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Top 12 health insurance companies

To ace policy purchase in India 2024



Scope

The information in this report is provided on an as-is basis. This document is produced by Twimbit per date of research and writing (July-August 2024) and is subject to change. The benchmark is prepared solely for information purposes over a limited period to provide a perspective on the market. All the data is derived and estimated by Twimbit analysts via primary interviews and publicly available information.



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Twimbit approach – Benchmarking criteria and objective



Shortlisting health insurance service providers:

Shortlisted 12 domestic (Indian) health insurance companies on basis of:

 Option of digital application – public website



Comparative analysis:

Purchased 12 health insurance plans of below companies through the public website.

- HDFC ERGO
- Tata AIG
- ICICI Lombard
- · Policy Bazar
- Digit Insurance
- Bajaj alliance
- · SBI General
- Niva Bupa
- Star health
- Care health insurance
- ACKO
- · Aditya Birla Capital



Framework creation:

Defining broad 9 key success metrics

- Discoverability
- Ease of getting quote
- · Information availability
- Onboarding experience
- Ease of KYC process
- Payment experience
- Public website functionality
- Customer service experience
- Overall design experience



Scoring and evaluation:

Each factor is evaluated on a scale of 1-5, measuring

- Availability
- · Completion of journey
- Visual design



Benchmarking:

Weighted scores are given to identify the best health insurance purchase experience

Identified 14 opportunities for health insurance companies to ace policy purchase experience

Provide independent recommendations and analyst opinion for improvement



A diagnostic framework for evaluation

1. Discoverability

- o Channels to buy health insurance
- o No. of input fields required to register

2. Ease of getting quote

- o Option to get quote on public website
- No. of input fields required to get quote/view plan on public website
- Progress indicators during get quote journey on public website

3. Information availability

- Information related to details of insurance on public website
- Additional features

4. Onboarding experience

- Total No. of input fields asked during end-to-end journey on public website (manual enter)
- Total No. of screen shifts to buy policy on PW (excluding steps to quotation and including CKYC/KYC and payments steps)
- Use of design widgets during purchasing journey on PW

5. Ease of KYC process

- o Ease of CKYC/KYC process on public website
- No. of input fields asked during CKYC/KYCY on public website (manual enter)

6. Payment experience

- o Information details in payment summary
- o Payment options to buy the health insurance

7. Public website/app functionality

- o Type of comparison available on public website
- Video explaining health insurance type
- o Availability of direct/quick links or CTAs

8. Customer service experience

- o Availability of support options
- 9. Overall design experience
- Visualization /layout

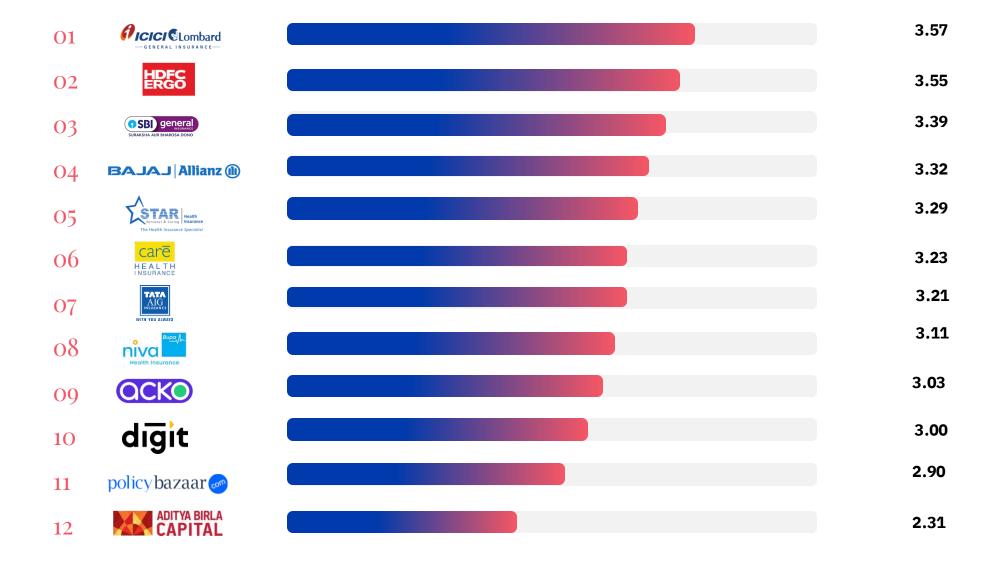


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Top 12 health insurance companies to ace policy purchase in India 2024



