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Bundling Life And Health Insurance Plans Photo: Simplify Your Insurance Needs

You can bundle life and health insurance plans and that has a set of advantages. Bundled life and health insurance policies offer a convenient and cost-effective way to protect yourself and your family. By combining both life and health coverage into a single plan, you can simplify your insurance needs.

Can Mean Lower Premiums Bundling can lower your premium costs because insurers often offer discounts for bundled policies which can lead to lower premiums compared to purchasing separate policies which reduce their administrative costs. "However, the savings might not always be significant, so it's a good idea to compare the bundled premium with the cost of separate policies. Also, make sure to read the fine print to check for any hidden fees or additional charges," says Bhaskar Nerurkar, head- health administration team, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.

Easier To Manage You only have to deal with one policy contract instead of two, meaning reduced paperwork and single installment payments to keep track of. It's also easier to handle customer service issues since you're only dealing with one company.

Reduced Flexibility Bundled plans usually allow adding riders like critical illness or accidental death benefits, offering some customization. "However, they may not match the flexibility of standalone policies, which can provide tailored upgrades. Policyholders

should evaluate if the bundling restricts customization or aligns with their specific coverage needs," says Aditya Mall, appointed actuary, Future Generali India Life Insurance.

Less Transparent Costs While bundling life and health policies often lowers premiums due to discounts, it may include less transparent administrative costs. "While hidden fees are uncommon, understanding how premiums are split between health and life coverage is essential. Policyholders should clarify costs for optional riders and confirm there are no additional renewal charges," says Mall.

Separating Policies Later May Be A Hassle Bundling may limit portability for health coverage and complicate separating policies later, potentially requiring fresh underwriting. "If you decide to separate the policies later, it might involve extra potential costs. Understanding the terms and conditions related to policy separation before bundling is crucial to avoid any future complications," says Nerukar.