

Your connection to

Better wellness

Better access

Better life

CAREGIVING

THE CHALLENGES AND SOLUTION

Long-term care benefits and personalized wellness program



THE CHALLENGES

We're turning into a nation of caregivers.

70%

Percentage of people turning 65 today that will require long-term care services¹

\$116,800

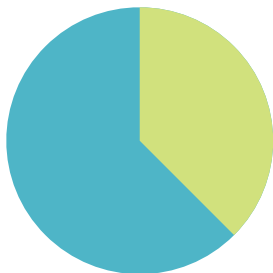
Average cost for one year of skilled care in a private nursing home room²

Because of this, the cost of professional care is prohibitive to many.

FOR MANY, THE ONLY VIABLE OPTION IS TO RELY ON FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

The caregiver burden

Caring for elderly family members or friends comes naturally to many of us. It's the right thing to do. Yet, the burden — physical and financial — impacts a large portion of the population, and typically falls on certain family members.



66% of caregivers used personal savings or retirement accounts to pay for LTC for a loved one.³



Upwards of 59% of all caregivers are female.⁴

Caregiver strains

When the duration of caregiving goes on for months, and months turn into years, the caregiver endures strains on several levels. Some of the strains go unnoticed, or ignored. The caregiver is simply doing what's best and what needs to be done.



Strains may include:

Time

60% of caregivers work a full- or part-time job in addition to their caregiving responsibilities.⁵

Financial

On average, family caregivers are spending 26% of their income on caregiving activities.⁶

Emotional

The demands of family/friend caregiving can result in depression, anxiety and feelings of resentment.

Social

The cumulative effect of strains can result in the caregiver losing touch with friends and missing gatherings and events.

Physical

Prolonged caregiver stress can result in injury, compromised immune function and increased risk of early death.

Bridge provides freedom to choose how and where you receive care and assistance.



THE CAREGIVING SOLUTION: BRIDGE BY EQUITRUST

The long-term care benefit payments can be used for qualified long-term care services. Or your needs may require moving to an assisted living facility. As long as your claim meets benefit requirements, you may use monthly payments however you wish.



Professional
in-home
assistance



Assisted living
facility services



Adult
daytime
health care



Nursing
home care

REDUCE THE CAREGIVING BURDEN THROUGH PREVENTION

The NeverStopSM Wellness Program⁷ can reduce or eliminate the caregiving burden with a personalized successful aging plan to help maintain independence and vitality.

Solutions for caregivers

Having a strategy for managing long-term care expenses can help relieve family members and friends from the obligation to provide care – so your time together is relaxing and enjoyable.



Successful aging

Successful aging is achievable with a strong commitment to physical and mental wellness. EquiTrust has partnered with Assured Allies to offer the NeverStop Wellness Program. Empowering people to proactively manage their health by taking the right actions at the right time greatly improves healthy outcomes. NeverStop helps you design a program that meets your individual goals and reduces your likelihood of needing care.

Your Personalized NeverStop Wellness Plan

- Active lifestyle to suit your goals
- Personal Wellness Ally health coach
- Additional long-term care coverage
- Special pricing on memberships and apps

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Wellness means *freedom*.

Long-term care coverage means *security*.

Bridge gives you *both*.



Ready to learn more about Bridge?

Contact your agent today for more information.





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