

Legal coverage for immigration matters

Legal plan product in action examples



Immigration Assistance — covers legal advice and consultation, preparation of affidavits, powers of attorney, review of immigration documents or preparing you (member) for hearings.

Immigration Representation — covers **attorney attendance** at related court hearings and attorney serving as your legal counsel.

Your life can feel like it's on hold as you sort through immigration matters. There is a huge demand for permanent entry into the U.S. and the government has strict requirements for proving eligibility. Navigating this maze on your own can be difficult and time-consuming, while an experienced immigration attorney can help avoid costly and timely mistakes and mitigate unexpected situations throughout the waiting period.

MetLife Legal Plans costs less than \$240 per year¹ and includes advice and consultation, preparation of affidavits, powers of attorney, review of any immigration documents and helping you prepare for hearings.

A few legal costs to consider for immigration matters:



- Immigration attorneys typically charge an hourly rate² of \$150 to \$300+ per hour³

- Citizenship/Naturalization application: \$500 – \$1,200

- Family-based green card petition: \$800 – \$1,500



- Adjustment of status application: \$600 – \$1,200

- A typical 30-min consultation runs \$50 – \$100.

- Additionally, USCIS filing fees range from \$460 – \$700



In addition to immigration, you can access attorneys for a diverse range of legal matters. The legal plan is a sensible step to ensuring that you receive protection at every step.

Consider this scenario:⁴

For the last five years, Chan has been working in the U.S. as an accountant. He's now eligible to apply for citizenship but has encountered a snag. In early 2020, Chan traveled to his home country to visit his wife and children. He only intended to stay for a few weeks, but when COVID-19 grounded air travel, his flight was cancelled, and his stay was extended several months before he could return to the U.S. This extended stay overseas broke naturalization requirements stating that Lawful Permanent Residents applying for citizenship could not remain outside the U.S. for more than six months. Thankfully, Chan's immigration attorney reassured him that the Immigration and Naturalization Service is aware of this situation. It was a relief to have MetLife Legal Plans help with important immigration matters. The plan covered the cost of his attorney's time and services, and Chan did not have to pay anything out of pocket. Most importantly, he can make life plans with confidence and look forward to setting up a great home for his family soon.

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1. Cost may vary. This information is based on an average cost of \$20 per month..
2. Average hourly rate of \$391.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Survey of Law Firm Economics (2021).
3. <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/immigration> (last updated 2/7/2025).
4. This testimonial is for illustrative purposes only. Not all costs are covered. Please see plan documents or contact MetLife Legal Plans for more details.

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