

Critical Illness Insurance

Coverage that helps you and your family have the financial support to pay for some of the expenses of a serious illness that may not be covered by your medical plan.

What is critical illness insurance?



Critical illness insurance works to supplement your medical coverage — and pays in addition to what your medical plan may or may not cover. It's coverage that helps provide financial support when you or a loved one becomes seriously ill. Upon verified diagnosis, it provides you with a lump-sum payment of \$15,000 or \$30,000 in initial benefits. The payment you receive is yours to spend however you like.

Q. What's covered under this plan?

A. If you meet the group policy and certificate requirements, **critical illness insurance provides you with a lump-sum payment upon a verified diagnosis of these conditions:**

- Cancer¹
- Heart Attack²
- Stroke³
- Coma⁴
- Severe Burn⁴
- Major Organ Transplant⁵
- Coronary Artery Bypass Graft⁶
- Kidney Failure
- Benign Brain Tumor
- Loss of: Ability to Speak; Hearing; or Sight⁴
- Paralysis⁴
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- 7 Childhood Diseases
- 10 Infectious Diseases
- 6 Progressive Diseases

Q. What happens if I have a recurrence?

A. Your plan pays an additional benefit (Recurrence Benefit) if a medical condition reoccurs for: Benign Brain Tumor, Invasive Cancer, Non-Invasive Cancer, Heart Attack, a Stroke, a Coronary Artery Bypass Graft, Coma, and Severe Burn. A recurrence benefit is only available if the initial benefit has already been paid for the covered condition.⁷ And there is a benefit suspension period (or waiting period) between recurrences.⁷ Also, a 90-day treatment-free period applies to Invasive and Non-Invasive Cancer.

Q. Am I eligible to enroll for this coverage?

A. Yes, you can enroll both yourself and your eligible family members.⁸ All you need to do is enroll during the enrollment period and be actively at work.

Q. I have a medical plan at work, so why do I need critical illness insurance?

A. One of the hardest parts of managing illnesses like Cancer, a Heart Attack, or a Stroke is providing the support and comfort your family needs beyond the cost of care.

Even the best medical and disability income plans can leave you with extra expenses like medical plan deductibles and co-pays or extra costs for out-of-network care. And if you're out of work because of a disability, it might be that only a portion of your pre-disability income is being paid to you. Many people aren't prepared to handle the extra costs that can come with a critical illness, so having this extra cash lump sum payment may mean less worry for you and your family.

Payments may be used to help pay for expenses generally not covered by medical and disability income coverage.

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Q. Can I enroll for this insurance without having a medical exam?

A. Yes. Your critical illness coverage is guaranteed,⁹ regardless of your health. You need to be actively at work to be covered. There are no medical exams to take and no health questions to answer, so the whole process might be easier than you think.

Q. Are there any other benefits payable under this critical illness insurance plan?

A. Yes. Early detection of a serious illness is important to your recovery. We provide you with an extra \$50 annual benefit per calendar year on top of your total benefit amount when you see your physician for eligible health screenings or prevention measures.¹⁰

Q. How do I pay for my coverage?

A. You pay premiums through payroll deductions, so you don't have to worry about writing any checks or missing payments.

Q. How much will it cost?

A. Critical illness insurance may cost less than you think. It's designed to be a way to supplement your health care and disability plans. Exact rates can be found in the enrollment materials provided by your employer.

Q. Are benefits paid directly to me or my health care provider?

A. Benefits will be paid directly to you, not to the doctors, to the hospitals or to any other health care providers. There's no need to coordinate with any other insurance you may have. Benefits are paid no matter what your other insurance plans may cover or pay.

Q. If my employment status changes, can I take my coverage with me?

A. Yes. This coverage is portable, meaning you can take it wherever you go. Your coverage will only end if you stop paying your premium or if your employer offers you similar coverage with a different insurance carrier.¹¹

Have other questions?

Please call MetLife directly at
1 800 GET-MET8
1 800 438-6388
and talk with a benefits consultant.

1. Please review the Disclosure Statement or Outline of Coverage/Disclosure Document for specific information about cancer benefits. Not all types of cancer are covered. Some cancers are covered at less than the Initial Benefit Amount. Skin Cancer is covered at 5% of the Initial Benefit Amount (but not less than \$250).
2. The Heart Attack Covered Condition pays a benefit for the occurrence of a myocardial infarction, subject to the terms of the certificate. A myocardial infarction does not include sudden cardiac arrest.
3. In certain states, the Covered Condition is Severe Stroke.
4. Coma, Paralysis, Severe Burn, and Loss of: Ability to Speak; Hearing; Sight are not available in all states. Please review the Disclosure Statement or Outline of Coverage/Disclosure Document for details.
5. In most states, we will not pay a Major Organ Transplant benefit if a covered person is placed on the organ transplant list prior to coverage taking effect and subsequently undergoes a transplant procedure for the same organ while coverage is in effect. Refer to the Certificate for which organs are covered. In some states, the condition is Major Organ Failure.
6. In certain states, the Covered Condition is Coronary Artery Disease.
7. Please review the Disclosure Statement or Outline of Coverage/Disclosure Document for information on which Covered Conditions are eligible for a Recurrence Benefit. There may be a Benefit Suspension Period between recurrences of the same Covered Condition, as well as occurrences of different Covered Conditions. We will not pay a benefit for a Covered Condition that is subject to the Benefit Suspension Period. We will not pay a Recurrence Benefit for either Invasive Cancer or Non-Invasive Cancer unless the Covered Person has not had symptoms of or been treated for the Invasive Cancer or Non-Invasive Cancer for which we paid a benefit during the Treatment Free Period.
8. Eligible Family Members means all persons eligible for coverage as defined in the Certificate.
9. Coverage is guaranteed provided (1) the employee is actively at work and (2) dependents are not subject to medical restrictions as set forth on the enrollment form and in the Certificate. Some states require the insured to have medical coverage.
10. The Health Screening Benefit is not available in certain states. Please review your Disclosure Statement or Outline of Coverage/Disclosure Document for specific state variations and exclusions around this benefit.
11. Eligibility for portability through the Continuation of Insurance with Premium Payment provision may be subject to certain eligibility requirements and limitations. For more information, contact your MetLife representative.

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MetLife's Critical Illness Insurance is not intended to be a substitute for Medical Coverage providing benefits for medical treatment, including hospital, surgical and medical expenses. MetLife's Critical Illness Insurance does not provide reimbursement for such expenses.

