

# GROUP VOLUNTARY CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



In the US, an estimated 40 out of 100 men and 39 out of 100 women will develop cancer during their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facing a serious illness can be challenging both emotionally and financially. Major medical insurance may pick up most of the tab, but can still leave out-of-pocket expenses that add up quickly. Critical Illness insurance can provide a lump-sum benefit upon diagnosis of a covered illness that can be used however you choose - from expenses related to treatment, to deductibles or day-to-day costs of living such as the mortgage or your utility bills.



To learn more about Critical Illness insurance, visit [www.thehartford.com/employee-benefits/employees](http://www.thehartford.com/employee-benefits/employees)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

Benefit amounts for covered illnesses are based on the coverage amount in effect for you or an insured dependent at the time of diagnosis.

COVERAGE AMOUNT	
Employee Coverage Amount	\$10,000; \$20,000 or \$30,000
Spouse Coverage Amount	100% of your coverage amount
Child(ren) Coverage Amount	100% of your coverage amount
COVERED ILLNESSES	BENEFIT AMOUNTS
CANCER CONDITIONS	
Benign Brain Tumor*; Invasive Cancer*	100% of coverage amount
Non-invasive Cancer	100% of coverage amount
Non-melanoma Skin Cancer	\$250 once per lifetime for each covered person
VASCULAR CONDITIONS	
Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)*; Heart Failure/Transplant*; Stroke*	100% of coverage amount
Aneurysm	50% of coverage amount
Angioplasty/Stent	25% of coverage amount
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	100% of coverage amount
OTHER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS	
Coma*; End Stage Renal Failure; Loss of Hearing; Loss of Speech; Loss of Vision; Major Organ Failure Transplant*; Paralysis	100% of coverage amount
Bone Marrow Transplant; Other Dread Diseases†	25% of coverage amount
NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS	
Advanced Multiple Sclerosis; Advanced Parkinson's; Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's); Advanced Alzheimer's Disease	100% of coverage amount
CHILD CONDITIONS	
Cerebral Palsy; Congenital Heart Disease; Cystic Fibrosis; Muscular Dystrophy; Spina Bifida;	100% of coverage amount
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS	BENEFIT AMOUNTS
Recurrence – Pays a benefit for a subsequent diagnosis of conditions marked with an asterisk (*)	100% of original benefit amount
Health Screening Benefit	\$75 once per year per covered person
FEATURES	DETAILS

Coverage Maximum – Primary Insured & Spouse	500% of coverage amount
Coverage Maximum – Child(ren)	300% of coverage amount
Ability Assist <sup>®</sup> EAP <sup>3</sup> – 24/7/365 access to help for financial, legal or emotional issues	
HealthChampion <sup>SM4</sup> – Administrative and clinical support following serious illness or injury	

<sup>1</sup>Other Dread Disease means a covered severe disease that results in a covered person being confined to a Hospital for five (5) or more consecutive days. Covered severe diseases are: Addison's disease (primary adrenal insufficiency/hypocortisolism); bacterial cerebrospinal meningitis; COVID-19, formally SARS-CoV-2/2019-nCoV; diphtheria; encephalitis; Huntington's chorea; Legionnaire's disease; malaria; myasthenia gravis; necrotizing fasciitis; osteomyelitis; poliomyelitis; rabies; sickle cell anemia (excluding sickle cell trait); systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE); systemic sclerosis (scleroderma); tetanus and tuberculosis. Please refer to the policy for complete definitions of each covered illness.

## PREMIUMS

See the Premium Worksheet.<sup>5</sup>

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this insurance if you are an active full-time employee who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

Your spouse and child(ren) are also eligible for coverage. Any child(ren) must be under age 26.

### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

This insurance is guaranteed issue coverage – it is available without having to provide information about your or your family's health. All you have to do is elect the coverage to become insured.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE?

Premiums are provided on the Premium Worksheet. You have a choice of coverage amounts. You may elect insurance for you only, or for you and your dependent(s), by choosing the applicable coverage tier.

