

Life Insurance

Field Underwriting Guide

Overview

This Field Underwriting Guide is designed to provide a comprehensive reference tool for life underwriting at Equitable. Effective field underwriting provides for proper expectation setting and an overall satisfying client experience. Full and detailed medical disclosure should be submitted using the Medical Information Questionnaire with every application.

This allows for

consideration of an appropriate accelerated underwriting program and

2 the quickest underwriting experience, eliminating potential additional requirements (i.e. attending physician's statements, additional contact with the client) to develop undisclosed medical history.

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Please note this guide provides a high-level overview of the factors considered during the underwriting review and the potential outcome. It is not a complete underwriting manual. The possible outcomes address the life portion of the coverage only and do not include information for consideration of the Long-Term Care ServicesSM Rider. For more details about the Long-Term Care ServicesSM Rider, please refer to the Long-Term Care Services RiderSM Technical Guide.

The Life Underwriting Condensed Guide is available for information about our age and amount underwriting requirements and preferred criteria.

Information contained in this guide is current as of the date of publication. Details are subject to change. If you have questions or need information regarding a specific condition not included in this guide, contact your underwriter for assistance.

The chart for the Medical and Non-Medical Conditions includes the following information:

Medical	or non-
medical	condition

Includes conditions frequently encountered; it is not an all-inclusive list. Conditions are listed alphabetically (cancers are listed separately by type of cancer).

Ouestions to ask

Includes the specific details required to assess the risk. This information will help the underwriter make the most competitive decision.

Best case

Provides the best rate class possible for the most favorable case presentations.

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Indicates preferred rate possibilities for the most favorable case presentations, assuming all preferred criteria are met.

Decline to offer or worst case

Includes a list of factors that would lead to an unfavorable underwriting decision. **Note:** For more complex or highly substandard scenarios, contact your underwriter.

Field Underwriting Guide: Medical & Non-Medical Conditions

Alcoholism			
Questions to ask	 Date of last use or length of abstinence Date/length of rehab treatment Number of relapses 	 History of DUI or other driving offenses Any psychiatric disorders or other medical disorders Any history of marital or job instability 	 Details of past and present levels of alcohol consumption Any participation in a hazardous sport or occupation Please see substance usage questionnair
Best case	 No current alcohol or drug use and no alcohol or drug use in the past 10 years Normal liver function tests (LFT)/ negative alcohol marker 	 Favorable motor vehicle report (MVR) Single rehab and/or rehab history greater than 10 years ago 	No secondary medical impairments
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	 More than 1 relapse Polysubstance misuse Occupation involving alcohol	Current useAdverse MVRAbnormal LFTs	Positive alcohol markerAlcohol-related medical conditions
Angioplasty			
See Coronary Artery Disease	(CAD)		
Asthma			
Questions to ask	• Age of onset	Frequency/severity of symptoms/attacks	Date/results of most recent pulmonary

function test (spirometry) · Symptoms in last 2 years · Type/frequency of medication · Any limitation of activities · Any hospital admissions Date of last symptoms · Any smoking history **Best case** · Non-smoker · Pulmonary function test (PFT) normal No work/school absences due to asthma symptoms Symptoms controlled, less than twice · No hospitalizations or ER visits · No underwater or high-altitude avocations monthly and of low intensity/no daily symptoms

Asthma (continued) Better than Yes standard consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** · Smoker (nicotine use current or within Intensive care in last 5 years · Poor response to treatment and high dose of inhaled corticosteroids or worst case past vear) School/work absences > 2 weeks Severe or daily symptoms/attacks · Presence of other pulmonary disease Markedly abnormal PFT (spirometry) · Hospital admissions, 2 or more, in last 2 years **Atrial Fibrillation Questions to ask** · Date of onset Type of treatment Any associated symptoms and complications Duration of atrial fibrillation · Any Afib episodes after treatment · Any underlying cardiac disease · Paroxysmal or chronic fibrillation Frequency of attacks **Best case** Ablation therapy, all ages • Stable x 5 years with no recurrence · Normal cardiac evaluation **Better than standard** Yes consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** · Current on exam · New onset after age 75 Other risk factors for stroke including prior or worst case history of stroke or TIA, hypertension, · Episode within 1 yr with no evaluation diabetes, embolism, left atrial enlargement, ventricular hypertrophy **Aviation Ouestions to ask** · Type of license · Any flight certifications (i.e. Instrument · Any special aviation activity (instructor, flight rating) crop dusting, bush pilot, paid or Total number of solo hours Type of aircraft · Non-paid, etc.) · Number of solo hours, next 12 months. last 12 months Any accident history Medical impairment history · Please see aviation questionnaire · Private pilots > 300 solo hours If solo hours > 300 total no more than **Best case** No accident history 200 hours flown annually or expected If solo hours < 300 total no more than 100 Commercial aviation – airline pilot hours flown annually or expected · No medical impairments that could · Aviation exclusion rider may apply if impact aviation activity available in contract state

