# **Critical Illness Insurance**

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

# Why critical illness insurance makes sense



# Critical illness insurance can help with unexpected expenses that may not be covered by your medical insurance

#### Why do I need it?

Your medical insurance helps cover your medical bills if you get sick. But a serious illness, such as cancer, heart attack or stroke may bring unexpected expenses that might not be covered by your medical insurance. At the same time, a critical illness may affect your ability to earn an income, which may cause you to dip into your savings. Some expenses might include:

 Essential living expenses, especially if you can't work or if a relative takes time off to help care for you

- · Medical copays and deductibles
- · Additional childcare while you recover

#### How much should I be prepared for?

By themselves, these expenses may not seem significant but together they can add up. One in five adults, 18-64, who live in a household where someone has a serious medical condition say problems paying medical bills had a "major impact" on them and their family.<sup>3</sup>

During these uncertain economic times, critical illness insurance can become an even more important addition to your financial safety net.

### How does critical illness insurance help?

Critical illness insurance covers specific conditions such as cancer, heart attack or stroke. Plus, it:

 Provides a lump-sum payment if you are diagnosed with a covered condition

- Helps you focus on your recovery instead of your finances
- Can supplement your savings to help pay for unexpected expenses related to a critical illness

## And the plan also:

- Offers convenient payroll deduction
- May be less expensive than you think

Now that you know how critical illness insurance can help protect your financial security, take a few minutes to learn more and enroll today.

- 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.
- In certain states, the Covered Condition is Severe Stroke.
- 3. Kaiser Family Foundation Data Note: Americans' Challenges with Health Care Costs, 2019. https://www.kff.org/health-costs/iss.ue-brief/data-note-americans-challenges-health-care-costs/

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