

Legal assistance for adoption

One of the many benefits of your legal plan



Taking this important step in life—adopting a child—should be a joyful time, and access to experienced attorneys can help the process go smoothly. With our network of family law attorneys on your side, you can be confident you're getting the advice and assistance you need.

With a Legal Plan, you can contact an attorney to help you navigate the adoption process, review paperwork, provide advice, and guide you through the steps involved.



Custody | Potential cost savings

\$240 annual cost (\$20 per month) with a legal plan¹

\$4,278 potential savings with a legal plan

Average adoption legal fees without a legal plan²

\$502 for an Attorney Consultation

\$502 for a Legal Document or Contract Review

\$2,510 for Drafting a private adoption agreement

\$1,004 for Filing court petitions and court appearances³

\$4,518 Total potential adoption matter (no legal plan)

Consider this scenario

Recently my wife and I were faced with difficulties in starting a family, so we decided to look into our adoption options and scheduled to speak with an attorney about preparing for the possibilities.

Through my MetLife Legal Plans benefit they provided attorneys in my area who had experience with adoption, who could guide us through this important path to parenthood with confidence.

Our attorney was amazing! She was responsive, patient and advocated for us along every step. She was part of the family by the time we welcomed our son home.

(Story used for illustrative purposes only.)



Our nationwide network with over 18,000 attorneys includes counsel in family law, civil matters, financial debt matters, and more.⁴



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Questions?
Call our Client Service Center 800-821-6400
Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST

Adoption — Product in Action

1. Cost may vary. This cost is based on an average monthly rate for MetLife Legal Plans of \$20.
2. Prices based on the average amount of hours it would take, using the average hourly rate of \$502.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Attorney Compensation Flash Survey (2026). Filing fees are the responsibility of the member or participant to pay.
3. Participant is responsible for third-party fees. Plan also does not cover out of court adoption agency fees.
4. Coverage may vary by legal plan.

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