## Aflac Group Critical Illness Limited Benefit Plan

INSURANCE – PLAN INCLUDES BENEFITS FOR CANCER AND HEALTH SCREENING

We help take care of your expenses while you take care of yourself.

Notice: You should have comprehensive health coverage before purchasing this type of coverage.



### AFLAC GROUP CRITICAL ILLNESS

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## Aflac can help ease the financial stress of surviving a critical illness.

Chances are you may know someone who's been diagnosed with a critical illness. You can't help notice the difference in the person's life—both physically and emotionally. What's not so obvious is the impact a critical illness may have on someone's personal finances.

That's because while a major medical plan may pay for a good portion of the costs associated with a critical illness, there are a lot of expenses that may not be covered. And, during recovery, having to worry about out-of-pocket expenses is the last thing anyone needs.

#### That's the benefit of an Aflac Group Critical Illness plan.

It can help with the treatment costs of covered critical illnesses, such as a heart attack or stroke.

More importantly, the plan helps you focus on recuperation instead of the distraction of out-of-pocket costs. With the Critical Illness plan, you receive cash benefits directly (unless otherwise assigned)—giving you the flexibility to help pay bills related to treatment or to help with everyday living expenses.

#### What you need, when you need it.

Group critical illness insurance pays cash benefits that you can use any way you see fit.



#### Here's why the Aflac Group Critical Illness plan may be right for you.

For more than 60 years, Aflac has been dedicated to helping provide individuals and families peace of mind and financial security when they've needed it most. The Aflac Group Critical Illness plan is just another innovative way to help make sure you're well protected.

But it doesn't stop there. Having group critical illness insurance from Aflac means that you may have added financial resources to help with medical costs or ongoing living expenses.

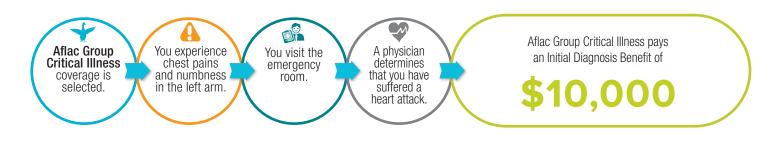
#### The Aflac Group Critical Illness plan benefits include:

- Critical Illness Benefit payable for:
  - Cancer
  - Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)
  - Stroke
  - Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)
  - Major Organ Transplant
  - Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)
  - Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- Health Screening Benefit

#### **Features:**

- Benefits are paid directly to you, unless otherwise assigned.
- Coverage is available for you, your spouse, and dependent children.
- Coverage may be continued (with certain stipulations). That means you can take it with you if you change jobs or retire.

#### How it works



Amount payable based on \$10,000 Initial Diagnosis Benefit.

- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Non-Invasive Cancer
- Skin Cancer
- Severe Burn
- Coma
- Paralysis
- Loss of Sight/Hearing/Speech

#### **Benefits Overview**

#### COVERED CRITICAL ILLNESSES:

CANCER (Internal or Invasive)	100%
HEART ATTACK (Myocardial Infarction)	100%
STROKE (Ischemic or Hemorrhagic)	100%
KIDNEY FAILURE (End-Stage Renal Failure)	100%
BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT (Stem Cell Transplant)	100%
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST	100%
MAJOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT (25% of this benefit is payable for insureds placed on a transplant list for a major organ transplant)	100%
SEVERE BURN*	100%
PARALYSIS**	100%
COMA**	100%
LOSS OF SPEECH / SIGHT / HEARING**	100%
NON-INVASIVE CANCER	25%
CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY	25%

#### **INITIAL DIAGNOSIS**

We will pay a lump sum benefit upon initial diagnosis of a covered critical illness when such diagnoses is caused by or solely attributed to an underlying disease. Cancer diagnoses are subject to the cancer diagnosis limitation. Benefits will be based on the face amount in effect on the critical illness date of diagnosis.

