, since inception of the first policy with us.

This exclusion will be deleted after four consecutive claim free policy year provided there was no hospitalization for the pre-existing disease/ailment/condition/injury during the said four years of insurance with our Company.

Compulsory Coverage For specific Pre-Existing Conditions.

On payment of additional premium, which is compulsory for persons suffering from the pre-existing conditions of Diabetes, Hypertension, Increased cholesterol, Uric Acid, these specific pre-existing conditions only are covered in the following manner:

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1 st year	No claim
2 nd year	No claim
3 rd year	50% of admissible claim or 50% of the sum insured whichever is less
4 th year	75% of admissible claim or 75% of the sum insured whichever is less
5 th year onwards	100% of admissible claim or sum insured whichever is less

4.2 **30-day Exclusion:** Any disease other than those stated in clause 4.3 below, contracted by the insured person during first 30 days from the commencement date of the policy. This exclusion will not apply if the policy is renewed with our Company without any break. The exclusion does not also apply to treatment for accidental injuries.

4.3 **Waiting period for specified diseases/ailments/conditions:**

From the time of inception of the cover, the policy will not cover the following diseases/ailments/conditions for the duration shown below. This exclusion will be deleted after the duration shown, provided the policy has been continuously renewed with our Company without any break.

Sr. No	Name of Disease/Ailment/Surgery not covered for	Duration
1	Any Skin disorder	Two years
2	All internal & external benign tumors, cysts, polyps of any kind, including benign breast lumps	Two years
3	Benign Ear, Nose, Throat disorders	Two years
4	Benign Prostate Hypertrophy	Two years
5	Cataract & age related eye ailments	Two years
6	Diabetes melitus	Two years
7	Gastric/ Duodenal Ulcer	Two years
8	Gout & Rheumatism	Two years
9	Hernia of all types	Two years
10	Hydrocele	Two years
11	Hypertension	Two years
12	Hysterectomy for Menorrhagia/Fibromyoma, Myomectomy and Prolapse of uterus	Two years
13	Non Infective Arthritis	Two years
14	Piles, Fissure and Fistula in Anus	Two years
15	Pilonidal Sinus, Sinusitis and related disorders	Two years
16	Prolapse Inter Vertebral Disc unless arising from accident	Two years
17	Stone in Gall Bladder & Bile duct	Two years
18	Stones in Urinary Systems	Two years
19	Unknown Congenital internal disease/defects	Two years
20	Varicose Veins and Varicose Ulcers	Two years
21	Age related Osteoarthritis & Osteoporosis	Four years
22	Joint Replacements due to Degenerative Condition	Four years

- 4.4 **Permanent Exclusions:** Any medical expenses incurred for or arising out of:
- 4.4.1 War invasion, Act of foreign enemy, War like operations, Nuclear weapons, ionising radiation, contamination by radio activity, by any nuclear fuel or nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
 - 4.4.2 Circumcision, cosmetic or aesthetic treatment, plastic surgery unless required to treat injury or illness.
 - 4.4.3 Vaccination & Inoculation.
 - 4.4.4 Cost of braces, equipment or external prosthetic devices, non-durable implants, eyeglasses, Cost of spectacles and contact lenses, hearing aids including cochlear implants, durable medical equipments.
 - 4.4.5 All types of Dental treatments except arising out of an accident.
 - 4.4.6 Convalescence, general debility, 'Run-down' condition or rest cure, obesity treatment and its complications, congenital external disease/defects or anomalies, treatment relating to all psychiatric and psychosomatic disorders, infertility, sterility, use of intoxicating drugs/alcohol, use of tobacco leading to cancer.
 - 4.4.7 Bodily injury or sickness due to wilful or deliberate exposure to danger (except in an attempt to save human life), intentional self-inflicted injury, suicide or attempt thereat, or arising out of non-adherence to medical advice.
 - 4.4.8 Treatment of any Bodily injury sustained whilst or as a result of active participation in any hazardous sports of any kind.
 - 4.4.9 Treatment of any bodily injury sustained whilst or as a result of participating in any criminal act.

- 4.4.10 Sexually transmitted diseases, any condition directly or indirectly caused due to or associated with Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus Type III (HTLB-III) or lymphopathy Associated Virus (LAV) or the Mutants Derivative or Variation Deficiency syndrome or any syndrome or condition of a similar kind commonly referred to as AIDS.
- 4.4.11 Diagnosis, X-Ray or Laboratory examination not consistent with or incidental to the diagnosis of positive existence and treatment of any ailment, sickness or injury, for which confinement is required at a Hospital/Nursing Home.
- 4.4.12 Vitamins and tonics unless forming part of treatment for injury or disease as certified by the attending physician.
- 4.4.13 Treatment arising from or traceable to pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, abortion or complications of any of these including caesarean section, except abdominal operation for extra uterine pregnancy (Ectopic Pregnancy), which is proved by submission of ultra Sonographic Report and Certification by Gynecologist that it is life threatening.
- 4.4.14 Naturopathy Treatment
- 4.4.15 Instrument used in treatment of Sleep Apnoea Syndrome (C.P.A.P.) and continuous Peritoneal Ambulatory dialysis (C.P.A.D.) and Oxygen Concentrator for Bronchial Asthmatic condition.
- 4.4.16 Genetical disorders and stem cell implantation / surgery.
- 4.4.17 Domiciliary treatment
- 4.4.18 Treatment outside India.
- 4.4.19 Experimental and unproven treatment.
- 4.4.20 Change of treatment from one system to another unless recommended by the consultant / hospital under whom the treatment is taken