Top 12 insurance companies to ace health insurance policy purchase



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14 opportunities to ace health insurance policy purchase experience



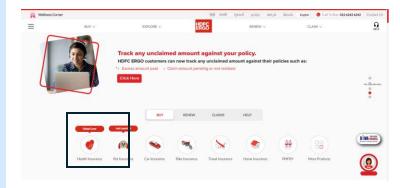
1. Provide gamified CTA to apply health insurance via public website

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
CTA to apply	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	×	✓	×	✓	×	√	\checkmark	×

Innovation opportunities

- Ensure a clear CTA on the homepage to prevent customer confusion about where to apply.
- Use vibrant, colored icons for direct CTAs to make them more eye-catching and engaging.
- Gamify your icons to make them more dynamic and animated for an engaging experience.





HDFC ERGO: Provides clear CTA for health insurance as "health" using different icons



Tata AIG: Also provides clear CTA for health insurance as "health" uses smaller icons



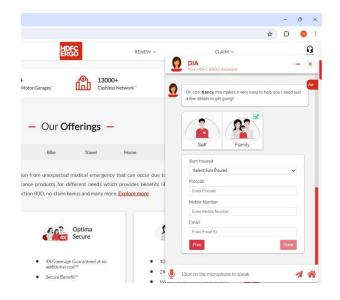
2. Allow chatbot on public website to purchase policies

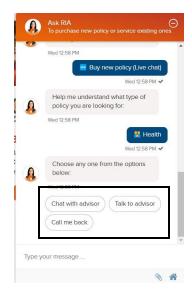
Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	АСКО	Aditya Birla	
Apply via chat bot	✓	✓	\checkmark	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	×	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	

Innovation opportunities

- Offer CTAs to apply for health insurance via chatbot on the public website.
- Ensure the chatbot provides all the necessary information required for the application.
- Include multiple contact options to gather information from the chatbot, such as "chat with adviser," "talk to adviser," and "request a call back."





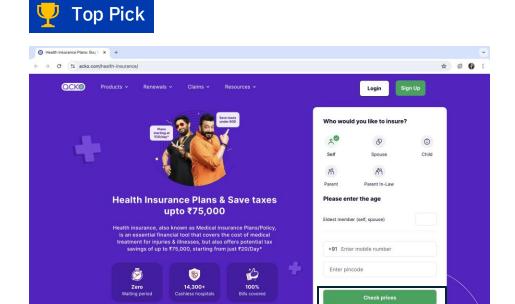


HDFC ERGO and ICICI Lombard:

- Provides option to choose the type of health insurance via chat bot
- Option to get quotes via chat bot
- Customer can apply for health insurance
- Also provide option to get assistance from adviser for better clarity and guidance

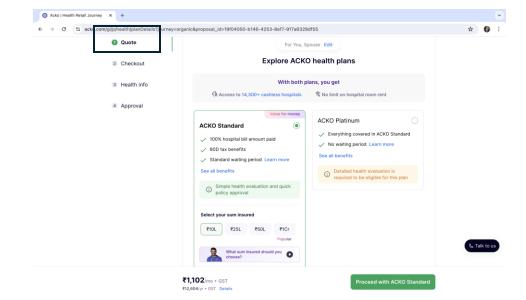


3. Offer a single-screen experience to obtain insurance plans quotes



ACKO:

- Provides a single screen journey to get the quotes for desired health insurance plans
- Requires only 4 input fields
- > Age of eldest member
- ➤ Mobile no.
- ➤ Pin code
- ➤ OTP



