

## **What Are Added Reparation Benefits?**

Added Reparation Benefits are additional medical benefits and lost wage benefits that you may purchase from your insurance company for your Kentucky car insurance policy. This will increase the amount of medical bills and lost wages that are paid by your insurance company should you be in an automobile accident. This is basically PIP benefits on steroids (In this case that is a good thing). You are eligible for these benefits whether the car accident was your fault or the fault of another. Ask your insurance agent about Added Reparation Benefits! This coverage will usually not be voluntarily offered to you. Ask the Question.

Insurance companies have different limits of coverage they offer for Added Reparation Benefits. It is not uniform. Some companies allow you to add up to \$40,000.00 in Added Reparation Benefits. Other companies will sell you up to \$90,000.00 in Added Reparation Benefits. This will pay for much more of your medical bills and more of your lost wages if you are in an auto accident. This may be especially important if you do not have personal health insurance. Health insurance will cover your medical bills after your PIP benefits have been exhausted. If you have good health insurance coverage you may not need to consider Added Reparation Benefits for your medical bills. If you don't have health insurance or your health insurance has a high deductible or co-pays, then you will want to consider Added Reparation Benefits. Check the added cost and make the economic decision that is right for you.

Additionally, you may increase the amount you would receive for your lost wages based upon the Added Reparation Benefits you choose. The lost wages cannot be increased without increasing your Added Reparation Benefits. Your lost wages can then be increased based upon the insurance company's increments they allow. I have not seen a company that allows over \$800.00 per week in lost wage payments. This will not take the place of a good disability insurance policy.

You must prove what you make weekly in order to collect your lost wages. Your employer will have to provide your insurance company information verifying how much you make and the hours per week that you work. If you are self-employed you will have to provide several years of tax returns to verify what you earn. In addition, your doctor has to order you off work. You just can't stop going to work because you feel bad and expect to get these benefits.

Added Reparation Benefits only apply to the named insured and members of their household actually named on the insurance policy. Passengers who are not members of the household can only collect the Basic Reparation Benefit limit of \$10,000.00. They can check under their own Added Reparation Benefits coverage. Their policy may cover them if they apply for the benefits properly.

Even though you increase your PIP coverage limits up to whatever limit your insurance company allows (some \$40,000.00, others up to \$90,000.00) the premium will increase very little. Ask your insurance agent to get the exact rates that apply to you.

Then you can make a decision as to whether or not Added Reparation Benefits make economic sense for you.