4.4.21 All non-medical expenses including convenience items for personal comfort such as telephone, television, Aya, Private Nursing / Barber or beauty services, diet charges, baby food, cosmetics, tissue paper, diapers, sanitary pads, toiletry items etc. guest services and similar incidental expenses

4.4.22 Service charges or any other charges levied by hospital, except registration/admission charges.

5.0 **CONDITIONS:**

5.1 **Contract:** The proposal form, declaration, Health Certificate, and policy issued shall constitute complete contract of insurance.

5.2 **Communication:** Every notice or communication to be given or made under this Policy other than that relating to claim shall be delivered in writing at the address of the policy issuing office as shown in the schedule. The claim shall be referred to the TPA appointed for providing health care services as per the procedure mentioned in the guidelines circulated by the T.P.A. to the policyholders. In case TPA services are not availed, then claim shall be reported to the Policy issuing office.

5.3 **Premium Payment:** The premium payable under this policy shall be paid in advance. No receipt for premium shall be valid except on the official form of the company signed by a duly authorized official of the Company. The due payment of premium and the observance and fulfillment of the terms, provisions, conditions and endorsements of this policy by the Insured Person in so far as they relate to anything to be done or complied with by the Insured Person shall be a condition precedent to any liability of the Company to make any payment under the Policy, no waiver of any terms, provision, conditions and endorsement of this policy shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by an authorized official of the Company.

5.4 **Physical Examination:** Any Medical Practitioner authorized by the TPA / Company shall be allowed to examine the Insured Person in case of any alleged disease/illness/injury requiring Hospitalization. Non-cooperation by the Insured Person will result into rejection of his/her claim.

5.5 **Fraud, Misrepresentation, Concealment:** The policy shall be null and void and no benefits shall be payable in the event of misrepresentation, misdescription or nondisclosure of any material fact/particular if such claim be in any manner fraudulent or supported by any fraudulent means or device whether by the Insured Person or by any other person acting on his behalf.

5.6 **Contribution:** If at the time when any claim arises under this policy, there is in existence any other insurance (other than Cancer Insurance Policy in collaboration with Indian Cancer Society/ Cancer Patient Aid Association) whether it be effected by or on behalf of any Insured Person in respect of whom the claim may have arisen covering the same loss, liability, compensation, costs or expenses, the Company shall not be liable to pay or contribute more than its rateable proportion of any loss, liability, compensation, costs or expenses. The benefits under this Policy shall be in excess of the benefits available under Cancer Insurance Policy.

5.7 **Cancellation Clause:**
The Company may at any time cancel this Policy by sending the Insured 30 days notice by registered letter at the Insured's last known address and in such event the Company shall refund to the Insured a pro-rata premium for un-expired Period of Insurance. The company shall however, remain liable for any claim, which arose prior to the date of cancellation. The Insured may at any time cancel this Policy and in such event the Company shall allow refund of premium at Company's short period rate only (table given here below) provided no claim has occurred up to the date of cancellation.

PERIOD ON RISK	RATE OF PREMIUM TO BE CHARGED
Up to one-month	1/4th of the annual rate
Up to three months	1/2 of the annual rate
Up to six months	3/4th of the annual rate
Exceeding six months	full annual rate

5.9 **Disclaimer of Claim:** If The TPA / Company shall disclaim liability to the Insured for any claim hereunder and if the insured shall not, within 12 calendar months from the date or receipt of the notice of such disclaimer notify the TPA / Company in writing that he does not accept such disclaimer and intends to recover his claim from the Company, then the claim shall for all purposes be deemed to have been abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.

5.10 All medical/surgical treatment under this policy shall have to be taken in India.

6.1 **LOW CLAIM DISCOUNT:** A low claim discount at the following rates will be allowed on the renewal premium, if the incurred claims of the group in the preceding three completed years, excluding the year immediately preceding the renewal is as below:.

Incurred Claim Ratio	Discount %
Not Exceeding 60%	5
Not Exceeding 50%	15
Not Exceeding 40%	25
Not Exceeding 30%	35
Not Exceeding 25%	40

If the policy has been in force for a period less than 3 completed years, such shorter period, excluding the year immediately preceding the renewal will be considered.