Aviation (continued) Better than Yes - Up to \$3.50/\$1,000 may be allowed standard consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** Flying over 350 hours/year · History of alcohol or substance misuse · High risk commercial aviation (i.e. Test or worst case pilot, search and rescue, crop dusting · Associated ratable medical impairments Experimental or amateur built aircrafts **Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD, ADHD) Questions to ask** Predominant symptoms · Other psychiatric or nervous disorders Any criminal history Type of treatment · Any adverse MVR · Any concerns with occupation/ school performance · Names of medications and dosages No missed work or school of > 1 week · No other psychiatric diagnoses or No criminal history **Best case** personality disorders · No history of hospitalization No stimulant medication use in past · No history of alcohol or drug misuse 2 years · No history of mood symptoms or No adverse MVR information attempted suicide **Better than standard** Yes consideration possible? (Y/N) · Children with ongoing evaluation of new or **Decline to offer** · Children with severe disorder with · Adults with motor hyperactivity and or worst case inattentiveness in addition to any of the any of the following: significant changing diagnosis following: explosive temper, relationship/ aggression, violence, conduct disorder, occupational difficulties, impulse buying, oppositional defiant disorder, severe motor vehicle accidents, alcohol/substance learning disability, personality disorder, alcohol or substance misuse, more misuse, depression, conduct or personality than one medication disorder, arrest history **Avocation** · Type of activity with complete details · Location of activity · Member of any organization or club **Questions to ask** · Frequency of activity including dates · Any license or certification · Please see avocation questionnaire Overall experience **Best case** Individual consideration · Racing Activity Exclusion Rider may apply if available in contract state

Avocation (continued)

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Yes - up to \$3.50/\$1,000 may be allowed

Decline to offer or worst case

Individual consideration

Basal Cell Carcinoma

Questions to ask

- · Date of diagnosis
- · Type of treatment

- Date treatment completed
- Lesion completely removed

· Any recurrence

Best case

- Current or past, superficial only, non-invasive
- · Regular annual full-body exams

• Applicant > age 40

Completely treated and resolved

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Yes

Decline to offer or worst case

- Stage 4/invasion to adjacent tissues, nodes or other organ systems
- Incomplete treatment and resolution
- · No dermatology follow-up

Bladder Cancer

Questions to ask

- · Date of diagnosis
- Type of treatment

- Date treatment completed
- Tumor removed/complete excision
- Any recurrence
- · Staging/grading of tumor

Best case

- Tumor stage TA at initial diagnosis/treatment
- Tumor grade 1/well-differentiated
- Surgical treatment only (no radiation or chemotherapy
- Current age > 50
- 10 years since cure of cancer
- Non-smoker

- Good follow-up
- · Routine preventative care

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Yes

Bladder Cancer (con	tinued)		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Invasion to adjacent tissues, lymph nodes or other organ systems 	Incomplete or no excisionStages 3, 4	No routine medical follow-up
Blood Pressure			
Questions to ask	Type of treatmentCurrent and past years' blood pressures	All medications being takenOther cardiac risk factors	Any cardiac testingAny evidence of renal disease
Best case	 Refer to the Life Underwriting Condensed Guide 	Stable, well controlled140/85 or less for ages < 60	150/90 for age 60-69125/80 for ages 0-69 if treated
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Uncontrolled blood pressure with or without treatment	• Systolic > 180 or diastolic > 115	 Low blood pressure (systolic 90 mm hg or lower with symptoms
Breast Cancer			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisType of treatmentDate treatment completedTumor completely removed	Any recurrenceAny other cancer historyStaging and grading of tumor	Estrogen receptor testingAny positive lymph nodesAny current medications
Best case	Carcinoma in-situ, stage 0Confirmed complete excision	No other cancer historyLymph nodes negative	Regular medical follow-upNegative mammograms
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	Positive lymph nodesMetastasis or invasion to adjacent tissues, or other organ systems	Stage 4/poorly differentiatedRecurrence	 No regular medical follow-up Incomplete or no removal/excision

Build			
Questions to ask	 Body mass index (BMI) or height and weight 	 Any recent weight loss and reason 	 Weight loss > 10-lbs and/or >5% of weight within the last 12 months and reason
Best case	 Refer to the Life Underwriting Condensed Guide For ages up to 69 Term/UL/VUL (except COIL) Preferred elite non-tobacco: max BMI 28.5 Preferred non-tobacco: max BMI 30.5 Standard plus: max BMI 32.5 	For ages up to 69 (COIL/VUL Survivorship): Preferred non-tobacco: Max BMI 30.5 Standard plus Max BMI 32.5 For ages 70 and up Term/UL/VL (except COIL): Preferred elite non-tobacco: max BMI 30	 Preferred non-tobacco: max BMI 31.5 Standard plus: max BMI 33 For ages 70 and up Coil/VUL Survivorship: Preferred non-tobacco: Max BMI 31.5 Standard plus Max BMI 33
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	• Underweight: BMI < 18.5	 Unexplained recent weight loss particularly in the elderly 	 Weight loss of 5% or more in the last year ages 70+

See Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)

Cholesterol and Cholesterol/HDL Ratio and Triglycerides			
Questions to ask	Type of treatment	Results of current and past lipid tests	Any associated impairmentsOther cardiac risk factors
Best case	 For Cholesterol and Cholesterol/HDL ratio: Refer to the life underwriting condensed guide Preferred elite non-tobacco: total Cholesterol 300 or less, Chol/HDL ratio 5.0 or less and HDL = or > 30 	 Preferred non-tobacco: total Cholesterol 300 or less, Chol/HDL ratio 5.5 or less and HDL = or > 30 Standard plus: total Cholesterol 300 or less, Chol/HDL ratio 6.0 or less and HDL = or > 30 	 For triglycerides: All levels of preferred for fasting specimens up to 300 (fasting is defined as > 6 hours postprandial) All levels of preferred up to 375 for non-fasting specimens

