

# Continuation of Benefits (COB) Deep Dive

OneAmerica® Care Solutions offers a Long-Term Care Continuation of Benefits (COB) rider to extend the length of your protection from a few years to your entire lifetime.

## What is it?

The optional COB rider is available on both our whole life and annuity-based contracts and may help protect against the costs of an extended long-term care (LTC) event.

## How does it work?

Once your base policy benefits have been exhausted, the COB rider kicks in for the length of time that you choose. Two choices of extended benefit are available: **limited** or **lifetime**.

1. <https://longtermcare.acl.gov/the-basics/how-much-care-will-you-need.html>; last updated 10/10/2017

## Why do I want it?

The length of an LTC need can be unpredictable, but on average women will need it longer than men (3.7 years vs. 2.2 years)<sup>1</sup>. However, this doesn't mean that 3 to 4 years of protection will be enough. If the average LTC claim lasts around 3 years, half will be less than 3 years and half will be more. Limited benefit periods may cover LTC expenses for the duration of some, but not all LTC claims. In fact, recent studies show that on average people age 65 and older survive 4 to 8 years after an initial Alzheimer's diagnosis, with some living as long as 20 years post-diagnosis.<sup>2</sup>

Only protection for your lifetime, like the protection provided by OneAmerica® Care Solutions products, can guarantee that LTC benefits will be paid for the duration of all qualifying claims<sup>3</sup> including lifelong diagnoses like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and dementia.

2. [https://www.alz.org/documents\\_custom/2017-facts-and-figures.pdf](https://www.alz.org/documents_custom/2017-facts-and-figures.pdf) 3. To be eligible for benefits, the covered person must be a chronically ill individual with qualified long-term care services provided pursuant to a plan of care prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner.

**Limited:** Based on the product you select, the length of your protection may be doubled.

**Lifetime:** This option helps provide protection against qualifying LTC expenses for the extent of your lifetime.

On a joint policy, the extended benefit applies to both insureds for one premium rate. Premiums for the rider can be paid with a single premium or annually, and like the base policy premiums they are guaranteed to never increase. Choose to supplement your extended protection with inflation protection and nonforfeiture options for an extra premium. The COB has no cash value or death benefit.

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