6.2 **HIGH CLAIM LOADING:** if the incurred claim ratio of the group for three years (or for lesser period, if the cover has not been in force for three years), excluding the year immediately preceding the date of renewal exceeds 70%, premium for renewal of the policy will be loaded as per scale below:

Incurred Claim Ratio	Loading %
Between 70% and 100%	25
Between 101% and 125%	55
Between 126% and 150%	90
Between 151% and 175%	120
Between 176% and 200%	150
Over 200%	Cover to be reviewed

7.0 MATERNITY EXPENSES BENEFIT EXTENSION (OPTIONAL COVER) This is an optional cover, which can be obtained on payment of 20% of the total basic premium for all the insured person under the policy. Total basic premium means the total premium computed before applying Group discount and or High claim ratio loading, Low claim discount.

Option of maternity benefit has to be exercised at the inception of the policy period and no refund is allowable in case of insured's cancellation of this option during the currency of the policy.

The maximum benefit allowable under this clause will be 10% of Sum Insured for normal delivery subject to maximum of Rs 25,000. Under Caesarean section, benefit will be 20% of sum insured subject to maximum of Rs. 50,000/-

Special conditions applicable to Maternity Benefit:

1. These benefits are admissible only if the expenses are incurred in Hospital/Nursing Home as in patient in India.
2. A waiting period of 9 months is applicable for payment of any claim relating to normal delivery or caesarean section. The waiting period may be relaxed only in case of delivery, miscarriage or abortion induced by accident or other medical emergency.
3. Claim in respect of delivery for only first two children and for operation associated there with will be considered in respect of any one insured person covered under the policy or any renewal thereof. Those insured person who is already having two or more living children would not be eligible for this benefit.

4. Expenses incurred in connection with voluntary medical termination of policy during the first 12 weeks from the date of conception are not covered.
5. Pre-natal and post-natal expenses are not covered unless admitted in Hospital/Nursing home and treatment is taken there.

NOTE:

When Group Policy is extended to include maternity expenses benefit, the exclusion 4.4.13 of the policy stands deleted.

8.0 MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRED UNDER TWO POLICY PERIODS:

If a claim spreads over two policy periods the total benefit will not exceed the sum insured of the policy during which the insured person was admitted to the hospital. Only that policy during which the insured person was admitted to hospital will respond for the claim.

9.0 COMPANY'S LIABILITY:

The Company's liability in respect of all claims admitted during the period of Insurance shall not exceed the sum insured.

10.0 NOTICE OF CLAIM:

Preliminary notice of claim with particulars relating to Policy Numbers, name of insured person in respect of whom claim is to be made, nature of illness/injury and Name and Address of the attending medical practitioner/Hospital/Nursing Home should be given to the Insurance Company/TPA within 7 days from the date of hospitalization in respect of reimbursement claims.

Final claim along with hospital receipted original Bills/Cash memos, **claim form and list of documents as listed in the claim form etc. should be submitted** to the Policy issuing Office/TPA not later than 30 days of discharge from the hospital. Also give the Company/TPA such additional information and assistance as the Company/TPA may require in dealing with the claim.

Waiver: Waiver of period of intimation may be considered in extreme cases of hardships where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Company/TPA that under the Circumstances in which the insured was placed it was not possible for him or any other person to give such notice or file claim within the prescribed time limit.

11.0 **PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING CASHLESS ACCESS SERVICE**

Claims in respect of Cashless access services will be through the agreed list of network of hospital / nursing home and is subject to pre-admission authorization. The TPA shall upon getting the related medical information from the insured person /network provider, verify that the person is eligible to claim under the policy and after satisfying itself will issue a pre-authorization letter / guarantee of payment letter to the hospital /nursing home mentioning the sum guaranteed as payable also the ailment for which the person is seeking to be admitted as a patient. The TPA reserves the right to deny pre-authorization in case the insured person is unable to provide the relevant medical details as required by the TPA. The TPA will make it clear to the insured person that denial of Cashless Access is in no way construed to be denial of treatment. The insured person may obtain the treatment as per his /her treating doctors advice and later on submit the full claim papers to the TPA for reimbursement

14.0 **REPUDIATION OF CLAIMS**

TPAs are authorized to repudiate claims if they are not admissible as per the terms and conditions herein. The TPA shall mention the reasons for the repudiation in writing to the insured person. The insured person shall have right of appeal to the Insurance company if he /she feels that the claim is wrongly repudiated. The Insurance Company's decision in this regard will be final and binding on TPA.

15.0 **PAYMENT OF CLAIM**

All admissible claims shall be payable in Indian Currency

16.0 **PERIOD OF POLICY:** This insurance policy is issued for a period of one year.