ACKO:

- 2nd window provides customer with variety of healtlh insurance plans and prices to choose from
- Allows to select different sum insured amount and tenure to check changes in premium amount

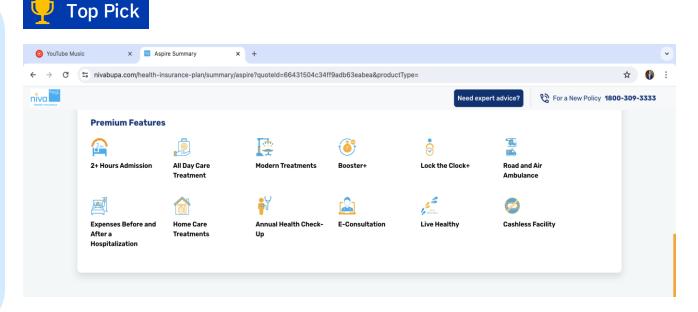


4. Gamify essential health insurance features to captivate customers

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla	
Features displayed	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	\checkmark	✓	×	✓	X	✓	

Innovation opportunities

- Utilize icons to clearly distinguish between features, enhancing customer comprehension.
- Position feature options directly beneath the insurance type for convenient access.



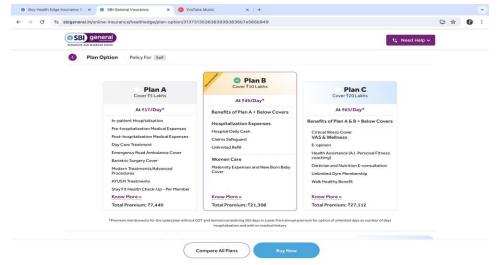
Niva Bupa presents all its insurance features in a very attractive



5. Empower customers to explore health insurance options freely, without registration

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
Option to explore type of health insurance	✓	X	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓





HDFC ERGO: Provides different types of health insurance on public website with detailed information and view plans CTA, customer can access these with registering

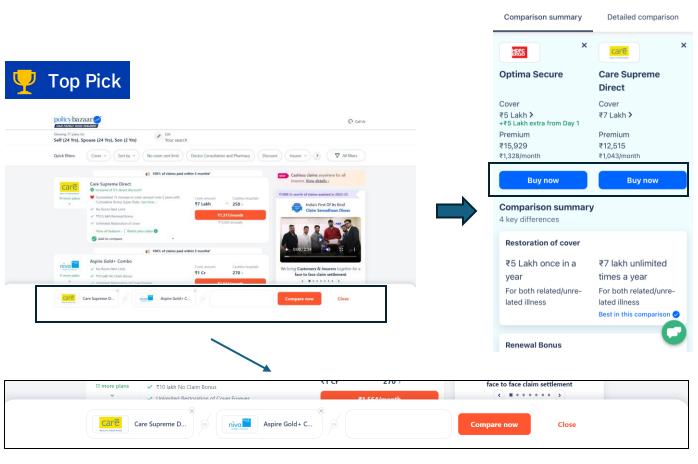
SBI General presents all the different types of health insurance on the public website, including insurance features, premium, and cost



6. Allow customers to compare preferred health insurance plans effortlessly(1/2)

Innovation opportunities

- Present a clear CTA for comparing health insurance plans.
- Allow customers to choose the plans they wish to compare.
- Deliver a comprehensive comparison with all key features to aid customer understanding and decision-making.



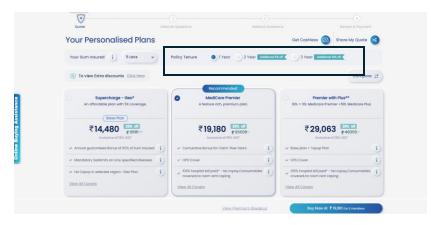
Policy Bazar:

- Allows customer to have the comparison between desired health insurance plans
- Provides option to compare between 2 or 3 plans together
- The comparison screen provides direct CTA under each plan to buy directly

