

Provider Choice vs MassMutual Radius Choice

What are the key competitive advantages of Provider Choice?

When in competition with MassMutual's Radius Choice product, Provider Choice has many competitive advantages that may provide a benefit sooner, pay a benefit longer and potentially pay more benefits than MassMutual.

Start first with the base policy features:

Feature	Provider Choice	MassMutual Radius Choice	Advantage
Waiver of Premium	Continues to waive premiums for six months after benefits end	Waiver ends when benefits end	Provider Choice Provides longer benefit
Waiver of Elimination Period	Benefits paid from date of loss for subsequent disability that lasted at least 30 days and occurs within five years of a previous qualifying disability	Not available – a new elimination period would need to be satisfied on a subsequent disability.	Provider Choice Provides benefits sooner
Hospice Benefit	Waives the elimination period and pays total disability benefit when receiving hospice services	Not available	Provider Choice Provides benefits sooner
Serious Illness Supplemental Endorsement	Pays additional 50% of the monthly benefit for 12 months if total disability is due to cancer, stroke or heart attack	Not available	Provider Choice Provides more benefits
Occupation Rehabilitation and Modification and Access Endorsement	Pays expenses for rehabilitation and modification and access to help the insured return to work in their occupation	Pays the expense for occupational rehabilitation. No modification and access benefits.	Provider Choice Provides more benefits



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Next consider the Definition of Total Disability

Definition of Total Disability	Provider Choice	MassMutual Radius Choice	Advantage
True Own Occupation with Enhanced Specialty Language for Physicians	Physicians (MD or DO) – may be deemed totally disabled and receive their full benefit if more than 50% of income comes from either hands-on patient care or surgical procedures and they are unable to provide those services even if working in the practice or in another occupation.	Not available	Provider Choice Physicians can choose to work in their practice or in another occupation and continue to receive their full monthly benefit.
Two-Year True Own Occupation, Modified thereafter	If totally disabled in their occupation, insured can work in another occupation until benefits have been paid for two years. After two years, the insured cannot be working and receive a full benefit.	Not available	Provider Choice Two-Year True Own Occupation gives the insured an opportunity to find a new career without impacting their disability benefit for a period of time.

Then review key competitive advantages of various optional riders:



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Optional Riders	Provider Choice	MassMutual Radius Choice	Advantage
Partial Disability Benefit Rider	Enhanced Partial Rider requirement - 15% loss of income only. For the first 12 months of partial disability, we will pay the full loss of income up to the monthly benefit or a 50% minimum. Thereafter, a proportionate benefit is paid. Recovery provision for the full benefit period is treated the same as partial disability.	Enhanced Partial Rider – first six months requires a loss of time or duties or 15% loss of income with reduced capacity to perform duties; thereafter requires at least 15% loss of income and a reduced capacity to perform his/her occupation. For the first 12 months pays loss of income up to the monthly benefit or a 50% minimum. Thereafter, proportionate benefit. Recovery requires a period of total or partial disability payment to qualify for recovery benefit for the full benefit period.	Provider Choice Provides a benefit sooner due to loss of income threshold. May pay more benefits in certain partial claim situations due to the lower income loss threshold and the enhanced initial benefits in the first 12 months. Provides a benefit longer based on the recovery provision.
Catastrophic Disability Rider	Enhanced Catastrophic Disability Benefit is payable if the requirements have been met even if gainfully employed. COLA increases of 3% are included in the rider and are added to the monthly benefit.	Catastrophic Disability Rider – benefits payable if requirements met even if gainfully employed. COLA increases are made only if a COLA rider is attached to the policy.	Provider Choice Provides an additional benefit even if able to work and increases the benefit while catastrophically disabled by 3% compounded annually
Cost of Living Adjustment Riders	Three optional riders. Upon recovery, all riders allow for the increases of \$300 or more to remain on the policy at no additional cost to the insured.	One optional rider available. Upon recovery, increases may be purchased at attained age rates.	Provider Choice Provides more benefits at the start of a subsequent disability

This comparison does not cover all features and optional riders. For additional information, see the full Detailed Comparison Provider Choice vs [MassMutual Radius Choice](#).

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