Major Med Light





Generic Forms Packet

Individually Underwritten Association Group Major Medical Coverage Exclusively for NCAA Members and their Families

Notice to Applicant

This description of the Information Practices of American National Life Insurance Company of Texas is being provided in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Law in effect in your state of residence.

Collection of Information

Federal and state laws require notification that, in accordance with your application, we may request an investigative consumer report. In addition, such a report may be requested subsequently to update our records or if you apply for additional coverage. Upon written request, we will inform you whether or not an investigative consumer report was requested and, if such report was requested, the address and telephone number of the investigative agency to which the request was made. By contacting the local office and providing proper identification, you may inspect or, for the appropriate fee, receive a copy of such report.

Typically, the report will contain information as to character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, which is obtained through an interview with you or an adult member of your family, employers or business associates, financial sources, friends, neighbors, or others with whom you are acquainted. The information will consist, when applicable, of a confirmation of your identity, age, residence, marital status, and past and present employment including occupational duties, financial information, driving record, sports and recreational activities, health history, use of alcohol or drugs if any, living conditions and type of community.

Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. American National Life Insurance Company of Texas or its reinsurer may, however, make a brief report thereon to the Medical Information Bureau, a non-profit membership organization of life insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. If you apply to another Bureau member company for life or health insurance coverage, or claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, the Bureau, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

Upon request from you, the Bureau will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in its file. If you question the accuracy of information in the Bureau's files, you may contact the Bureau and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of the Bureau's information office is P.O. Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02112, telephone number (617) 426-3660.

In some circumstances, American National Life Insurance Company of Texas will make disclosures of personal information, without your authorization, to third parties. Some of the persons or organizations to whom certain items of information might be disclosed are the agent, consumer reporting agencies hired to prepare investigative reports, our reinsurer, the Medical Information Bureau, and other insurance companies to which you have applied for coverage or benefits.

Please be assured that the above describes some of the disclosures which may be made, not disclosures which are always made. In any event, the information disclosed without your authorization will be only as much as is reasonably necessary to accomplish this intended purpose. The types of information disclosed will vary depending upon the needs of the recipient and the sensitivity of the data. A description of the circumstances under which information about you might be disclosed without your authorization, to the types of persons and organizations referred to above, will be sent to you upon request.

Obtaining Additional Information---We at American National Life Insurance Company of Texas hope that you find this description of our information practices helpful. We take our responsibility, and your rights, very seriously. If you have any further questions about the items discussed above, please write to us at One Moody Plaza, Galveston, Texas 77550.

PRE-NOTICE: DELIVER TO APPLICANT PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THE APPLICATION.

COLINFO

National Consumer's Advantage Association 16467 Chesterfield Airport Road Chesterfield, MO 63017	Yes, I want to be a member of NCAA! Please Choose One: Silver Level (\$2.50 per month or \$30 annually) Gold Level (\$4.50 per month or \$54 annually)						
	d, with resulting cost savings that ultimately benefit me as a member, by						
	Consumer's Advantage Association, I appoint its President as my proxy all be of no effect at any meeting that I personally attend.						
Signed	Print Name						
Phone	Date						
Address							
City, State, Zip							
Dues will be included in your regular premium notices or drafted from your account, if you elect the automatic bank draft option.							
Form NCAAAP							

Height/Weight Guide For Use With Determining Preferred Rating Eligibility									
Height	Adult Male Normal Weight	Adult Female Normal Weight							
4'10"	-	90-148							
4'11"	-	92-151							
5'0"	-	94-154							
5'1"	105-183	97-157							
5'2"	106-186	97-160							
5'3"	109-190	99-163							
5'4"	112-196	102-168							
5'5"	115-202	105-170							
5'6"	118-207	108-173							
5'7"	122-213	111-177							
5'8"	126-220	115-182							
5'9"	130-227	118-186							
5'10"	134-230	122-193							
5'11"	138-236	125-198							
6'0"	142-240	129-210							
6'1"	147-248	135-222							
6'2"	153-253	141-234							
6'3"	158-261	-							
6'4"	163-269	-							
6'5"	170-277	-							
6'6"	178-286	-							
6'7"	187-295	-							
6'8"	196-304	-							

RATING CLASSES

Rating classes are determined on an individual basis - Each family member is evaluated individually. American National Life Insurance Company of Texas uses 4 rating classes:

- ✓ Tobacco User: This includes any applicant who has used tobacco products, including smokeless or chewing tobacco within the past 12 months prior to the application.
- ✓ **Standard:** This includes applicants who have not used tobacco within 12 months preceding the application but are not eligible or do not qualify for the Preferred Rates.
- ✓ **Substandard:** This includes applicants who would require an extra premium or exclusion waiver(s) for certain health conditions that are otherwise not insurable. This allows full coverage for the health condition(s). Medical waivers are available for applicants with certain conditions that are otherwise not insurable.
- ✓ **Preferred:** To be eligible for the Preferred Rate Discount, the applicant must be 19 years or older and applying as a primary insured or spouse. Additionally, this class includes applicants who are generally healthy and lead a healthy lifestyle.