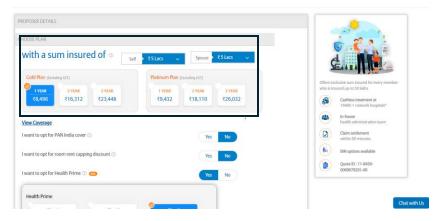


Compare plans

6. Allow customers to compare preferred health insurance plans effortlessly(2/2)



Tata AIG provides tenure wise comparison to check change in premium amount



Bajaj Alliance provides sum insured type comparison of health insurance



HDFC ERGO displays comparison on the types of plans available



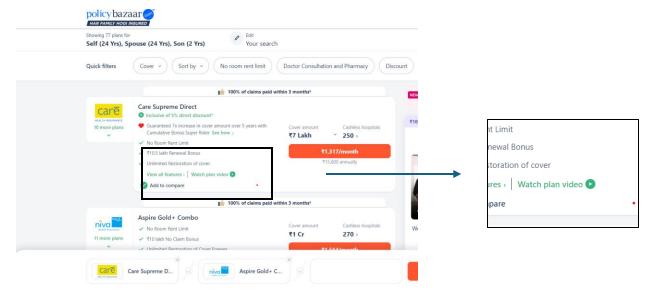
7. Include a video guide to assist in understanding insurance plans

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Video option	×	X	X	✓	X	×	×	×	×	×	\checkmark	×

Innovation opportunities

- Present a comprehensive video that details the plan for clearer customer understanding.
- Ensure the video highlights all features and essential requirements.





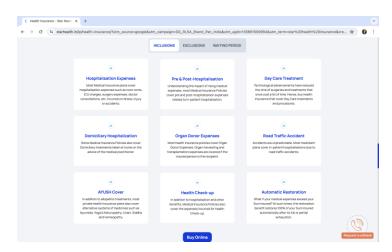
Policy Bazar have option to watch a video that explains about plan and show comparison with similar plans



8. Outline the inclusions and exclusions of each health insurance plan

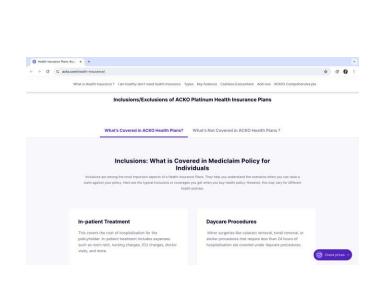
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Video option	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	√	√	✓	×	✓



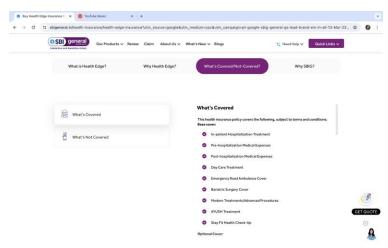


Star health Insurance presents all the inclusions and exclusion in:

- very structured way
- using icons
- detailed way
- proper explanation



ACKO also presents all the details on public website



SBI General also mentions all the inclusion and exclusion but in the name of "covered and uncovered"

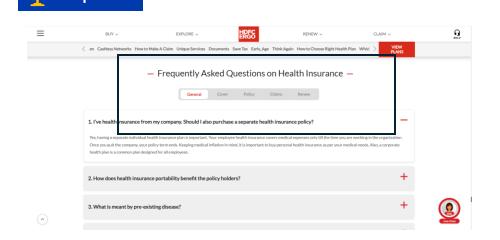


9. Organize FAQs by category on the public website

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
Category wise FAQ	✓	\checkmark	✓	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	X	✓

Innovation opportunities

- Divide the FAQ section into distinct categories such as general, coverage, policy, claims, and renewal.
- Include FAQs related to health insurance benefits, premiums, exclusions, and other relevant topics.