Cholesterol and Cholesterol/HDL Ratio and Triglycerides (continued)

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Yes

Decline to offer or worst case

- Cholesterol > 350
- Cholesterol/HDL ratio > 20

- · Low cholesterol < 120 without lipidlowering medication
- Triglycerides > 1,500 for fasting specimens or > 1875 for nonfasting

Colon Cancer

Ouestions to ask

- · Date of diagnosis
- Type of treatment
- · Date treatment completed

- · Tumor completely removed
- Any recurrence
- Any other cancer history

- · Staging and grading of tumor
- Date/result of recent colonoscopies

Best case

- Non-smoker
- · Carcinoma-in-situ with no subsequent colon polyps
- · Tumor grade 1/well differentiated

- Surgical treatment only (no radiation or chemotherapy)
- · Current age > 50
- 10 or more years since remission of cancer
- No other cancer history

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

No

Decline to offer or worst case

- Positive nodes
- Metastasis

- · Stage 4 poorly differentiated
- Recurrence

- No medical follow-up
- No treatment or treatment unsuccessful

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Questions to ask

- · Severity of symptoms and progression
- Type of treatment and/or medications
- · Tobacco-use history
- · Results of recent/current PFTs
- · Any hospital admissions
- · Any use of oxygen

Best case

- · COPD noted on imaging only/no definite diagnosis
- Non-smoker
- PFTs normal

- No symptoms
- · Maintenance medications only with rare use of rescue medication
- No hospitalizations

- No limitation of physical activity
- No oral steroids

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

No

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) (continued)

Decline to offer or worst case

- Smoking
- · Rapidly progressive disease
- Severely abnormal or worsening PFTs
- Lung transplant or lung volume reduction surgery
- Corticosteroid therapy > 1 month in the last year
- Other signs of significant disease (unable to work, home oxygen use, pulmonary heart failure or cor pulmonale)

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) - Heart Attack/Bypass/CABG/PTCA/Stent/Angioplasty

Ouestions to ask

- Date of onset
- Type of treatment and/or medications
- · Date/results of cardiac tests
- Exercise capacity or any functional limitations

- · Complications related to CAD
- Time since last occurrence of angina, myocardial infarction or surgical intervention

Best case

- · Single vessel disease
- · Onset over age 70+
- No heart attack
- Cardiac calcium score of 0

- Normal heart function with favorable ejection fraction 55% and higher
- · Regular cardiac follow-up
- Non-smoker

- Recent favorable imaging stress test
- No diabetes
- · Well controlled cardiac risk factors

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

No

Current age under 50

- · Diffuse or progressive disease
- · Multiple cardiac events

· Lack of routine medical follow-up

- Other vascular disease
- Frequent or worsening angina

· Poor cardiac risk factors

- Smoker
- Other significant medical conditions (e.g. Diabetes)

Crohns - pancolitis

Questions to ask

Decline to offer

or worst case

- · Date of onset
- Current symptoms
- Frequency of flare-ups and date of last major attack

- Type of treatment, duration and dosage
- · History of hospital admissions
- · Any weight loss

- Any associated impairments or complications
- Date/result of recent colonoscopies
- Details of any surgical treatment

Best Case

- · 3 years since last major attack
- Currently in remission and no longer on treatment

- · Stable build and stable symptoms
- Routine medical follow-up with normal/stable lab results
- Recent favorable colonoscopy

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

No

Crohns – pancolitis	(continued)		
Decline to offer or worst case	Age < 20Extensive or pan colitisModerate to severe symptoms	 Underweight or recent weight loss Complications such as anemia, liver disease with current LFT > 3x normal 	Pericholangitis or sclerosing cholangitisSurgery contemplated
Depression			
Questions to ask	Date of onsetType of treatment	Severity of symptomsAny suicide attempts/ideation	Any hospital admissionsAny associated social or medical impairments
Best case	 No diagnosis of bipolar disorder No other psychiatric diagnoses or personality disorders No history of alcohol or drug misuse 	 No adverse MVR No history of suicidal thoughts or attempts No related hospitalization or disability 	 Stable work and family life Working full time and using medications as prescribed
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Ages 65+ with recent onsetCurrent disability	 Poorly controlled, unstable/ worsening symptoms Recent and/or multiple hospitalizations, suicide attempt or ideation 	 Associated with alcohol and/or drug misuse
Diabetes			
Questions to ask	Age at diagnosisType of diabetes	Type of treatmentDegree of control (A1C level)Any secondary complications	Other associated impairments (cerebrovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, fatty liver)
Best case	Adult-onset diabetes type 2Current age 50 or older	A1C less than < 6.5BMI < 30	Optimal blood pressure and cholesterol levelsNo related conditions or complications
Better than standard	No		

