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Auto Insurance Coverages

Liability Coverage (Basic liability coverage meets the state's financial responsibility requirement.)

Pays: Other people's expenses for accidents caused by drivers covered by your policy, up to your policy's dollar limits.

Medical Payments Coverage

Pays: Medical and funeral bills resulting from accidents, including those in which the other person is a pedestrian or bicyclist.

Personal Injury Protection (PIP) Coverage

Pays: Same as medical payments coverage, plus 80 percent of lost income and the cost of hiring a caregiver for an injured person.

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) Coverage

Pays: Your expenses from an accident caused by an uninsured motorist or a motorist who did not have enough insurance to cover your bills, up to your policy's dollar limits. Also pays for accidents caused by a hit-and-run driver if you reported the accident promptly to police.

Collision (Damage to Your Car) Coverage

Pays: The cost of repairing or replacing your car after an accident. Payment is limited to your car's actual cash value, minus your deductible. Actual cash value is the market value of a car like yours without damages.

Comprehensive (Physical Damage Other than Collision) Coverage

Pays: The cost of replacing or repairing your car if it is stolen or damaged by fire, vandalism, hail, or a cause other than collision. Comprehensive coverage also pays for a rental car or other temporary transportation if your car is stolen. Your policy won't pay for an auto theft unless you report it to police. Payment is limited to your car's actual cash value, minus your deductible.



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Additional Information

Effective April 1, 2008, the minimum coverage amount required by the state's financial responsibility law will increase to \$25,000 for each injured person, up to a total of \$50,000 per accident, and \$25,000 for property damage.

Some policies won't cover other people, including family members, unless they're specifically named in the policy. Your policy's declarations page should list the names of all of the people covered by the policy.

Your policy won't pay for CDs, tapes, cell phones, citizen band radios, or stereo equipment not permanently installed in your car. However, you can buy endorsements to your policy that provide separate coverage for these items for an additional premium.

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