

# **Critical Illness Insurance**

## No one is ever really prepared for a life-altering critical illness diagnosis. The whirlwind of appointments, tests, treatments and medications can add to your stress levels.

The treatment to recovery is vital, but it can also be expensive. Your medical coverage may only cover some of the costs associated with treatment. You're still responsible for deductibles and coinsurance. If treatment keeps you out of work, the financial worries can grow quickly and stress levels may rise.

Critical Illness coverage helps provide financial support if you are diagnosed with a covered critical illness. With the expense of treatment often high, seeking the treatment you need could seem like a financial burden. When a diagnosis occurs, you need to be focused on getting better and taking control of your health, not stressing over financial worries.

#### Here's How It Works

You choose benefits to protect yourself and any family members if diagnosed with a critical illness. Then, if diagnosed with a covered critical illness, you will receive a cash benefit based on the percentage payable for the condition.

#### **Meeting Your Needs**

- Guaranteed Issue coverage with a Pre-Existing Condition Limitation\*
- Coverage available for individual and child(ren) or family
- Covered dependents receive 50% of your Basic-Benefit Amount
- Benefits paid regardless of any other medical or disability plan coverage
- · Premiums are affordable and conveniently payroll deducted
- Coverage may be continued; refer to your certificate for details
- 100% of your Basic-Benefit Amount is paid for Advanced Alzheimer's Disease and Advanced Parkinson's Disease

With Allstate Benefits, you can make treatment decisions without putting your finances at risk. **Are you in Good Hands? You can be.** 

\*Please refer to the Exclusions and Limitations section of this brochure. <sup>1</sup>https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/heart\_attack.htm <sup>2</sup>https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/facts.htm

# DID YOU ?







**Every 40 seconds,** someone in the U.S. has a stroke<sup>2</sup>

## **Meet Ashley**

Ashley is like any single parent who has been diagnosed with a critical illness. She's worried about her future, her children and how they will cope with her treatments. Most importantly, she worries about how she will pay for it all.

Here is what weighs heavily on her mind:

- Major medical only pays a portion of the expenses associated with my treatment
- I have copays I am responsible for until I meet my deductible
- If I am not working due to my treatments, I must cover my bills, rent/mortgage, groceries and my children's education
- If the right treatment is not available locally, I will have to travel to get the treatment I need

Ashley's story of diagnosis and treatment turned into a happy ending, because she had supplemental Critical Illness Insurance to help with expenses.



Ashley chooses Critical Illness benefits to help protect herself and her children, if they are diagnosed with a critical illness.





During Ashley's annual wellness exam, her doctor noticed an irregular heartbeat. She underwent an electrocardiogram (EKG) test and stress test, which confirmed she had a blockage in one of her coronary arteries.

#### Here's Ashley's treatment path:

- Ashley has her annual wellness exam
- Her doctor notices an abnormality in her heartbeat; tests are performed and she is diagnosed with coronary artery disease
- After visits with doctors, surgeons and an anesthesiologist, Ashley undergoes surgery
- Surgery is performed to remove the blockage with a bypass graft. She is visited by her doctor during a 4-day hospital stay and released
- Ashley followed her doctor required treatment during a 2-month recovery period, and had regular doctor office visits

Ashley is doing well and is on the road to recovery.



Ashley's Critical Illness claim paid her cash benefits for the following:

#### Fixed Wellness

#### Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

The cash benefits were direct deposited into her bank account.

For a listing of benefits and benefit amounts, see your company's rate insert.

#### Using your cash benefits

Cash benefits provide you with options, because you decide how to use them.



#### Finances

Can help protect HSAs, savings, retirement plans and 401(k)s from being depleted.

#### Travel

Can help pay for expenses while receiving treatment in another city.

#### < Home

Can help pay the mortgage, continue rental payments, or perform needed home repairs for after care.



#### Expenses

Can help pay your family's living expenses such as bills, electricity, and gas.



### MyBenefits: 24/7 Access allstatebenefits.com/mybenefits

An easy-to-use website that offers 24/7 access to important information about your benefits. Plus, you can submit and check your claims (including claim history), request your cash benefit to be direct deposited, make changes to personal information, and more.

#### Specified Chronic Illness Rider/ Specified Chronic Illness or Injury

Rider - Adrenal Hypofunction (Addison's Disease); Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS); Arthritis; Huntington's Chorea; Multiple Sclerosis; Muscular Dystrophy; Osteomyelitis; Osteoporosis.

Fixed Wellness Rider - Biopsy for skin cancer; Blood tests for triglycerides, CA15-3 (breast cancer), CA125 (ovarian cancer), CEA (colon cancer), PSA (prostate cancer); Bone Marrow Testing; Sampling of blood or tissue for genetic testing for cancer risk; Chest X-ray; Colonoscopy; Doppler screening for carotids or peripheral vascular disease; Echocardiogram; EKG; Flexible sigmoidoscopy; Hemoccult stool analysis; HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccination; Lipid panel (total cholesterol count); Mamography, including Breast Ultrasound; Pap Smear, including ThinPrep Pap Test; Serum Protein Electrophoresis (test for myeloma); Stress test on bike or treadmill; Thermography; Ultrasound screening for abdominal aortic aneurysms.