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

No

Diabetes (continued	d)		
Decline to offer or worst case	Poor control (A1C level > 10)Acute or chronic complications	Severe CAD, peripheral vascular disease, or cerebrovascular disease	Non-compliance with treatment
Driving history/MVF	₹		
Questions to ask	Type/date of infraction(s)Any history of accidents	 Any history of driving under the influence (DUI)/driving while intoxicated (DWI) 	 Any history of suspended (dates, reason, reinstatement date)
Best case	 Refer to condensed underwriting guide No DUI/DWI in past 5 years 	 No history of multiple DUIs No reckless driving in past 5 years 	 No license suspension in past 5 years due to moving violations No more than 2 moving violations (including cellphone/texting violations) in the past 3 years
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Numerous or frequent infractions within past 3 years	 DUI/DWI history with alcohol/ drug misuse 	History of > 2 DUI/DWIsCurrently driving with a suspended license
Drug use/abuse (Se	e Marijuana use below)		
Questions to ask	All usage and type of drugs past and present	Date last usedAny history of DUI/DWI	Treatment past/current
Best case	 Admitted on application Rehab completed for 1 substance over 8 years ago with no relapse 	Full-time employmentFavorable driving recordFavorable insurance lab tests	No relapse historyNo use or treatment > 8 yearsParticipation in support group
Better than standard consideration possible?	Yes		

(Y/N)

Drug use/abuse (Se	e Marijuana use below) continued		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Current alcohol or drug use criticism Any relapses History includes more than 1 substance misuse 	 Unemployed More than 1 episode of inpatient or outpatient treatment Criminal history	Ratable driving recordCurrent treatmentRatable psychiatric impairments
Marijuana use			
Questions to ask	• Frequency	Date last used	Any history of DUI/DWI
Best case	Marijuana use only: < 1x per month on averageFull-time employment	No other alcohol or drug misuse	No other social criticisms
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Marijuana used in conjunction with other substances 	Ratable driving recordAffiliation/employment with marijuana business	Synthetic marijuana use
Emphysema			
Best case	See chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (0	COPD)	
Epilepsy			
Questions to ask	Age at diagnosisCause/typeDate of last seizure	Number of seizures per yearType of treatmentAny history of complete neurological evaluation	Any diagnostic testsAny complications or associated impairments

Epilepsy (continued)		
Best case	Single seizure or epilepsy diagnosed before age 30 and not ratable	No seizures in last 5 yearsNo drug/alcohol misuse	Complete neurological investigation including CT scan normal
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	 First seizure or episode of status epilepticus within 1 year > 12 seizures in past year 	Drug/alcohol misuseIncreasing frequency/severity of seizures	Neurological evaluation not completedNoncompliant with treatment
Family history			
Questions to ask	Family history details, ages and causes of d	eath	
Best case	No deaths from CAD, CVD or cancer for mother, father, or sibling less than age 60	 If death occurs from testicular, prostate, ovarian, cervical, breast or uterine cancer in a relative of the opposite gender of the proposed insured 	 Acceptable if death of relative occurred due to lung cancer and the proposed insured has never smoked Refer to Life Underwriting Condensed Guide
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Individual consideration	Certain genetic disorders	
Foreign Nationals			
Questions to ask	Country of citizenshipPermanent U.S. residency	 Foreign travel destination and length of travel 	 How long in U.S. Type of visa
Best Case	Individual consideration		
Better than standard	Yes		

consideration possible?

(Y/N)

Foreign Nationals (c	ontinued)		
Decline to offer or worst case	Individual consideration	No valid SS#	Travel to countries on U.S. State Department list as class 4
Foreign travel			
Questions to ask	City/country of destinationFrequency/duration of travel	 Country of citizenship and residence if not U.S. 	Location/state of residence if in U.S.Purpose of travel
Best case	Maximum 12 weeks within a 12-month period to countries not at risk	 Medical condition(s) not contraindicated to travel 	
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Travel to countries on U.S. State Department list as class 4 	 Individual consideration for American citizens who travel outside U.S. > 12 weeks per year 	
Gastric Bypass			
Questions to ask	Weight prior to surgeryDate of surgery	Current weightComplications, if any	Type of surgery
Best case	Surgery 2 or more years ago with no complications	Weight stable for at least 6 months	No jejunoileal bypass
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Surgery within 3 months, with complications, or jejunoileal bypass 	History of surgical revisions	

Hepatitis B/C			
Questions to ask	 Date of diagnosis HBV-DNA results (for Hep B) and date completed 	 HCV-RNA results (for Hep C) and date completed Liver imaging or biopsy date and results 	 Current liver function tests Current alcohol use Treatment details (current or completed)
Best case	 Normal LFTs and elasticity study No viral load Liver biopsy stage 0 or at worst stage 1 to 2 fibrosis 	Successfully completed treatment regimenAsymptomaticNo alcohol use	No drug misuseNo history of moderate or severe fibrosis or cirrhosis
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Untreated or within 12 weeks of treatmentMarkedly elevated LFTsElevated AFP	 Co-infection with Hepatitis B or C or HIV Moderate – severe cirrhosis or fibrosis 	Failed or incomplete treatmentRegular alcohol useReinfection after clearance
Kidney Disease/Kid	ney Transplant		
Questions to ask	Reason for transplantDate of transplant	Donor type (living or cadaver)Current kidney function tests	Other medical impairments
Best case	Single transplant > 12 months agoStable, normal kidney function tests (KFT)	Controlled or no hypertensionNo coronary artery disease or diabetes	• age > 18
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Elevated/abnormal kidney function tests Diabetes or CAD (coronary artery disease) Uncontrolled hypertension, coronary artery disease 	 History of organ rejection, sepsis Poor compliance with therapy 	Transplant done < age 18Transplant < 1 year prior to application

