

ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT

An accelerated death benefit may allow an insured the option to accelerate a portion of the death benefit that otherwise would be paid after death to the insured's beneficiaries. Depending on the coverage conditions, the accelerated benefits may be used if the insured is terminally ill or if the insured is chronically ill and funds are used for federally qualified long term care services.

In this section of the survey, the Division of Insurance asked companies who offer long-term care insurance products whether they are also offering life insurance products with the option to accelerate death benefits to pay for the cost of qualified long-term care services. The Division is aware that there are many life insurance companies that offer an accelerated benefit feature that may be used to pay for qualified long-term care services and is separately surveying companies to determine which products may be available in Massachusetts.

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- According to the companies marketing group long-term care insurance policies that were able to respond for 2004, **3** companies reported that they also offered an accelerated death benefit on their life insurance plans.
- According to the companies marketing individual long-term care insurance policies that were able to respond for 2004, **6** companies reported that also they offered an accelerated death benefit on their life insurance plans.

⁶⁶ Thirty-four companies could respond to this question; the remaining companies either were no longer offering coverage nationally in 2004 or they provided insufficient information and their data were not included in the summary statistic.