Premiums will be automatically paid through payroll deduction, as authorized by you during the enrollment process. This ensures you don't have to worry about writing a check or missing a payment.

### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period, or within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status.

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

The initial effective date of this coverage is 7/1/2024. If you enroll for coverage prior to this date, insurance will become effective on this date. If you enroll for coverage after this date, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

You must be actively at work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect. Your spouse and child(ren) must be performing normal activities and not be confined (at home or in a hospital/care facility).

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE END?

This insurance will end when you (or your dependents) no longer satisfy the applicable eligibility conditions, premium is unpaid, you are no longer actively working, you leave your employer, or the coverage is no longer offered.

### CAN I KEEP THIS INSURANCE IF I LEAVE MY EMPLOYER OR AM NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP?

Yes, you can take this coverage with you. Coverage may be continued for you and your dependent(s) under a group portability policy. Your spouse may also continue insurance in certain circumstances. The specific terms and qualifying events for portability are described in the certificate.

<sup>1</sup>Cancer Facts and Figures, 2020. American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/annual-cancer-facts-and-figures/2020/cancer-facts-and-figures-2020.pdf>, as viewed on October 14, 2020.

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<sup>5</sup>Rates and/or benefits may be changed on a class basis. Rates are based on the age of the insured person and increase on the policy anniversary date on or following your birthday as you enter each new age category.

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# LIMITATIONS & EXCLUSIONS



This insurance coverage includes certain limitations and exclusions. The certificate details all provisions, limitations, and exclusions for this insurance coverage. A copy of the certificate can be obtained from your employer.

## GROUP CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

### LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The benefits payable are based on the insurance in effect on the date of the diagnosis of a covered illness, subject to the definitions, limitations, exclusions and other provisions of the policy.

You and your dependent(s) must be citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates.

**Benefit Separation Periods.** If a covered person is diagnosed with a covered illness, and is subsequently diagnosed with another covered illness, the following separation periods apply between benefit payments. If the subsequent diagnosis is for: 1) A different, non-related covered illness than the first diagnosis (e.g. a cancer illness then a vascular illness), then no separation period applies; 2) A covered illness that is related to the first (e.g. two vascular illnesses, like heart attack and stroke), then a 30 days separation period applies; 3) The same covered illness as the first (e.g. two heart attacks) as allowed by the Recurrence Benefit, then a 30 days separation period applies.

**Exclusions.** This insurance does not provide benefits for any loss that results from or is caused by:

- Suicide, attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury, whether sane or insane
- War or act of war, declared or undeclared
- A covered person's participation in a felony, riot or insurrection
- A covered person's engaging in any illegal occupation
- A covered person's service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to them

**General Limitations.** Benefits under the policy are not payable for any covered illness:

- Diagnosed prior to the effective date of insurance for a covered person (except for newborn children)
- Diagnosed during an applicable benefit separation period
- For which a covered person has already received a benefit payment under the policy, unless the covered illness is included in a recurrence provision
- For which a covered person has already received a benefit payment under the recurrence provision

In addition, benefits are not payable for any critical illness not included as a covered illness in your certificate.

## NOTICES

### THIS POLICY PROVIDES LIMITED BENEFITS FOR SPECIFIED DISEASES ONLY.

This limited benefit plan (1) does not constitute major medical coverage, and (2) does not satisfy the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) because the coverage does not meet the requirements of minimum essential coverage. In New York: This policy provides limited benefits health insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.

Please note: For residents of CA, GA, NJ and NY, since this is a limited benefit health product, persons without comprehensive health benefits from an individual or group health insurance policy or an HMO, or an employer plan providing essential health benefits are not eligible for this insurance. In addition, NY residents covered by another Critical Illness or specified disease plan are not eligible for coverage. For residents of CT, ID, ME, NH, and WV, a person covered by any Title XIX program (Medicaid or any similar name) is not eligible for this insurance.

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