Leukemia			
Questions to ask	Type of leukemiaAge at diagnosis	Treatment dates (start and stop)Complete remission date	Any recurrences (informal submission recommended)
Best case	More than 5-10 years disease-free; acute form	n, depending on type	
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Diagnosis within 5-10 years, depending on type Relapse(s) 	Delay in remissionUnsuccessful treatment	 Offer may not be available for chronic leukemia, especially under age 55 No coverage for juveniles
Lymphoma			
Questions to ask	Age at diagnosisStage, grade and type	Treatment dates (start and stop)Any recurrence	 Pathology (informal submission recommended)
Best case	 More than 5 years since treatment ended Single episode 	 Stage 1a (Hodgkin's type) confined to 1 group of lymph nodes without weight loss, night sweats or fever 	 Some non-Hodgkin's lymphomas (stage 1 and 2) may be considered standard 3-5 years after treatment ends and complete remission
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	RecurrenceUnsuccessful or no treatment	 No biopsy Some low grade (less common) forms of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma 	Higher grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Melanoma			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisStage or thicknessTreatment type and dates	Any recurrences or > than 1 melanomaHistory of dysplastic neviFamily history	PathologyAny other cancer history

Melanoma (continued)			
Best case	 Single melanoma In-situ, Clark Level 1, well differentiated Complete surgical removal 	No radiation or chemoNo recurrence or dysplastic neviYearly dermatology follow-up	Over age 50> 10 years since treatmentNon-smoker
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes (best case only, may be standard plus)		
Decline to offer or worst case	 > Stage IIA Chemo or radiation Metastatic to adjacent tissue, lymph nodes or other organs 	Incomplete or no removal> Three melanomas	 Familial melanoma syndrome Dysplastic nevi syndrome with personal history of melanoma
Memory Loss			
Questions to ask	Date symptoms startedResults of neurological exam	Stable or increasing in severityMedications taken	Any history of other medical impairments
Best case	 History of mild cognitive impairment Reversible cause > 2 years since recovery Favorable/normal cognitive screening tests and neurological exam 	 Normal activities of daily living (ADLs) and independent activities of daily living (IADLs) independent, normal social and occupational function Favorable MVR 	 No concurrent depression or significant anxiety disorders No alcohol or drug abuse No history of head injury or stroke
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Current or non-reversible memory loss with or without loss of occupational or social function Abnormal neurocognitive screening tests Diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's 	 No neurological exam Increasing in severity or frequency of memory loss Medications for dementia 	 Significant depression Drug/alcohol abuse/misuse Cruetzfeld-Jakob disease, vascular dementia pre-senile/senile dementia

Multiple Sclerosis			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisSubtype, if known (progressive or relapsing/remitting)	Current symptomsDate of last symptoms	Complications if anyDegree of disability if any
Best case	 At least 1 year since diagnosis Relapsing/remitting type with no residual impairment 	 Benign MS, stable with no signs/ symptoms for 10 years 	No history of disabilityNormal ADL and IADL
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	Severe functional limitationsRapid progression	Cerebellar/brain stem manifestationsDifficulty with speech or swallowing	Pulmonary complicationsWheelchair-dependent
Monoclonal Gammo	pathy of Undetermined Significance	(MGUS)	
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosis	Symptoms at time of diagnosis	Symptoms currently present
Best case	Favorable and complete evaluation by hematologist	Regular medical follow-up	 Diagnosis made greater than 2 years ago, asymptomatic, stable or no rise in M (Monoclonal) protein, or no longer present
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	Less than 2 years since discovery/diagnosisRising M protein level	Significant symptomsDisability	Not evaluated by physician/hematologistNo regular, routine medical care
Parkinson's Disease			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisCurrent symptoms	Any progression of symptomsAny restrictions of activities	Disabilities, if any
Best case	Age 60 and upMild severity	Stable with no or minimal progression	 Localized tremor confined to fingers, no rigidity, no treatment required

Parkinson's Disease (continued) **Better than standard** No consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** · Intellectual deterioration, dementia, · Rapid progression Progressive supranuclear palsy or worst case severe disability Peripheral vascular disease **Questions to ask** · Date of diagnosis · Severity of current symptoms · Current activity level or changes in the past year · Treatment/surgery · Results of testing **Best case** · No CAD Non-smoker · Good control of lipids, blood pressure and other cardiovascular risk factors · No symptoms or complications · No limitations in activity · Regular medical follow-up **Better than standard** Yes consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** Severe symptoms Smoker · Ischemia, heart disease, or CVD, or worst case pain at rest, ischemic ulcers, · Any complications or other Limitations in activity gangrene, amputation associated impairments Polycythemia vera · Age at diagnosis Type of treatment Any complications **Ouestions to ask** · Results of most recent CBC Age 41-65 and duration over 2 years No OCP or hormone supplementation · Ratable at best **Best case** Well controlled with phlebotomy treatment No complications · Non-smoker **Better than standard** No

consideration possible?