If any of the following apply, preferred rates are not available:

◆ Medical Exclusions / Rider

		PREFERREI	D RATING QUESTIONNAIRE			
				APPLICANT Yes No	SPC Yes	USE No
1.	Have you used tobacco	in any form in the pas	t 12 months prior to the application?			
2.			ight range listed on the build chart Field Underwriting Manual ?			
3.	Have you had blood pre for hypertension in the	•	ess of 140/95 and/or been treated			
4.	Have you had cholest elevated cholesterol or	•	ss of 250 and/or been treated for st 2 years?			
5.	Have you had any co					
6.	Have you taken any pre chronic condition? (e.g.	•	n the past 2 years for a recurrent or sthma, etc.)			
7.	Have you recently appli modified coverage with	•	een turned down, rated, or offered			
nus		aire. This information is n	iate sections. Spouses are considered separa not required for dependent children. Underwrit medical records.			
hpp	licant	Date	Spouse	Date		
)riv	ers license number	State	Drivers license number	State		

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Print in Black		atement-Existing			•	-								
SECTION I — ELIGIBILITY (Sub												Home	Office Use	
1. I, as an association member, apply for:														
□ Plan: ANL-2003 □ \$1,000 □ \$1,500 □ \$2,000 □ \$2,500 □ \$5,000					Optional Rider Outpatient Prescription Drug Rider:					2 Sn	ecial Reques	ete		
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5														
5. Address (Permanent I Number and Street or R.F. City			Zip	Work	Phone: Hm() Best time to call: Vork () A.M. P.M. E-mail Address:						P.M.			
6. Employment Data	Employed Full-Time?	Name of Emp	loyer					Duties	/Title				lonthly Earnin	ıgs
Person No. 1	☐Yes ☐No											\$		
Person No. 2	□Yes □No											\$		
7. Is any proposed insured pregnant?		nember (including s ", this coverage ca		-		l, wh∈	ether o	or not n	ow app	olying for	coverag	e) curren	tly	
8. Has any proposed insu		/pe of tobacco (inc n, and form of use	•	•	, ciga	ırs, ar	nd/or	smoke	less to	bacco) d	luring the	e past 12	? months?	
9. Are all proposed insur	eds U.S. Citizen	ns? □Yes □	No (If 'I	No", state	who	and l	how lo	ong a r	esiden	t of U.S.	A.)			_
10. Does any proposed ins (If "Yes", give details.)	sured, immediate	e family, or househo	old mem	ber intend	I to tra	avel o	r resid	de outs	ide the	U.S.A.?	□Yes	□No		
11. Are all family membe		•							is appl	ication.)				

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SECTIO	II NC	— OTHER INSURANCE	E									
12. (Oth	er Insurance Infor	mation:									
A	A. Are any proposed insureds covered by, or has application been made for, any type of medical insurance?											
		("Medical insurance" includes: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, HMO, and medical expense and indemnity policies) □Yes □No										
E	3.	Is any proposed insured currently covered by Medicare or Medicaid?										
(Э.	Has any proposed insured been covered under a health insurance plan including COBRA within the last 18 months?										
	Э.	Is the insurance applied for intended to replace any existing insurance or insurance which has been terminated with this company or any other company?										
E	Ξ.	Has any proposed			ade applica	ation to, Am	erican N	ational for	other insura	nce covera	ge?	
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E	3. Y	ou should not car	ncel your existing	j health insura	nce covera	age until y	ou recei	ve writte	n notification	on of acce	eptance f	rom
	<u> </u>	ANTEX. If accepted	d, do you agree to	discontinue you	ır current m	ajor medic	al plan?	□Yes	■No			
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19. F	Plea	se list name and a	ddress of family/P	rimary Care Phy	/sician(s), r	eason and	date las	t seen for	each propo	sed insure	ed:	
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THIS	THIS QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED COMPLETELY FOR ALL APPLICANTS											