HDFC Life: Has organized their FAQs into categories



10. Minimize input fields for simplified KYC/CKYC process(1/2)

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lomba rd	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
Input fields	DOB, Name, Gender, Marital Status, Father Name, Father name, Address, Annual Income Occupation, Organisation type	Self/family/ member detail- Name , Height, Weight Nominee Details- Name, DOB, Relationship Communication Details- address, Pincode, Number, Email	,DOB	No CKYC/KYC	CKYC/KYC only after payment	No CKYC/KYC	First Name, DOB, PAN, Weight, Height (ft & inch- 2), Nominee Name (first & last-2), Address, Zip code	No CKYC/KYC	No CKYC/KYC	PAN No. , DOB	No CKYC/KYC	PAN, and a selfie (selfie is optional)



10. Minimize input fields for simplified KYC/CKYC process(2/2)

Innovation opportunities

- Finish the KYC process in less than a minute.
- Limit the input fields to only 2.
- Allow aadhaar and other documents for KYC completion.





ICICI Lombard completes the KYC process in 1 min



Input fields required:

- PAN
- DOB
 Provides option to complete KYC using Aadhar or CKYC no.



11. Display key payment summary information during final plan review(1/2)

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
Sum insured	X	×	×	✓	\checkmark	X	✓	✓	√	✓	√	✓
Policy period	✓	✓	×	✓	\checkmark	×	√	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Gross premium	✓	✓	×	×	\checkmark	×	X	√	√	✓	√	×
Discount	✓	✓	×	×	√	×	X	✓	√	X	X	✓
GST	✓	✓	✓	X	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	✓	√	X	\checkmark	✓
Total premium	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓

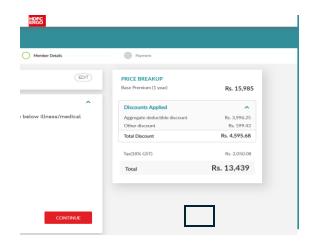
11. Display key payment summary information during final plan review(2/2)





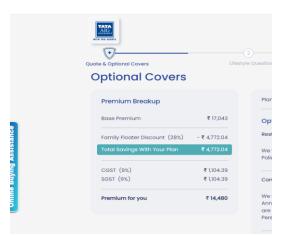
DIGIT provides all payment summary information like:

- Sum insured
- · Policy period
- · Gross premium
- Discount
- GST
- Total premium



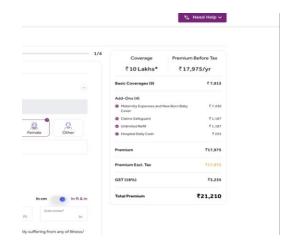
HDFC ERGO provides summary breakup details like:

- · Policy period
- Gross premium
- Discount
- GST
- Total premium



Tata AIG includes payment summary information like:

- Gross premium
- GST
- Total premium



SBI General provides all payment summary information like:

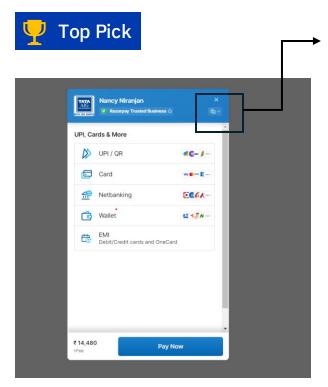
- Sum insured
- Gross premium
- GST
- Total premium



12. Offer multiple payment options to complete the purchase process(1/2)

Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
UPI	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓
Net banking	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓
Wallet	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	✓	√	×	X	✓	\checkmark	✓
EMI on cards	✓	✓	√	✓	\checkmark	✓	√	✓	✓	✓	√	✓
QR Code	X	✓	×	X	√	×	√	×	X	X	√	✓
Loan offers	X	×	X	×	X	×	X	×	✓	X	X	×
Cardless EMI	×	X	X	X	X	×	X	×	✓	X	X	×

12. Offer multiple payment options to complete the purchase process(2/2)

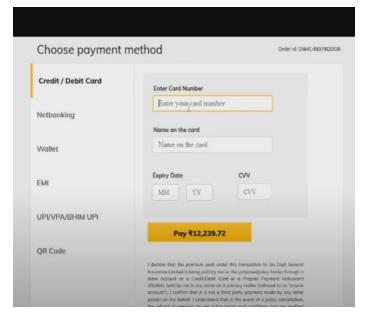


Language change icon

Tata AIG provides different payment option along with logos of different banks it supports:

- UPI
- Cards
- Net banking
- Wallet
- · EMI on cards
- QR Code

Provides option to change the language at the time of payment



DIGIT provides different payment like:

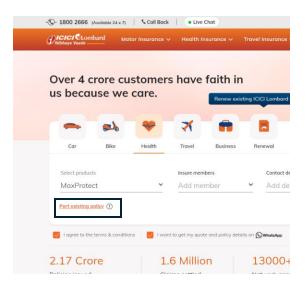
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- EMI on cards
- QR Code

13. Allow customers to transfer existing policies from other provider

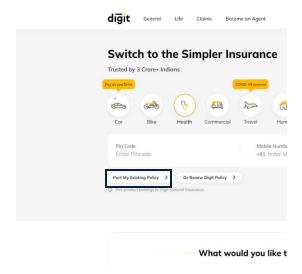
Insurance provider	HDFC ERGO	TATA AIG	ICICI Lombard	Policy bazar	Digit Insurance	Bajaj alliance	SBI General	Niva Bupa	Star health	Care health insurance	ACKO	Aditya Birla
Option to port policy	×	×	√	Port option is only available from ₹10 Lakh or above cover amount	√	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓

Innovation opportunities

- Provide clear CTA for policy porting on public website.
- Show details about eligibility for porting policies.



ICICI Lombard provides option to port the policy



DIGIT provides option to port the policy on its public website homepage



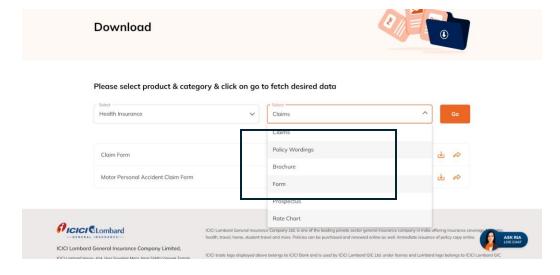
14. Enable brochure downloads from the public website

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	✓	✓	✓	✓	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	✓	✓	✓	X	✓

Innovation opportunities

• Provide clear CTA to download brochure





ICICI Lombard:

- Provides option to download brochure without registration
- Allows to download brochure for desired insurance plan
- Provides a direct CTA under download section on public

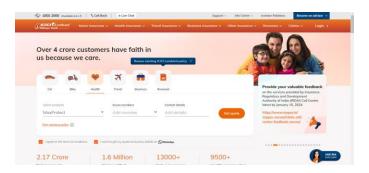


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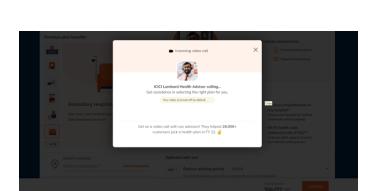
Indian health insurance companies with best policy purchase process