(Y/N)

Polycythemia vera (continued)			
Decline to offer or worst case	 < Age 40 diagnosed < 2 years Age >65 and diagnosis less than or equal to 2 years 	 Use of cytotoxic drugs or radioactive phosphorus 	ComplicationsLack of monitoring
Prostate Cancer			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisType of treatment	Stage/grade/Gleason score (if known)Date treatment completed	Any recurrenceAny other cancer historyCurrent/recent PSA
Best case	Gleason 6 or lowerOrgan confined	Treated with prostatectomyTreatment completed > 2 years ago	 Active surveillance with PSA levels that are < 0.2
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	Gleason 8 to 10 or stage 4Abnormal current PSA levels	 Unsuccessful treatment Lymph node or distant metastasis	Lack of monitoring
Pulmonary Nodules			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisTobacco usage	Type of follow-up and dateDate and results of any CT scans, radiologic study or biopsies	Additional test planned
Best case	 No risk factor for malignancy Imaging with no features suggestive of malignancy 	Single noduleUnchanged from prior imaging	 6-8 mm diagnosed > 12 months, unchanged from prior imaging > 8mm diagnosed > 24 months, unchanged from prior imaging
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	No		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Malignant, or with personal history of any cancer or lung disease Present on current radiologic study and no prior imaging for comparison 	 Less than 1 year since diagnosed if > 6mm Increasing size 	 Risk factors for malignancy: current smoker, emphysema on CT, pulmonary fibrosis, asbestos, uranium or radon exposure, family history of lung cancer

Renal Insufficiency			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisType of disease (acute or chronic)	Type of treatmentCurrent KFTs and urinalysis	Any complications or other associated impairments
Best case	 Acute condition due to a reversible cause that was identified and successfully treated 	Normal KFTs and urinalysisNormal blood pressure	Regular medical follow-upNo other significant medical conditions
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	 Severely abnormal, or deteriorating KFTs and/or abnormal urinalysis 	Rapidly progressiveCurrently on dialysis	In combination with CAD, HTN or DMNo medical follow-up
Rheumatoid Arthrit	is		
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisType of treatment	Current symptomsActivity limitations	 Non-joint RA disease (i.e. Rheumatoid nodules or eye symptoms)
Best case	Mild diseaseMinimal pain or stiffness	No continuous treatmentNo disability	Able to carry out all ADLs (activities of daily living)Normal inflammatory markers
Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)	Yes		
Decline to offer or worst case	Rapidly progressive	Highly disabled	Complications with eyes, lungs, neck or other organ systems
Sleep Apnea			
Questions to ask	Date of diagnosisSleep study results	Type of treatmentCompliance with recommended treatment	Any follow-up sleep studiesAny current symptoms
Best case	 Favorable follow-up sleep study confirming resolution of sleep apnea Successfully treated > 2 years 	 Documented compliance with prescribed treatment > 1 year 	 No COPD-related motor vehicle accidents loss of memory, arrythmia, cardiac impairment, alcohol/drug misuse

Sleep Apnea (continued)			
Yes			
Severe sleep apnea with no treatmentChronic obstructive lung diseaseMotor vehicle accidents	 Decreased memory Significant heart arrhythmias or other cardiac impairments 	Supplemental oxygen useAlcohol or drug misuse	
Date of diagnosisNumber of strokesLast episode	Cause/type of strokeType of treatmentResiduals or limitations	Tobacco usageHistory of diabetes/CAD/ cardiovascular conditions	
 Cause known (trauma, oral contraceptive, congenital heart defect such as atrial septal defect or patent foramen ovale with corrective cardiac repair) and treated 	No residuals or disabilitySingle eventNon-smoker	Clinically stable for 4 yearsNegative CAD work-up	
No			
 Occurrence within 6 months or under age 40 Residual deficit, limitations, restrictions, disability 	 Other cardiovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, or poorly controlled hypertension or diabetes Smoker 	Impaired cognitive functionNeurological exam not completedMultiple strokes	
Frequency of use	Type of tobacco/nicotine use	Date usage stopped, if applicable	
No tobacco usage and negative urine specimen	Refer to Life Underwriting Condensed Guide	 Note: celebratory cigar usage (12 cigars or less per year) and urine is negative can be considered for all preferred classes and non-tobacco rates 	
	Severe sleep apnea with no treatment Chronic obstructive lung disease Motor vehicle accidents Date of diagnosis Number of strokes Last episode Cause known (trauma, oral contraceptive, congenital heart defect such as atrial septal defect or patent foramen ovale with corrective cardiac repair) and treated No Occurrence within 6 months or under age 40 Residual deficit, limitations, restrictions, disability Frequency of use No tobacco usage and negative	Severe sleep apnea with no treatment Chronic obstructive lung disease Motor vehicle accidents Date of diagnosis Number of strokes Last episode Cause known (trauma, oral contraceptive, congenital heart defect such as atrial septal defect or patent foramen ovale with corrective cardiac repair) and treated No Occurrence within 6 months or under age 40 Residual deficit, limitations, restrictions, disability Smoker Other cardiovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, or poorly controlled hypertension or diabetes Smoker Type of tobacco/nicotine use Refer to Life Underwriting	