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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED FOR EACH PERSON APPLYING FOR COVERAGE. ANY MISSTATEMENTS MAY AFFECT YOUR COVERAGE — GIVE FULL DETAILS TO ALL "YES" ANSWERS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

					Yes	No		Yes	No
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	d. The esophem liver e. The tren	digestive system, includir phageal reflux, intestinal discontribution or disorder or rectum? nervous system, including nors, headaches, migrain ntal disease or nervous of	ng ulcer, gastritis, es order, colitis, hepatitis er of the pancreas, g epilepsy, convulsion es, paralysis, strok	ophagitis, s,cirrhosis, pallbladder, s,seizures, se or TIA?			23.	Has any proposed insured ever been: a. Treated or counseled for alcohol or drug use or attended	
	prob hyp deve g. Dial	blems, eating disorder, eractivity, anxiety, auti- elopmental delay, psychiatri betes, high or low blood si disorder of the thyroid g	Attention Deficit sm, depression, ic treatment, or coun ugar, glucose intole	Disorder, insomnia, seling? rance or			24. 25.	decrease alcohol or drug consumption?	
	h. The kidr infe dise	order including adrenal or p genito-urinary system, in ney stones, cystitis, urina ctions or blood in the u pase?	ncluding any kidne ary tract infection our urine or sexually to	y disorder, or bladder ransmitted			26.	impairment or deformity, or a congenital abnormality, disease or trait not previously disclosed?	
-	bon any arth dela j. Any incli k. Car grov I.An or g thro	e muscular skeletal systeme, joints, back or spine, in muscular or neuromunitis, gout, rheumatism, ay?	acluding manipulations cular disorder, a fibromyalgia or resource. bones, upper or joint disease (TMJ) otherwise, tumor, cy der or ever had a tauding cataracts, impear infections or tube diment or delay of the source.	on therapy, including notor skill			27.	 b. Date of last Pap Smear	
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		COMPLETE IH	IE-FOLLOWING FO					RTO QUESTIONS 20 THROUGH 27 ABOVE.	
	Question Number	Name of Person	Date of Treatment From To	Reason Diagn or (Frequer	osis, Condit	Illne: tion,	SS	Treatment or Findings, Medication, Recommendations, Hospitalization and/or Surgery, Degree of Recovery, Due Date Name and Address of Each Physician, Practitioner and Medical Facility	

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SECTION IV — SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVER	AGE THE AGENT HAS JUST DESCRIBED TO Y	ou.								
THE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THE AGENT HAS JU A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO BE PROVIDED BY AN EN		GNED NOR INTENDED AS								
CHANGES IN STATUS INDICATED BELOW MAY AFFECT FUTURE IS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED:	ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE									
 Are you the owner of an incorporated business? Are you a sole proprietor or a partner in a partnership? Are you an employee of a business? Will your employer pay a portion of your health insurance premium? Will you be reimbursed by your employer, through wage adjustments or otherwise, for any portion of the premium? Will your health insurance plan be treated by you or your employer as part of a plan or program for the purposes of Section 106, 125 or 162, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. Section 106, 125 or 162)? 										
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Insurance Fraud — Warning: Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may be guilty of insurance fraud.									
APPLICATION DECLARATION & AGREEMENTS I, the undersigned applicant and spouse, if any, have personally completed this application and represent that the answers and statements in Sections I, II, III, and IV on this application are true, complete and correctly recorded and agree they will be used to determine my eligibility for coverage under the health insurance plan, indicated below (the "Plan"). I understand and agree that: 1) "Proposed Insured" means all persons named in questions 4 through 27; 2) all statements and answers in this application and in any supplements or amendments to it are complete and true; 3) I have inquired about and have personal knowledge of, the medical history of each Proposed Insured; 4) any incorrect or incomplete information on this application may result in loss of coverage or claim denial; 5) no insurance shall take effect unless the certificate is issued (or this application is made to change an existing certificate, unless the change is approved) and the certificate is actually delivered to the Proposed Insured and the first full premium paid during the lifetime and good health of all Proposed Insureds. I will notify and provide the Company with any evidence required by it to determine my future eligibility under the plan. I understand and agree that: 1. a future change in my employment status may cause me to no longer be eligible for the Plan as of the date of coverage; 2. eligibility for the Plan does not constitute initial coverage under the Plan; and 3. initial coverage under the Plan is subject to the Company's underwriting criteria.										
ATTENTION APPLICANT: After the application has been completed, and before you sign it, rerea	ad it carefully to be certain that all informatio	n has been properly recorded.								
Signed at Date	Applicant's Signature									
Soliciting Agent (Please Print)	_ Spouse's Signature									
For Agent: Each question on the application was completed by the applicant(s). I have personally witnessed/verified the reading, completion and signing of this application. Yes No I have/have not collected the premiums as stated on the front of this application and have not left the applicant a Conditional Receipt.										
Soliciting Agent Signature	Personal Code/Writing No.	Field Office								

