

# GROUP VOLUNTARY HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



The average cost for a hospital stay is \$2,607 per day<sup>1</sup>

## Columbia Public Schools

Hospital Indemnity (HI) insurance pays a cash benefit if you or an insured dependent (spouse or child) are confined in a hospital for a covered illness or injury. Even with the best primary health insurance plan, out-of-pocket costs from a hospital stay can add up.

The benefits are paid in lump sum amounts to you, and can help offset expenses that primary health insurance doesn't cover (like deductibles, co-insurance amounts or co-pays), or benefits can be used for any non-medical expenses (like housing costs, groceries, car expenses, etc.).



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

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

You have a choice of two hospital indemnity plans, which allows you the flexibility to enroll for the coverage that best meets your needs. Benefit amounts are based on the plan in effect for you or an insured dependent at the time the covered event occurs. Unless otherwise noted, the benefit amounts payable under each plan are the same for you and your dependent(s).

PLAN INFORMATION		MID PLAN	HIGH PLAN
Coverage Type		On and off-job (24 hour)	On and off-job (24 hour)
Covered Events		Illness and injury	Illness and injury
HSA Compatible		Yes	Yes
BENEFITS		MID PLAN	HIGH PLAN
HOSPITAL CARE <sup>2</sup>		MID PLAN	HIGH PLAN
First Day Hospital Confinement	Up to 1 day per year	\$1,000	\$2,000
Daily Hospital Confinement (Day 2+)	Up to 90 days per year	\$150	\$200
Daily ICU Confinement (Day 2+)	Up to 30 days per year	\$300	\$400
FEATURES		MID PLAN	HIGH PLAN
Ability Assist® EAP <sup>3</sup> – 24/7/365 access to help for financial, legal or emotional issues		Included	Included
HealthChampion <sup>SM4</sup> – Administrative & clinical support following serious illness or injury		Included	Included

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### IS THIS COVERAGE HSA COMPATIBLE?

If you (or any dependent(s)) currently participate in a Health Saving Account (HSA) or if you plan to do so in the future, you should be aware that the IRS limits the types of supplemental insurance you may have in addition to a HSA, while still maintaining the tax-exempt status of the HSA.

This plan design was designed to be compatible with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). However, if you have or plan to open an HSA, please consult your tax and legal advisors to determine which supplemental benefits may be purchased by employees with an HSA.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this insurance if you are an active full-time employee who works at least 20 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.

### CAN I INSURE MY DOMESTIC OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER?

Yes. Any reference to "spouse" in this document includes your domestic partner, civil union partner or equivalent, as recognized and allowed by applicable law.

### 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.

### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period.

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

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. Your spouse/partner may also continue insurance in certain circumstances.

<sup>1</sup>Kaiser Family Foundation, November 2019. Adjusted expenses per inpatient day include expenses incurred for both inpatient and outpatient care. Inpatient days are adjusted higher to reflect an estimate of the volume of outpatient services. <https://www.kff.org/health-costs/state-indicator/expenses-per-inpatient-day>, viewed as of 4/16/2021.

<sup>2</sup>For Hospital Care benefits, when an insured is eligible for more than one benefit in a single day, only the highest benefit will be paid.

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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 HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The benefits payable are based on the insurance in effect on the date of the covered event, 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.

**Other Hospital Indemnity Policy Limitation (Over-insurance Limitation):** If an employee is insured under any other hospital indemnity policy underwritten by The Hartford, any claim for benefit is only payable under the one policy elected by the employee (or beneficiary or estate, in the event of death). We will return the amount of premium paid for any other policy that is declined by the employee retroactive to the later of:

- the last date any benefit was paid for any covered person under the other policy
- the effective date of insurance for the employee under the other policy

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

- Suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane, or intentional self-infliction
- Voluntary intoxication (as defined by the law of the jurisdiction in which the illness or injury occurred) or while under the influence of any narcotic, drug or controlled substance, unless administered by or taken according to the instruction of a physician or medical professional
- Voluntary intoxication through use of poison, gas or fumes, whether by ingestion, injection, inhalation or absorption
- Voluntary commission of or attempt to commit a felony, voluntary participation in illegal activities (except for misdemeanor violations), voluntary participation in a riot, or voluntary engagement in an illegal occupation
- Incarceration or imprisonment following conviction for a crime
- Travel in or descent from any vehicle or device for aviation or aerial navigation, except as a fare-paying passenger in a commercial aircraft (other than a charter airline) on a regularly scheduled passenger flight or while traveling on business of the policyholder
- Ride in or on any motor vehicle or aircraft engaged in acrobatic tricks/stunts (for motor vehicles), acrobatic/stunt flying (for aircraft), endurance tests, off-road activities (for motor vehicles), or racing
- Participation in any organized sport in a professional or semi-professional capacity
- Participation in abseiling, base jumping, Bossaball, bouldering, bungee jumping, cave diving, cliff jumping, free climbing, freediving, freerunning, hang gliding, ice climbing, Jai Alai, jet powered flight, kite surfing, kiteboarding, luring, missed climbing, mountain biking, mountain boarding, mountain climbing, mountaineering, parachuting, paragliding, parakiting, paramotoring, parasailing, Parkour, proximity flying, rock climbing, sail gliding, sandboarding, scuba diving, sepak takraw, slacklining, ski jumping, skydiving, sky surfing, speed flying, speed riding, train surfing, triking, wingsuit flying, or other similar extreme sports or high risk activities
- Travel or activity outside the United States or Canada
- Active duty service or training in the military (naval force, air force or National Guard/Reserves or equivalent) for service/training extending beyond 31 days of any state, country or international organization, unless specifically allowed by a provision of the certificate
- Involvement in any declared or undeclared war or act of war (not including acts of terrorism), while serving in the military or an auxiliary unit attached to the military, or working in an area of war whether voluntarily or as required by an employer

This insurance also does not provide benefits, unless required by law, for:

- Elective abortion or complications thereof
- Artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, test tube fertilization
- Sterilization, tubal ligation or vasectomy, and reversal thereof
- Aroma therapeutic, herbal therapeutic, or homeopathic services
- Any mental and nervous disorder, unless specifically allowed by a provision of the certificate
- Substance abuse, unless specifically allowed by a provision of the certificate
- Medical mishap or negligence on the part of any physician, medical professional, or therapist, including malpractice;
- Treatment, supplies or services provided by, through or, behalf of any government agency or program; unless payment is required by a covered person
- Custodial care, unless specifically allowed by a benefit provision in the certificate or any rider attached to the policy (if applicable)
- Elective or cosmetic surgery or procedures, except for reconstructive surgery:
  - Incidental to or following surgery for disease, infection or trauma of the involved body part
  - Due to congenital anomaly or disease of a dependent child which has resulted in a functional defect
- Dental care or treatment, except for:
  - Treatment due to an injury to sound natural teeth within 12 months of an accident
  - Treatment necessary due to congenital disease or anomaly

Exclusions will vary by the jurisdiction/state in which the policy is issued.

## NOTICES

THIS IS A HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY POLICY. THE POLICY PROVIDES LIMITED BENEFITS. 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.

The Policy may provide payment of several benefits as a result of claims from a single hospitalization or covered incident. Payment of one benefit under the Policy does not constitute acceptance of liability for all claims made under the Policy nor does it prohibit Us from further investigation of subsequent claims.

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. 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.

5992h NS 03/21. Hospital Income Plan Form Series includes GSD-2000, GSD-2003, or state equivalent.

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