Tobacco use (continued) **Better than standard** Yes consideration possible? (Y/N) · Tobacco rates apply if tobacco usage admitted (or discovered) and/or nicotine **Decline to offer** · Refer to Life Underwriting Condensed Guide or worst case in urine is positive **Thyroid Disorders Questions to ask** · Type of disease · Type of treatment · Biopsy results if performed Date of diagnosis Any other impairments · History of hyperthyroid disease/Graves' · Mild hypothyroidism with long-term Nodule confirmed benign (if biopsied) **Best case** disease, resolved, treated/compliant replacement therapy and wellor surveillance only recommended controlled hormone levels with replacement medication (if not biopsied) **Better than standard** Yes consideration possible? (Y/N) **Decline to offer** · Uncontrolled or symptomatic · Diagnosis within 3 months Thyroid eye disease or worst case · Recurrent hyperthyroidism with · Recommended biopsy not performed cardiac impairments **Ulcerative Colitis Questions to ask** · Date of diagnosis Type of treatment · Biopsy results if performed · Current height and weight Type and extent of disease · Any hospitalizations or surgeries · Severity and frequency of symptoms · Date of last colonoscopy and results

Ulcerative Colitis (continued)

Best case

- · Current age 20 years or older
- · Mild disease limited to rectum or sigmoid
- Diagnosed > 5 years and no evidence of progression
- · Normal and stable weight

- Regular colonoscopy shows normal results or minimal disease
- No continuous (> 3 months) treatment, no biologic medications or immunosuppressants within 1 year
- No recent surgery
- · Normal lab tests

Better than standard consideration possible? (Y/N)

Yes

Decline to offer or worst case

- · Recent hospitalization or surgery
- · Extensive or Pancolitis

- Moderate to severe symptoms
- · Recent weight loss or underweight
- Complications such as anemia or liver disease

Financial underwriting guidelines

For personal and business financial guidelines, refer to the Life Underwriting Condensed Guide.

Juveniles

- Ages 0 to 14½ years.
- Individual coverage: must be at least standard risk to be eligible for coverage; rate class limited to standard plus only.
- Children's Term Rider (CTR): not available if the rating on the base insured is over Table D.
- Equal amounts of coverage on each child (total life insurance inforce and/or pending across all companies).
- Deviations from guidelines require written explanation and/ or documentation.
- Face amount dependent on amount inforce and/or pending life insurance across all companies on each parent.
- Signature of the parent or legal guardian is required on the application.
- Agent must see the child within the last 3 months of taking the application.
 If agent cannot see child due to residing in different state, an APS from child's physician will be needed.
- APS records required at face amounts > \$500,000.

- Check with Home Office for other state limitations or restrictions on amount of insurance applied for (see below).
- Amounts > \$2,000,000 require additional underwriting review and are accepted on an individual consideration basis.

Special rules apply for coverage amount allowed on juveniles

- N.Y.: Ages 0-4½: \$50,000 or 25% or amount of coverage inforce and applied for on the applicant, whichever is greater; Ages > 4½ to 14½: \$50,000 or 50% or amount of coverage inforce and applied for on the applicant, whichever is greater.
- Non N.Y.: Ages 0-14 for amounts > \$100,000: \$50,000 or 50% of amount of coverage inforce and/or applied for on the parent or applicant, whichever is greater; Ages 0-14 for amounts > \$100,000: 50% of the amount of coverage inforce and/or applied for on parent or applicant.
- Washington State: The amount of insurance requested on the juvenile should not exceed the household income.
- Maryland: Maryland's regulations require that life insurance companies take reasonable steps to verify the amount of life insurance already inforce or pending on the life of a minor.

Teenage/College-Age Dependents

Insurance typically purchased in anticipation of future insurance needs such as savings, education or to protect future insurability.

- Acceptable to consider an amount up to \$500,000 if personally owned by the college age student or their parent.
- If parent is the owner/payor has insurance inforce and can provide financial justification to exceed \$500,000, can consider up to a maximum of 50% of what is inforce on the parent, not to exceed a total line of \$2,000,000.
- Long-Term Care ServicesSM Rider (LTCSR) available subject to underwriting guidelines for the rider.

Charitable Owner or Charitable Beneficiary

 Full name of charity with tax ID number.

- Proposed insured's role and/or contribution to charity (e.g., volunteer time/hours, financial contributions, board member) must be provided in agent cover letter and include rationale for amount applied for.
- Key person coverage can be considered case-by-case based on facts and circumstances such as:
 - Time commitment and service
- Special name recognition that drives quantifiable contributions
- Special role or function such as a professional (e.g. CPA or lawyer) who donates their services pro bono (refer to Charitable Calculator).
- Board members serving > 2 years may be considered for max of \$2m.
- Can either be a current board member or member who has rotated off the board in the past year but has continued involvement with the charity.

Charitable Legacy Rider®

 Up to 1% base policy, maximum \$100,000.

- Must be qualified 501(c) organization.
- Rider amount counts toward Equitable retention.

Future Inheritance

- Donor/bequeather must be age 70 or older. If less than age 70, detailed explanation from an independent source is needed confirming life expectancy less than 5 years.
- Cover memo containing estate planning details.
- Applicable trust documents, bequeather's Last Will and Testament, or other third-party verification of expected inheritance is needed.
- Verification of net worth of parent(s) or bequeather(s).
- Amount consideration: growth rate factor up to 3-5% for a maximum of 10 yrs.

Retention guidelines

Additional automatic reinsurance above internal retention limits may be available. Consult your underwriter for assistance.

Exceptions to underwriting guidelines, use of the credit program or other underwriting programs restrict the coverage to Equitable's retention. Any excess amount over retention requires participation from our reinsurance partners. See special categories on page 16 for reduced retention limits.

