

Maximum coverage amount



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At the Mutual Benefit Association (MBA), we are constantly looking for ways to better serve the members of the NALC. Ideas are thoroughly discussed with the MBA staff, our attorney and our actuary. If implementing a change would cause the MBA to incur a cost, a careful cost-benefit analysis is done before any final decision is made.

One such idea was increasing our maximum coverage amount for any one person’s life. The maximum coverage amount has not been increased since Jan. 1, 2009, when it was increased to \$100,000. The maximum applies to all of our life insurance products. If you have

more than one policy for any one individual, it applies to the total coverage on that individual.

On Aug. 22, the MBA held its quarterly trustees’ meeting in Washington, DC. At this meeting, I, along with our attorney and actuary, presented to the trustees the idea of increasing the maximum coverage amount to \$150,000. After some discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to increase the maximum coverage amount for any one life to \$150,000 beginning Oct. 1, 2024.

Our brochures currently list \$100,000 as the maximum coverage amount and list our rates up to that amount. We will reprint our brochures with the updated maximum and rates to \$150,000 as we run out of what we currently have on hand; however, the digital copies on the website will be updated as the change goes into effect. Any brochures we mail out from our office that have not been updated will include notification of the increase and the rates for \$150,000. This is the most cost-effective approach for turning over our current stock of brochures.

The MBA’s insurance applications do not need to be amended at this time. Currently our applications for life insurance have several check boxes in the amounts of \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000, and a box for “other” where the applicant can write in the amount requested. The “other” box should be checked, and the requested amount should be written in, for any amount not listed up to the maximum. Any changes we wish to make to our application, even one as simple as this, would need to be approved by each state where we sell insurance. This process also comes with a cost. You can rest assured that the MBA will do what is in the best interest of its members.

Existing policies cannot be amended to a higher coverage amount. Current policy holders who wish to increase their coverage amount will have to apply for a new policy in the amount of the increase. For example, if you already have \$100,000 of life insurance coverage with the MBA and wanted \$150,000, you would have to apply for the additional \$50,000. Your premium for the new policy would be based on your current age and the amount of coverage purchased on the new policy. The premium for your existing policy would not change because of the additional coverage.

Due to space constraints, we cannot list the premium rates for all of MBA’s life insurance policies at every eligible age. The chart at left is an example of some biweekly premium rates for \$150,000.

To get the premium rates for \$150,000 in coverage for a specific age and policy not listed, please visit our website at nalc.org/mba, or call the MBA office Monday to Friday at 202-638-4318 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

MBA Life Insurance Bi-Weekly Premium Rates - \$150,000 Coverage Amount

Age	20 Pay Whole Life	Life Paid Up at Age 60	Whole Life	Term Life 5 Yr R/C	Term Life 10 Yr R/C	20 Year Term	Term to Age 65
25	110.00	74.00	65.00	9.50	11.00	11.00	15.50
26	113.00	77.00	66.50	9.50	11.00	11.00	15.50
27	116.00	80.00	68.00	9.50	11.00	11.00	15.50
28	119.00	83.00	71.00	9.50	11.00	11.00	15.50
29	122.00	87.50	72.50	11.00	11.00	12.50	17.00
30	125.00	90.50	74.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	17.00
31	128.00	93.50	77.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	17.00
32	131.00	95.00	78.50	11.00	12.50	12.50	18.50
33	135.50	98.00	81.50	11.00	12.50	14.00	18.50
34	138.50	101.00	84.50	11.00	14.00	14.00	18.50
35	143.00	104.00	86.00	12.50	14.00	14.00	20.00
36	146.00	111.50	89.00	12.50	14.00	15.50	20.00
37	150.50	120.50	92.00	14.00	15.50	15.50	21.50
38	155.00	129.50	95.00	14.00	15.50	17.00	21.50
39	159.50	138.50	98.00	15.50	17.00	18.50	23.00
40	164.00	150.50	101.00	15.50	17.00	20.00	24.50