#### **Benefits** (subject to maximums as listed on the attached rate insert) Benefit paid upon diagnosis of one of the following conditions

#### INITIAL CRITICAL ILLNESS BENEFITS\*

Heart Attack - the death of a portion of the heart muscle due to inadequate blood supply. Established (old) myocardial infarction and cardiac arrest are not covered

**Stroke** - the death of a portion of the brain producing neurological sequelae including infarction of brain tissue, hemorrhage and embolization from an extra-cranial source. Transient ischemic attacks (TIAs), head injury, chronic cerebrovascular insufficiency and reversible ischemic neurological deficits are not covered

End Stage Renal Failure - irreversible failure of both kidneys, resulting in peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis. Renal failure caused by traumatic events, including surgical trauma, are not covered

**Major Organ Transplant** - pays either Candidate Benefit if placed on National Transplant List, or Surgery Benefit for transplant of heart, lungs, liver, pancreas or kidneys. Lungs and kidneys are each considered one major organ, regardless of whether one or both lungs or kidneys are transplanted. Surgery Benefit not paid if Candidate Benefit paid; also not paid for mechanical or non-human organs

**Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** - to correct narrowing or blockage of one or more coronary arteries with bypass graft. Abdominal aortic bypass, balloon angioplasty, laser embolectomy, atherectomy, stent placement and non-surgical procedures are not covered

Waiver of Premium (employee only) - premiums waived if disabled for 90 consecutive days due to a critical illness or specified disease

#### **CANCER CRITICAL ILLNESS BENEFITS\***

**Invasive Cancer** - malignant tumor with uncontrolled growth, including Leukemia and Lymphoma. Carcinoma in situ, non-invasive or metastasized skin cancer and early prostate cancer are not covered

**Carcinoma In Situ** - non-invasive cancer, including early prostate cancer (stages A, I, II) and melanoma that has not invaded the dermis. Other skin malignancies, pre-malignant lesions (such as intraepithelial neoplasia), benign tumors and polyps are not covered

#### **REOCCURRENCE OF CRITICAL ILLNESS BENEFITS\***

Initial Critical Illness - second diagnosis more than 12 months after the first date of diagnosis for which an Initial Critical Illness benefit was paid

Cancer Critical Illness - second diagnosis more than 12 months after the last date treatment was received for which a Cancer Critical Illness benefit was paid

#### **RIDER BENEFITS**

Skin Cancer Rider - includes diagnosis of basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. Must not have been paid within 365 days. Malignant melanoma and pre-cancerous conditions such as leukoplakia; actinic keratosis; carcinoid; hyperplasia; polycythemia; non-malignant melanoma; moles; and similar diseases or lesions are not covered

Cardiopulmonary Enhancement Rider - once per illness per covered person

Sudden Cardiac Arrest - payable if it is the primary diagnosis. Myocardial infarction (heart attack) is not covered Pulmonary Embolism

#### Pulmonary Fibrosis

Lifestyle Enhancement Rider - program completion of: tobacco or alcohol cessation; weight or stress management; walking challenge; running, rowing, cycling, swimming or combination event; or online health assessment. One day per covered person per year for Individual and Child(ren) coverage, two days per covered person per year for Family coverage.

#### Second Evaluation, Transportation and Lodging Rider -

**Second Evaluation -** must be obtained prior to surgery or treatment and by a physician other than your current physician. One second evaluation per surgery or treatment

**Non-Local Transportation -** traveling to receive outpatient treatment for a covered critical illness more than 75 miles from home

Outpatient Lodging - while receiving outpatient treatment for a covered critical illness more than 75 miles from home Family Member Lodging and Transportation - for one adult family member to accompany and care for an incapacitated covered person during non-local hospital stays (more than 75 miles from family member's home)

for specialized treatment. Transportation benefit not paid if Non-Local Transportation benefit paid Specified Chronic Illness Rider\* - must be certified by a physician as having one of the chronic illnesses listed to the left. Must be unable to perform at least two daily activities<sup>1</sup> for at least 90 days

Specified Chronic Illness or Injury Rider\* - must be certified by a physician as having an injury or one of the chronic illnesses listed to the left. Must be unable to perform at least two daily activities<sup>1</sup> for at least 365 days

#### Supplemental Critical Illness Rider\* -

Advanced Alzheimer's Disease - must exhibit impaired memory and judgment and be certified unable to perform at least two daily activities<sup>1</sup> without adult assistance

