



CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR LONG-TERM CARE

What Happens When Long-Term Care Costs Rise?

A Comparison of Costs and Benefit Amounts

Protecting your benefits against inflation is one of the most important features you can have in a long-term care policy. You may hesitate to purchase inflation protection since it adds significantly to a policy's cost. Yet without it, years from now you may find yourself needing long-term care, and owning a policy the benefits of which have not kept pace with the increasing cost of services.

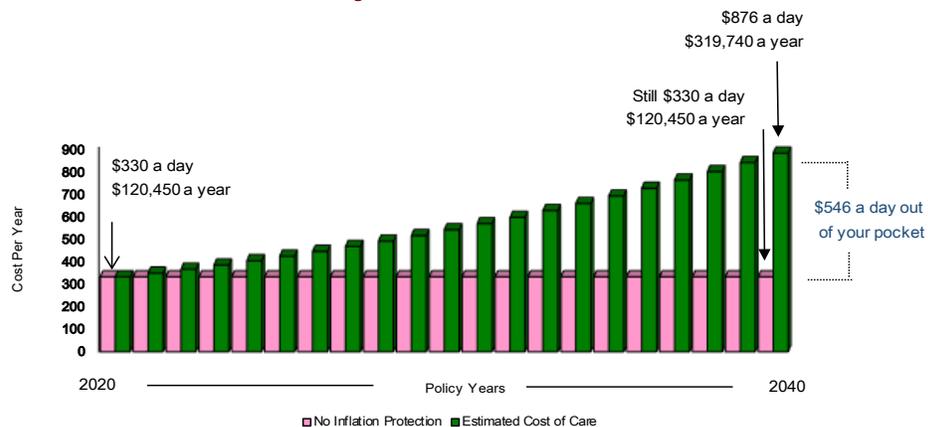
All policies approved by the California Partnership for Long-Term Care have a built-in inflation protection benefit.

The California Partnership for Long-Term Care estimates the cost of long-term care will continue to increase by at least 4.7% annually. **Chart 1** below compares the anticipated cost for nursing home care over the next twenty years against a long-term care policy that does not include an inflation protection feature which increases the value of the benefits as time goes by.¹

If a 55 year old purchases a policy in the year 2020 that provides \$330 worth of daily benefits, the policy's benefits

will cover a full days worth of care in a nursing home at the time of purchase.² As shown in **Chart 1** below, care that costs \$330 per day in the year 2020 is likely to cost \$876 per day in twenty years. Without inflation protection, the \$330 per day policy purchased today will still only pay \$330 when the policyholder reaches age 75. That benefit amount will cover just over a third of the projected cost of care. The \$546 difference between the value of the policy and the projected cost of care would have to be paid by the policyholder.

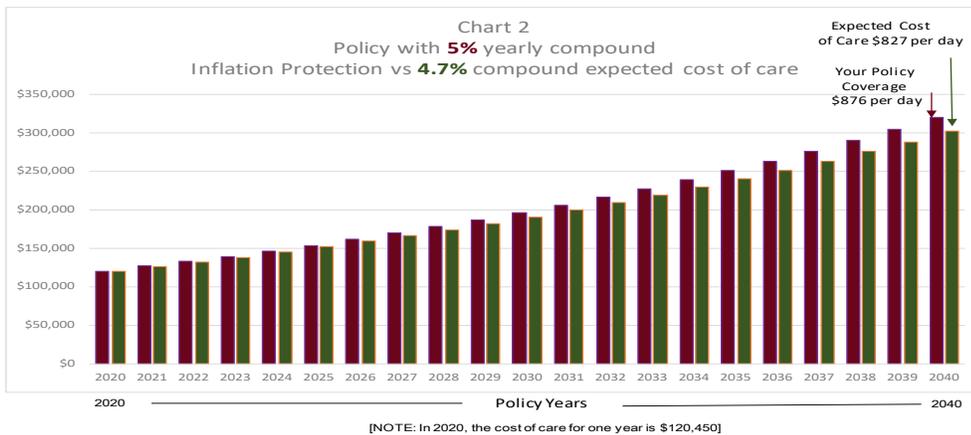
Chart 1
Estimated Daily Cost for
Nursing Home Care



[NOTE: In 2020, the cost of care for one year is \$120,450]

2020

Chart 2 below compares the anticipated increase in the cost for one day of nursing home care over the next twenty years with a long-term care policy that has a 5% compound annual inflation protection benefit. The benefits of a policy that pays \$330 in the year 2020 will grow by 5% each year. In twenty years, the policy will provide \$876 in daily benefits.

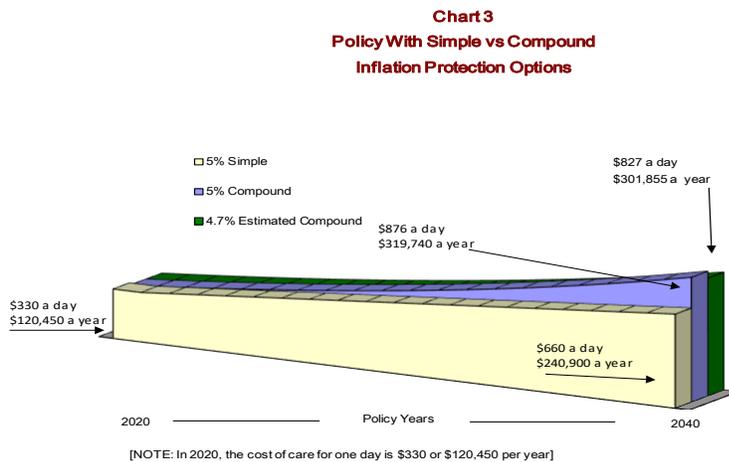


The actual cost for the care may be more or less than this projection, but **Chart 2** shows that a policy with 5% compound inflation protection meets and exceeds the expected cost of care.

There are two available inflation protection options; 5% Compound and 5% Simple

5% Compound increases: The policy daily benefits will grow by 5% compound each year as described above. For example, an initial daily benefit of \$330 will be worth \$876 twenty years later. **5% Simple increases:** The policy daily benefits will grow by a fixed dollar amount each year. The amount of increase is equal to 5% of the policy's original daily benefit amount. For example, an initial benefit of \$330 per day will be worth \$660 twenty years later. **The difference between your policy benefit and the actual cost of care at the time, will be an out of pocket cost to you.**

Chart 3 below compares how well these two types of inflation protection keep up with the expected future increases in the cost of one day and one year of nursing home care.



You should know that, if you are younger than 70 years of age, you automatically have 5% yearly compound inflation protection with a Partnership policy.

If you are 70 years or older, you have a choice of 5% compound or, 5% simple inflation protection with a Partnership policy.

¹ No one can precisely predict future increases in the cost of care. This graph is based on an expected 4.7% annual increase in nursing home private pay rates as observed in the most recent 20 years (2001 - 2020) of California cost of care experience.

² The one day (1) cost of care estimate is based on the California statewide average daily private pay rate for nursing facility care. Actual rates vary in different regions of the state.