ICICI Lombard- No. 1 health insurance company



1. Select insurance type



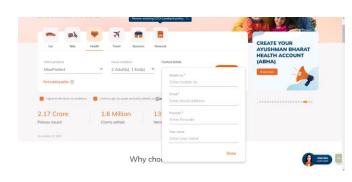
4. Select or decline video call option



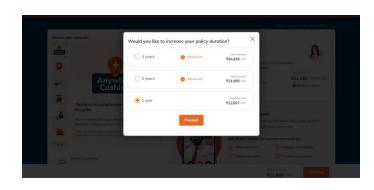
2. Select health insurance type



5. Select projection plan



3. Register



6. Enter duration



ICICI Lombard- No. 1 health insurance company



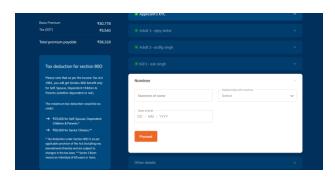
7. Complete KYC



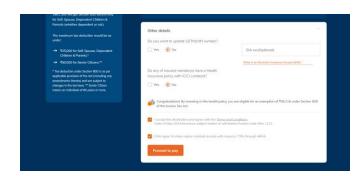
8. Enter PAN and DOB



9. Enter members personal details



10. Enter nominee details



11. Provide other details and check T&C



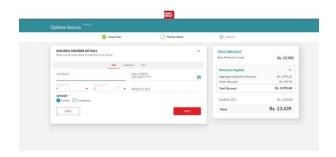
12. Make final payment



HDFC ERGO



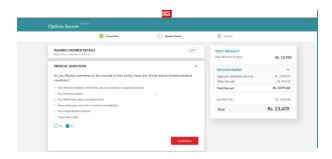
1. Register



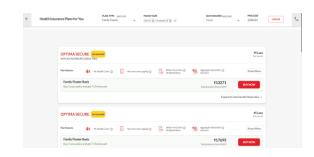
4. Enter personal details



2. Enter OTP



5. Answer medical questions



3. Choose a plan



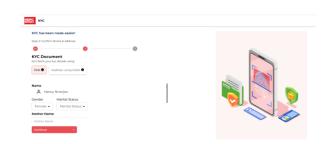
6. Enter personal and contact details



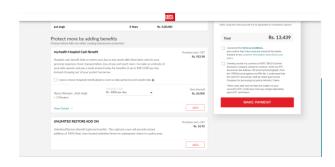
HDFC ERGO



7. Nominee details



10. Enter gender, marital



8. Add benefits



11. Select annual income, occupation, organization type to complete the KYC process



9. Enter PAN for KYC process



12. Complete the payment

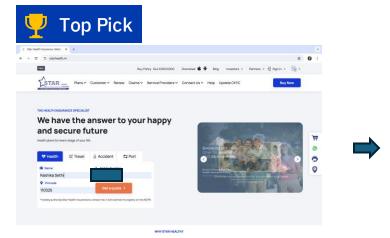


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Spotlight-Star health Insurance



Star health insurance- Revolutionalise with visually streamline process



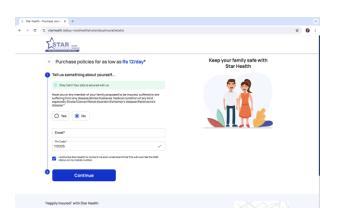
Step 1: Fill in basic detail to register



Step 4: Enter DOB Of member, calendar option helps in entering correct info



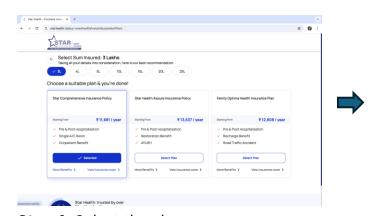
Step 2: Select gender, icons used are very eye-catching



Step 5: Enter other personal details



Step 3: Select members, use of icons to represent members is appealing



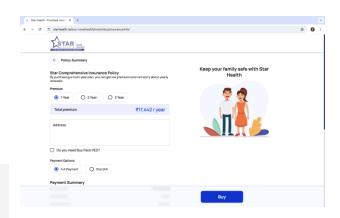
Step 6: Select the plan



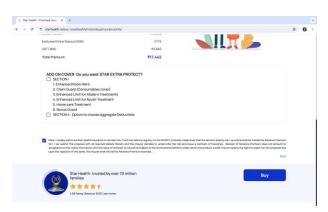
Star health insurance- Revolutionalise with visually streamline process

Innovation opportunities

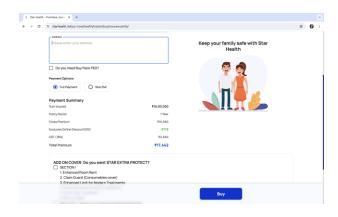
- Maintain a consistent color theme throughout the process.
- Simplify the process by avoiding text-heavy items and information.
- Use various icons to make the process more relaxed and less confusing



Step 7: Select the insurance tenure ,colour theme used is very simple but pleasant



Step 9: Select if want any extra protect



Step 8: Enter address



Step 10: Complete the payment