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AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN, RELEASE AND DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION

I hereby authorize any physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic or other medical related facility, insurance company, insurance support organization, business partner, pharmacy, government agency, group policy holder, employer, benefit plan administrator, the Medical Information Bureau, the Department of Motor Vehicle Registration, and paramedical facility to provide to AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS, or to any agent, attorney, consumer reporting agency, or an independent administrator, including medical record retrieval services, pharmaceutical services, acting on AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS or its reinsurers behalf, information concerning advice, care or treatment sought by or provided to me and/or any other applicant for coverage, including information relating to medical history, medical conditions, treatment, hospitalizations or confinements, ailments, and/or drug, alcohol or tobacco usage of the applicant(s). It is understood that American National Life Insurance Company of Texas underwriters, claims examiners, reinsurers, attorneys or the medical director may disclose such health information to the aforementioned parties for purposes of underwriting, compliance, record clarification or explanation, or in response to litigation, summons or subpoenas. I understand that after this information is disclosed, the recipient may redisclose it resulting in loss of protection by federal regulations.

I understand that:

- (1) such information will be used by AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE NSURANCE COMPANY of TEXAS for underwriting and insurability determinations;
- (2) I may refuse to sign this authorization and that my refusal to sign will affect my ability to obtain health insurance coverage.
- (3) a picture copy or photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original; and
- (4) any authorized representative of the proposed insured is entitled to receive a copy of this authorization upon request.

This authorization is valid from the date signed for a duration of 24 months or until the person is no longer covered. I understand I may revoke the authorization at any time except to the extent that actions have been taken in reliance on this authorization, by sending written notice to the Health Underwriting Department of AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF TEXAS, P.O. Box 1991, Galveston, Texas 77553. I may inspect or copy any information used or disclosed under this authorization, if signed.

Date									
Witness		Spouse's Signature (if coverage is requested for spouse)							
Personal Representative designated by (Circle One) power of attorney, guardian	signature above is her n-in-fact, guardian, pay	reby authorized to execute this instruee representative, other	ument based on:						
b) Who initiated the writing of this alc) As a field underwriter, do you have	pplication?	nation that you believe will be helpful believe that replacement of existing	I in underwriting this case? insurance may be involved?	☐ Yes ☐ No					
Special Instructions To Home Office Are Commissions to be Split 50/50?		f yes, list both agents'/brokers' name	es and PC #'s:						
Dated At	This day of	. 20							
City State Licensed Agent's/Broker's PC #	-		Soliciting Agent's	s/Broker's Signature					
Licensed Agent's/Broker's Fax #		Email Address							
Field Office Check List:									
* Has the application been rev If "Yes", by (name)		nd errors? Month	Day	☐ Yes ☐ No Year					
* Has the applicant signed the	a "Application Declaration	on & Agreements"?		☐ Yes ☐ No					
		n Declaration & Agreements"?		Yes					
	* Have you left the "Notice of Privacy Practices" with the applicant? □ Yes □ No								
	* If Pre-Authorized Check mode of payment, have you attached a voided sample check?								
* Have you attached an initial	premium of at least on	e month?		Yes No					
* If Preferred Risk Discount a	pplied for, have you inc	luded form ANL-2003a?		☐ Yes ☐ No					
Do no		DRTANT NOTE TO AGENT n with this application, IF any pro	posed insured has:						

1. Within the past two years been diagnosed as having, or been treated for, heart disease, cancer, mental or nervous disorder, liver or kidney disease; or

2. Any medical condition or injury for which medical treatment or advice will be sought.

Further, do not collect any premium with the application if, for any other reason in your best judgement, the Company would not want to issue the policy.