Single Life Retention Limits ^{1,2}			
Issue Age	Single Life Retention	Rating Maximum	
0-14	Refer to Juvenile parameters on pg. 14		
15-17	\$20,000,000**	Standard Plus	
18-70	\$20,000,000 \$10,000,000	Standard or better – Table C Table D or higher	
71-74	\$15,000,000 \$5,000,000		
75	\$15,000,000		
76-80	\$10,000,000		
81-85	\$5,000,000		
86-90	n/a		

Joint Life Retention Limits ^{1, 2}			
Issue Age	Joint Life Retention	Rating Maximum	
18-70	\$25,000,000 \$10,000,000	Standard or better – Table C Table D or higher	
71-74	\$15,000,000 \$5,000,000	Standard or better – Table C Table D or higher	
75	\$15,000,000 \$5,000,000	Standard or better – Table C Table D or higher	
76-80	\$10,000,000 \$2,500,000	Standard or better Table B or higher	
81-85	\$5,000,000 \$2,500,000	Standard or better Table B or higher	
86-90	\$2,500,000 \$0	Standard or better Table B or higher	

^{**}Retention is subject to other considerations

¹ Backdating to save age is available according to normal procedures but cannot be used to secure higher retention limits. The retention limit at the age prior to backdating will apply.

² For combination of individual and survivorship coverage or one life uninsurable on survivorship policies, consult underwriter for parameters.

Special Categories and Reduced Retention Limits**

For joint life cases, except for aviation, both lives must be in a special category before reduced retention is employed.

Private pilots	If Aviation Exclusion Rider (AER) is permissible and elected, regular retention limits may be available.
Ratable avocations, hazardous sports or occupations	Regular retention limits may apply if exclusion rider is permissible and elected for the policy.
Foreign risks	Consult International Underwriting Program (IUP).
Non-immigrants	(Those not intending to remain or temporarily residing in the United States): Consult underwriter — type of visa is required for discussion.
Immigrants	(Those intending to remain in the United States), currently reside full time in the United States and/or have 3 years of continuous U.S. residence): Permanent visa type is required.
Military personnel	Consult Home Office Underwriter for more information.

Jumbo Limits ^{1,2,3,4}		
Issue Age	Jumbo Limit	
80 and under	\$65,000,000	
81-85	\$50,000,000	
86 up	\$0	
IUP or Foreign Business	\$35,000,000	

- 1 Jumbo limit is defined as the total amount applied for in all companies, plus ALL amounts inforce with ALL companies, including replacements.
- 2 Equitable's Estate Protection Rider (EPR), Charitable Legacy Rider® (CLR), and Return of Premium Rider Death Benefit (ROPR) and term riders count toward retention and the jumbo limit.
- 3 Backdating to save age is available according to normal procedures but cannot be used to secure higher jumbo limits. The jumbo limit at the age prior to backdating will apply.
- 4 For combination of individual and survivorship coverage or one life uninsurable on survivorship policies, consult underwriter for parameters.

^{**}Any excess over retention requires facultative reinsurance.

Professional athletes, entertainers and other high-profile individuals

- All term and permanent life insurance products available up to full retention limit for personally owned coverage. Regular compensation schedule applies.
- 10-year level term and Annual Renewable Term (ART) available up to full retention for business or team-owned coverage. Levelized compensation schedule applies.
- Term plans available only with business contracts 2 years or greater. For professional athletes, a copy of the contract may be used in lieu of a financial questionnaire, third-party financial verification, and prior year's federal income tax return for applications over \$10,000,000.
- No automatic reinsurance capacity. Facultative reinsurance may be considered for excess over retention.
- No team limits on business-owned (or team-owned) term insurance coverage.
- Reduced retention (\$10,000,000) if the professional athlete is a U.S. Visa holder (not a U.S. citizen) with country of citizenship A, B or C class countries. Must have a residence in the United States and reside in the United States most of the year. Other parameters may apply for the foreign athlete. Please consult with a Home Office Underwriter.

Long-Term Care Services[™] Rider

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Equitable's approach to underwriting eligibility for the Long-Term Care ServicesSM Rider makes the rider available to more clients than ever.

LTCSR may	be considered for eligibilit	y with the following:

- Single life permanent policies, including substandard ratings up to Table D (except certain illnesses, impairments or conditions relating to morbidity regardless of the mortality risk or rating).
- Single life permanent policies with a flat extra due to a non-medical reason no worse than the equivalent of Table D.
- Single life term conversions and replacements.
- Foreign nationals living in the United States with a strong U.S. nexus and proof of permanent ties or intent to remain in the United States permanently.
- U.S. citizens temporarily living abroad.

The LTCSR is not available where:

- Substandard underwriting worse than the equivalent of Table D and/or medical flat extras are on the policy.
- DDW or DPW is elected and rated (in this case the policy may have LTC or DDW/DPW, but not both).
- DDW or DPW is elected and is declined for certain impairments.
- Reinsured policies (excluding ARC), International Underwriting Program.
- Policy includes the Cash Value Plus Rider, Return of Premium Rider, or where policy was issued by exercising an Option to Purchase Additional Insurance (OPAI) Rider.
- Use of qualified plans or plans otherwise subject to ERISA.
- Insured is eligible for Medicaid.
- Current medical rating is less than standard for term conversion requests.

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