Advanced Parkinson's Disease - must exhibit two or more of the following: muscle rigidity, tremor, or bradykinesis (slowness in physical and mental responses); and be certified unable to perform at least two daily activities<sup>1</sup> without adult assistance

**Benign Brain Tumor** - a non-malignant tumor limited to brain, meninges, cranial nerves or pituitary gland. Tumors of the skull, pituitary adenomas less than 10mm, and germinomas are not covered

**Coma** - unconscious and not responsive to external stimulation or responsive to internal needs. Medicallyinduced coma, coma resulting from alcohol or drug use, and diagnosis of brain death are not covered

Complete Loss of Hearing - permanent loss of hearing in both ears

Complete Loss of Sight - permanent loss of vision in both eyes

Complete Loss of Speech - permanent loss of speech or verbal communication

**Paralysis** - permanent loss of muscle function in two or more limbs, due to disease or injury. Does not include loss of muscle function limited to fingers or toes

Fixed Wellness Rider - 24 exams. Once per person per calendar year; see left for list of wellness services and tests

\*Benefits paid once per covered person. When all benefits have been used, the coverage terminates. <sup>1</sup>Daily activities include: bathing, dressing, toileting, bladder and bowel continence, transferring and eating.

#### **CERTIFICATE SPECIFICATIONS**

#### Eligibility

Your employer decides who is eligible for your group (such as length of service and hours worked each week). Issue ages are 18 and over.

#### Dependent Eligibility/Termination

Family members eligible for coverage are your spouse or domestic partner and children. Coverage for children ends when the child reaches age 26, unless he or she continues to meet the requirements of an eligible dependent. Spouse coverage ends upon valid decree of divorce or your death. Domestic partner coverage ends when the domestic partnership ends or your death.

#### When Coverage Ends

Coverage under the policy ends on the earliest of: the date the certificate is canceled; the date the policy is canceled; you stop paying your premium; the last day of active employment; you or your class are no longer eligible; a false claim is filed; when all benefits have been paid under the policy and riders.

#### **Continuing Your Coverage**

You may be eligible to continue coverage when coverage under the policy ends. Refer to your Certificate of Insurance for details.

#### **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

#### **Conditions and Limits**

A diagnosis occurring before your coverage begins is not payable; however, a diagnosis of any covered critical illness or specified disease after your effective date will be payable. Benefits are subject to the Pre-Existing Condition Limitation as well as all other limitations and exclusions. All critical illnesses must meet the definitions and dates of diagnoses stated in the policy and be diagnosed by a physician while coverage is in effect. The date of diagnosis for each illness must be separated by 30 days.

If the first diagnosis of cancer occurs before the effective date of coverage, benefits are paid for a subsequent diagnosis of cancer after the effective date, subject to the terms and conditions in the certificate.

#### **Pre-Existing Condition Limitation**

Benefits are not paid for: a critical illness that is, caused by, contributed to by or results from, a pre-existing condition when the date of diagnosis is within 12 months after the effective date of coverage. A pre-existing condition is a sickness, injury or other condition, whether diagnosed or not, for which symptoms existed within the 12-month period prior to the effective date; or medical advice or treatment was recommended or received from a medical professional within 12 months prior to the effective date.

#### Exclusions

Benefits are not paid for: intentionally self-inflicted injury or action; illegal activities or occupations; suicide while sane, or self-destruction while insane, or any attempt at either; substance abuse, including alcohol, alcoholism, abuse of legally obtained prescription medication, or illegal use of non-prescribed drugs or narcotics; or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or narcotics, unless administered and taken as prescribed by a physician.

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This material is valid as long as information remains current, but in no event later than November 1, 2022. Group Critical Illness benefits are provided under policy form GVCIP4, or state variations thereof. Critical Illness Rider benefits are provided under the following rider forms, or state variations thereof: Skin Cancer Rider GCIP4SCR; Cardiopulmonary Enhancement Rider GCIP4CER; Lifestyle Enhancement Rider GCIP4LER; Second Evaluation, Transportation and Lodging Rider GCIP4SER; Specified Chronic Illness Rider GCIP4SC1R; Specified Chronic Illness or Injury Rider GCIP4SC2R; Supplemental Critical Illness Rider GCIP4SR2; Fixed Wellness Rider GCIP4FWR; Specified Disease Enhancement Rider GCIP4SDER.

The coverage provided is limited benefit supplemental critical illness insurance. The policy is not a Medicare Supplement Policy. If eligible for Medicare, review Medicare Supplement Buyer's Guide available from Allstate Benefits.

This is a brief overview of the benefits available under the group policy underwritten by American Heritage Life Insurance Company (Home Office, Jacksonville, FL). Details of the coverage, including exclusions and other limitations are included in the certificates issued. For additional information, you may contact your Allstate Benefits Representative.

The coverage does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage (often referred to as "major medical coverage") and does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.



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