

Serious Illness Insurance (SIC)

Serious Illness Cover (SIC) insurance provides a lump sum payment to your dependents if you are diagnosed with a serious illness.

The kinds of illnesses that are covered are usually long-term and very serious conditions such as a heart condition, loss of arms or legs, or diseases like cancer, multiple sclerosis or Parkinson's. It also covers less serious illnesses such as kidney disease and losing sight in one eye.

There may also/alternatively be the option of a monthly payment.

With this type of policy, the amount paid can be adjusted based on the severity of the condition, which makes it different to Critical Illness Cover, which pays out a set amount as requested at the outset. So, it is important to understand the amount paid after a successful claim could be lower if the condition is less severe.

It is also important to ensure that you explore the types of illness that will be covered to make sure that your policy is right for you. You should also fully disclose any illnesses, conditions and medical treatment that you have already undergone when you make your application.

A claim on the policy will be made when the diagnosis is made.

The aim of this type of insurance is to provide financial support to you and your dependents.

The lump sum payment (depending on the level of cover you have opted for) is made with the aim of paying off some or all of the mortgage and therefore removing a significant bill from you and your dependents' financial outgoings. You may however choose to use the money for other purposes.