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1.5	EASE SIGN THE STATEMENT BELOW AND RETURN IT TO YOUR AGENT							
l,	re that I have received and read the material contained in this peaket							
hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the material contained in this packet describing the rights of Eligible Individuals under HIPAA and understand its content.								
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	Recipient's Signature							
Date								
Name of Agent _								
Form 4635A								

EMPLOYEE CENSUS FORM

	Amer	ican National Life	For Insurance	e Company of T	exas	
Applicant Name:						
Company Name:						
Address :						
:	Street	City		State	2	Zip Code
Nature of Business: (Sp	pecific)					
Type of Ownership:	☐ Sole P	roprietorship		Partnership	☐ Corporati	on
Number of Employees:	·					
The Employer understands	and agrees:					
1. Any prer	mium refunds that n	nay be due will be sent	to the Applic	ant directly.		
2. That it do	oes not currently ar	nd will not in the future r	make any co	ntribution to any porti	on of the Applicant's pre	mium or fee payment or
	y reimbursements fent, the ANL-3100 c		nent to the A	pplicant through wage	e adjustment or other me	ethod, as evidenced by thi
	Insurance applied to defined by state and		her Intended	nor anticipated to be	an employer-sponsored	health insurance plan, as
	-		claim any ta	x benefit for the amou	ints remitted, such as bu	t not limited to, Section
106, 125	i or 162 of the Inter	nal Revenue Code;				
Signature of Employer/	/Authorized Rep	presentative		Title		
Print Name of Employe	er/Authorized Re	epresentative		Date		
Note: This form req ECM03	uired only if A	Applicant is subr	mitting p	remium on an I	ncorporated ched	ck.

What You Should Know About HIPAA From The American National Family Of Companies

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996

What is HIPAA?

HIPAA is the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Passed by Congress in August of 1996; it was effective July 1, 1997. HIPAA provides certain Americans guaranteed access to health insurance coverage regardless of existing health conditions.

Do I qualify for guaranteed access to health insurance?

If all of the following statements apply to you, you are an Eligible Individual under HIPAA and you qualify for guaranteed access. As of the date on which you apply for coverage:

- 1. You have had prior creditable coverage for a period in the aggregate of 18 or more months and your most recent prior Creditable Coverage was under a group health plan, governmental plan, or church plan (or health insurance coverage offered in connection with any such plan);
- 2. You are not eligible for coverage under a group health plan, part A or part B of Medicare, or Medicaid (or any successor program) and do not have other health insurance coverage;
- 3. Your most recent coverage within the coverage period described in paragraph (1), above, was not terminated based on nonpayment of premiums or fraud;
- 4. You were offered the option of continuation coverage under a COBRA continuation provision or under a similar State program, and you elected such coverage and have exhausted such continuation coverage under such provision or program.

What is Creditable Coverage?

Creditable Coverage means, with respect to an individual, coverage of the individual under any of the following:

- 1. A group health plan.
- 2. Health insurance coverage.
- 3. Medicare.
- 4. Medicaid.
- 5. Health insurance plans for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents.
- 6. A medical care program of the Indian Health Service or of a tribal organization.
- 7. A State health benefits risk pool.
- 8. Health insurance plans for employees of the U.S. Government and their dependents.
- 9. A public health plan (as defined in regulations).
- 10. A health benefit plan under section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act (22-2504(e)).

A period of Creditable Coverage shall not be counted if there was more than a 62-day period during all of which the individual was not covered under any Creditable Coverage.

What is an Eligible Individual?

Eligible Individuals are the only people who have guaranteed access to health insurance under HIPAA. HIPAA requires health insurance carriers to allow guaranteed access to certain plans, at the carrier's election (Federal Fallback), unless a state adopts an Alternative Mechanism. Under HIPAA, Alternative Mechanisms include high risk pools, guaranteed issue requirements for one or more plans and other methods to assure the access requirements of HIPAA are followed.

What alternative mechanism did my state adopt?

Your American National agent can tell you specifically, but generally states have created risk pools or adopted Federal Fallback positions. In states which have adopted risk pools as an Eligible Individual you have 62 days (Eligibility Period) from the date your last employer-sponsored coverage terminated to obtain coverage through the pool. IF YOU FAIL TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE POOL IN THE REQUIRED TIME PERIOD, THE POOL DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE. If you have exhausted any portion of your Eligibility Period, you should strongly consider making application directly to the pool. You may apply to American National in the interim, but you will NOT have guaranteed access and will be subject to full underwriting and other limitations provided under the policy.

If your state is a Federal Fallback state, American National is required to provide you guaranteed access to health insurance through one of two policy forms at your election. Your American National agent can give you information on each form. GUARANTEED ACCESS TO THESE PLANS IS ONLY AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL AND YOU MAKE APPLICATION IN THE 62 DAY PERIOD DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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