#### **ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSIS**

We will pay benefits for each different critical illness after the first when the two dates of diagnoses are separated by at least 6 consecutive months. Cancer diagnoses are subject to the cancer diagnosis limitation.

#### REOCCURRENCE

We will pay benefits for the same critical illness after the first when the two dates of diagnoses are separated by at least 6 consecutive months. Cancer diagnoses are subject to the cancer diagnosis limitation.

#### **CHILD COVERAGE AT NO ADDITIONAL COST**

Each dependent child is covered at 50 percent of the primary insured's benefit amount at no additional charge. Children-only coverage is not available.

#### **SKIN CANCER BENEFIT**

We will pay \$250 for the diagnosis of skin cancer. We will pay this benefit once per calendar year.

#### SUCCESSOR INSURED WAIVER OF PREMIUM RIDER BENEFIT

If you die, and your spouse is also insured under this plan at the time of your death, then your surviving spouse may apply to become the primary insured. This would include continuation of any dependent child coverage that is in force at that time. (In Illinois: Spouse and dependent child coverage will continue for a period of 90 days after your death.) We will waive premiums once the successor insured has applied to keep the coverage in force for your surviving spouse and for any dependent child coverage that is in force at the time of your death. Premiums will be waived for a period of six months from the date of your death, or until the date coverage ends, whichever comes first.

#### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

If you become totally disabled due to a covered critical illness prior to age 65, after 90 continuous days of total disability, we will waive premiums for you and any of your covered dependents. As long as you remain totally disabled, premiums will be waived up to 24 months, subject to the terms of the plan.

#### **HEALTH SCREENING BENEFIT** (Employee and Spouse only)

We will pay \$50 for health screening tests performed while an insured's coverage is in force. We will pay this benefit once per calendar year.

This benefit is only payable for health screening tests performed as the result of preventive care, including tests and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine examinations. This benefit is payable for the covered employee and spouse. **This benefit is not paid for dependent children.** 

#### **OPTIONAL BENEFITS RIDER**

BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR	100%
ADVANCED ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE	25%
ADVANCED PARKINSON'S DISEASE	25%

These benefits will be paid based on the face amount in effect on the critical illness date of diagnosis. We will pay the optional benefit if the insured is diagnosed with one of the conditions listed in the rider schedule if the date of diagnosis is while the rider is in force.

#### CHILDHOOD CONDITIONS RIDER

CYSTIC FIBROSIS	50%
CEREBRAL PALSY	50%
CLEFT LIP OR CLEFT PALATE	50%
DOWN SYNDROME	50%
PHENYLALANINE HYDROXYLASE DEFICIENCY DISEASE (PKU)	50%
SPINA BIFIDA	50%
TYPE 1 DIABETES	50%

#### **One Time Benefit Amount**

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)	\$3,000
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Benefits are payable if a dependent child is diagnosed with one of the conditions listed and the date of diagnosis is while the rider is in force. (In Indiana, diagnosis must not be specifically excluded by the plan.)

\*This benefit is only payable for a burn due to, caused by, and attributed to, a covered accident.

\*\*These benefits are payable for loss due to a covered underlying disease or a covered accident.

#### LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The plan is age-banded. That means your rates may increase on the policy anniversary date.

All limitations and exclusions that apply to the critical illness plan also apply to all riders, if applicable, unless amended by the riders.

**Cancer Diagnosis Limitation** Benefits are payable for cancer and/or non-invasive cancer as long as the insured:

- · Is treatment-free from cancer for at least 12 months before the diagnosis date; and
- Is in complete remission prior to the date of a subsequent diagnosis, as evidenced by the absence of all clinical, radiological, biological, and biochemical proof of the presence of the cancer.

#### EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay for loss due to:

- Self-Inflicted Injuries injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally or taking action that causes oneself to become injured;
- Suicide committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane;
- Illegal Acts participating or attempting to participate in an illegal activity, or working at an illegal job;
- Participation in Aggressive Conflict:
  - War (declared or undeclared) or military conflicts;
  - Insurrection or riot
  - Civil commotion or civil state of belligerence
- Illegal Substance Abuse:
  - Abuse of legally-obtained prescription medication
  - Illegal use of non-prescription drugs

Diagnosis, treatment, testing, and confinement must be in the United States or its territories.

All benefits under the plan, including benefits for diagnoses, treatment, confinement and covered tests, are payable only while coverage is in force.

#### TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant) benefit is not payable if the transplant results from a covered critical illness for which a benefit has been paid under this plan.

The following are not considered internal or invasive cancers:

- Pre-malignant tumors or polyps
- Carcinomas in Situ
- Any superficial, non-invasive skin cancers including basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin
- Melanoma in Situ
- Melanoma that is diagnosed as
  - Clark's Level I or II,
  - Breslow depth less than 0.77mm, or
  - Stage 1A melanomas under TNM Staging

Skin Cancer is a cancer that forms in the tissues of the skin. The following are considered skin cancers:

- Basal cell carcinoma
- · Squamous cell carcinoma of the skin
- · Melanoma in Situ
- · Melanoma that is diagnosed as
  - Clark's Level I or II,
  - Breslow depth less than 0.77mm, or
  - Stage 1A melanomas under TNM Staging

Critical Illness is a disease or a sickness as defined in the plan that first manifests while your coverage is in force.

Date of Diagnosis is defined as follows:

- · Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant): The date the surgery occurs.
- Cancer: The day tissue specimens, blood samples, or titer(s) are taken (diagnosis of cancer and/or carcinoma in situ is based on such specimens).
- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery: The date the surgery occurs.
- Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction): The date the infarction (death) of a portion of the heart muscle occurs. This is based on the criteria listed under the heart attack (myocardial Infarction) definition.
- Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure): The date a doctor recommends that an insured begin renal dialysis.
- · Major Organ Transplant: The date the surgery occurs.
- Non-Invasive Cancer: The day tissue specimens, blood samples, or titer(s) are taken (diagnosis of cancer and/or carcinoma in situ is based on such specimens).
- Skin Cancer: The date the skin biopsy samples are taken for microscopic examination.
- Stroke: The date the stroke occurs (based on documented neurological deficits and neuroimaging studies).
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest: The date the pumping action of the heart fails (based on the sudden cardiac arrest definition).
- Coma: The first day of the period for which a doctor confirms a coma that is due to
  one of the underlying diseases and that has lasted for at least seven consecutive days.
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing: The date the loss due to one of the underlying diseases is objectively determined by a doctor to be total and irreversible.
- Paralysis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured with paralysis due to one of the underlying diseases as specified in this plan, where such diagnosis is based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by the insured's medical records.
- · Severe Burn: The date the burn takes place.

Dependent means your spouse or your dependent child. Spouse is your legal wife or husband, who is listed on your application. Dependent children are your or your spouse's natural children, step-children, legally adopted children, or children placed for adoption, who are younger than age 26. Newborn children are automatically covered from the moment of birth. Refer to your certificate for details.

A doctor does not include you or any of your family members.

For the purposes of this definition, family member includes your spouse as well as the following members of your immediate family:

- Son
- Daughter
- Mother
- Father
- Sister
- Brother

This includes step-family members and family-members-in-law.

Employee is a person who meets eligibility requirements and who is covered under the plan. The employee is the primary insured under the plan.

Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) is the death of a portion of the heart muscle (myocardium) caused by a blockage of one or more coronary arteries due to coronary artery disease or acute coronary syndrome.

Diagnosis of a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) must include the following:

- New and serial electrocardiographic (ECG) findings consistent with heart attack (myocardial infarction), and
- Elevation of cardiac enzymes above generally accepted laboratory levels of normal. (In the case of creatine physphokinase (CPK) a CPK-MB measurement must be used.)

Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure) is covered only under the following conditions:

- A doctor advises that regular renal dialysis, hemo-dialysis, or peritoneal dialysis (at least weekly) is necessary to treat the kidney failure (end-stage renal failure); or
- The kidney failure (end-stage renal failure) results in kidney transplantation.

Maintenance Drug Therapy is a course of systemic medication given to a patient after a cancer goes into complete remission because of primary treatment. Maintenance Drug Therapy includes ongoing hormonal therapy, immunotherapy, or chemo-prevention therapy. Maintenance Drug Therapy is meant to decrease the risk of cancer recurrence; it is not meant to treat a cancer that is still present.

A Major Organ Transplant benefit is not payable if the major organ transplant results from a covered critical illness for which a benefit has been paid.

Stroke does not include:

- Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIAs)
- · Head injury
- · Chronic cerebrovascular insufficiency
- Reversible ischemic neurological deficits unless brain tissue damage is confirmed by neurological imaging

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not a heart attack (myocardial infarction). A sudden cardiac arrest benefit is not payable if the sudden cardiac arrest is caused by or contributed to by a heart attack (myocardial infarction).

Severe Burn or Severely Burned means a burn resulting from fire, heat, caustics, electricity, or radiation. The burn must:

- Be a full-thickness or third-degree burn, as determined by a doctor. A Full-Thickness Burn or Third-Degree Burn is the destruction of the skin through the entire thickness or depth of the dermis (or possibly into underlying tissues). This results in loss of fluid and sometimes shock.
- Cause cosmetic disfigurement to the body's surface area of at least 35 square inches.
- · Be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident.

Coma means a state of continuous, profound unconsciousness, lasting at least seven consecutive days, and characterized by the absence of:

- Spontaneous Coma means a state of continuous, profound unconsciousness, lasting at least seven consecutive days, and characterized by the absence of:
  - Spontaneous eye movements,
  - Response to painful stimuli, and
  - Vocalization.

Coma does not include a medically-induced coma.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, the coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident.

To be considered a critical illness, the coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- Brain Aneurysm
   Hyperglycemia
- Diabetes
- Encephalitis
- Epilepsy

Paralysis or Paralyzed means the permanent, total, and irreversible loss of muscle function to the whole of at least two limbs. To be payable as an Accident benefit, the paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident. To be considered a critical illness, paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one or more of the following diseases:

Hypoglycemia

Meningitis

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
   Parkinson's disease,
- Cerebral palsy
   Poliomyelitis

The diagnosis of paralysis must be supported by neurological evidence.

Loss of Sight means the total and irreversible loss of all sight in both eyes. To be payable as an Accident benefit, loss of sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident. To be considered a critical illness, loss of sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- Retinal disease
- Optic nerve disease
- Hypoxia

Loss of Speech means the total and permanent loss of the ability to speak. To be payable as an Accident benefit, loss of speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident. To be considered a critical illness, loss of speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributable to one of the following diseases:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Arteriovenous malformation

Loss of Hearing means the total and irreversible loss of hearing in both ears. Loss of hearing does not include hearing loss that can be corrected by the use of a hearing aid or device. To be payable as an Accident benefit, loss of hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a covered accident.

To be considered a critical illness, loss of hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- Alport syndrome
- Goldenhar syndromeMeniere's disease
- Autoimmune inner ear disease
- Meningitis
- Chicken poxDiabetes
- Mumps

Treatment does not include maintenance drug therapy or routine follow-up visits to verify whether cancer or carcinoma in situ has returned.

#### **OPTIONAL BENEFITS RIDER**

Date of Diagnosis is defined as follows:

- Advanced Alzheimer's Disease: The date a doctor diagnoses the insured as incapacitated due to Alzheimer's disease.
- Advanced Parkinson's Disease: The date a doctor diagnoses the insured as incapacitated due to Parkinson's disease.
- Benign Brain Tumor: The date a doctor determines a benign brain tumor is
  present based on examination of tissue (biopsy or surgical excision) or specific
  neuroradiological examination.

