



## CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

### WHAT IS IT?

With Critical Illness insurance, you'll receive a lump-sum payment when a covered illness is diagnosed. You can use the payment in any way you choose, including:

#### Expenses not covered by your medical insurance

- ✓ Deductibles and coinsurance
- ✓ Caregiver expenses
- ✓ Travel to and from treatment centers
- ✓ Rehabilitation

#### Day-to-day living expenses

- ✓ Rent or mortgage payments
- ✓ Groceries
- ✓ Child care
- ✓ Utility bills

### HOW DOES THE COVERAGE WORK?

- You choose the amount of coverage available at the time of enrollment.
- A lump-sum benefit is paid when you or a covered dependent are diagnosed with a covered illness while insured under the policy.
- If a previously covered illness returns, or you're diagnosed with an additional covered illness, benefits remain payable up to the benefit maximum for as long as you're insured under the policy (subject to plan terms and conditions).

NOTE: Your Critical Illness Benefit Highlight Sheet lists covered illnesses and additional benefits that may be included in your plan (such as cancer care, physical therapy, home health care and health screenings).

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## Case illustration: **RACHEL'S STORY<sup>2</sup>**

Rachel is a working mom who was hospitalized with a heart attack at the age of 45. Her health insurance paid for most of her medical expenses, but she was responsible for several thousands of dollars in copayments and deductibles. Fortunately, Rachel had enrolled last year in a Critical Illness benefit through her employer. The payout covered her outstanding medical expenses as well as child care and other living expenses she incurred during her recovery period. If Rachel or her dependent should experience another major illness in the future after receiving a full benefit under the policy, Rachel's coverage may still remain active and provide financial support.



**63%** of Americans with medical insurance used **all their savings** for out-of-pocket medical costs.<sup>1</sup>

## WHY DO I NEED IT?

A major illness – such as cancer, a heart attack or stroke – can leave you emotionally, physically and financially overwhelmed. Critical Illness insurance can help:

- **Relieve** the financial impact of an illness so you can focus on recovery.
- **Enhance** your traditional medical plan.
- **Ensure** that you'll be better prepared to cover out-of-pocket expenses in the event of a serious illness when combined with Accident or Disability insurance.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES<sup>3</sup>

In addition to financial support, Critical Illness insurance provides these services to help you focus on your treatment and recovery:

- **HealthChampion<sup>SM</sup>**<sup>4, 5</sup> – Unlimited access to administrative and clinical experts who can guide you through your health concerns and care options.
- **Ability Assist<sup>SM</sup>**<sup>4</sup> – 24/7 access to trained professionals and resources for assistance with the financial, legal and emotional issues that may follow a serious illness.

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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.

Critical Illness Form Series includes GBD-2600, GBD-2700, or state equivalent.

<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research & Educational Trust, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> This benefit example is fictitious and for illustrative purposes only.

<sup>3</sup> These services may not be available in all states. For more information, visit [www.TheHartford.com/employee-benefits/value-added-services](http://www.TheHartford.com/employee-benefits/value-added-services).

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<sup>5</sup> HealthChampion specialists are only available during business hours. Inquiries outside of this timeframe can either request a call-back the next day or schedule an appointment.

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