Optional Benefit is one of the illnesses defined below and shown in the rider schedule:

Advanced Alzheimer's Disease means Alzheimer's Disease that causes the insured to be incapacitated. Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that is diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Alzheimer's Disease.

To be incapacitated due to Alzheimer's Disease, the insured must:

- Exhibit the loss of intellectual capacity involving impairment of memory and judgment, resulting in a significant reduction in mental and social functioning, and
- Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

Advanced Parkinson's Disease means Parkinson's Disease that causes the insured to be incapacitated. Parkinson's Disease is a brain disorder that is diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Parkinson's Disease. To be incapacitated due to Parkinson's Disease, the insured must:

- · Exhibit at least two of the following clinical manifestations:
  - Muscle rigidity
  - Tremor
  - Bradykinesis (abnormal slowness of movement, sluggishness of physical and mental responses), and
  - Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

Benign Brain Tumor is a mass or growth of abnormal, noncancerous cells in the brain. The tumor is composed of similar cells that do not follow normal cell division and growth patterns and develop into a mass of cells that microscopically do not have the characteristic appearance of a Cancer. Benign Brain Tumor must be caused by Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, Neurofibromatosis, or Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome.

- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia is a genetic disease in which one or more of the endocrine glands are overactive or form a tumor.
- Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disease in which the nerve tissue grows tumors that may be benign and may cause serious damage by compressing nerves and other tissue.
- Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome is a genetic disease that predisposes a person to have benign or malignant tumors.

Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) are activities used in measuring levels of personal functioning capacity. These activities are normally performed without assistance, allowing personal independence in everyday living. For the purposes of this plan, ADLs include the following:

- Bathing the ability to wash oneself in a tub, shower, or by sponge bath. This
  includes the ability to get into and out of the tub or shower with or without the
  assistance of equipment;
- Dressing the ability to put on, take off, and secure all necessary and appropriate items of clothing and any necessary braces or artificial limbs;
- Toileting the ability to get to and from the toilet, get on and off the toilet, and perform associated personal hygiene with or without the assistance of equipment;
- Transferring the ability to move in and out of a bed, chair, or wheelchair with or without the assistance of equipment;
- Mobility the ability to walk or wheel on a level surface from one room to another with or without the assistance of equipment;
- Eating the ability to get nourishment into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available with or without the assistance of equipment; and
- Continence the ability to voluntarily maintain control of bowel and/or bladder function. In the event of incontinence, the ability to maintain a reasonable level of personal hygiene.

#### **CHILDHOOD CONDITIONS RIDER**

Date of Diagnosis is defined as follows:

- Cystic Fibrosis: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Cystic Fibrosis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Cerebral Palsy: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Cerebral Palsy and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Down Syndrome: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Down Syndrome and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Phenylalanine Hydroxylase Deficiency Disease (PKU): The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having PKU and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Spina Bifida: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Spina Bifida and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Type I Diabetes: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Type I Diabetes and where such diagnosis isupported by medical records.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder: The date a doctor diagnoses a dependent child as having Autism Spectrum Disorder and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.

If a dependent child has both a Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate or has one on each side of the face, we will pay this benefit only once.

A doctor must diagnose Phenylalanine Hydroxylase Deficiency Disease (PKU) based on a PKU test.

- A doctor must diagnose Type I Diabetes based on one of the following diagnostic tests:
- Glycated hemoglobin (A1C) test
- Random blood sugar test
- Fasting blood sugar test

A doctor must diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder based on DSM-V diagnostic criteria.

#### YOU MAY CONTINUE YOUR COVERAGE

Your coverage may be continued with certain stipulations. See certificate for details.

#### **TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

Your insurance may terminate when the plan is terminated; the 31st day after the premium due date if the premium has not been paid; or the date you no longer belong to an eligible class. If your coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was in force. See certificate for details.

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