

# Critical Illness Insurance Buy Up



- **HELPS PROTECT YOUR FINANCES FROM AN ILLNESS.** When you, your spouse or child is diagnosed with a covered condition, you can receive a cash benefit.
- **PAYMENT COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU.** While your medical plan may cover most direct costs associated with an illness, Critical Illness insurance can be used to pay for any expenses, medical or not. It pays in addition to other coverage you may already have.
- **INCLUDES THE WELLNESS BENEFIT.** Also referred to as Preventive Health Benefit. It pays you directly when you take certain preventive screening tests, like mammograms, certain types of blood tests, vision exams and more – up to 75 types of tests provide a benefit.

## Included:

End of life planning and support with **WELLTHY**.

- Planning for the future
- Navigating care
- Managing a loss
- Providing support following a loss
- Supporting pregnancy and postpartum loss

SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES' BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN AND TRUST (MIT)

All Eligible Employees Enrolled in the Medical Electing the Buy-Up

## BENEFITS *This coverage is available with no medical questions asked.*

For you	You currently have the <b>\$5,000</b> core plan. You can elect additional coverage in <b>\$5,000</b> increments up to a total of <b>\$20,000</b> .
For your Spouse	If you elect coverage for yourself, you can choose between <b>\$5,000</b> and <b>\$20,000</b> of coverage, in increments of <b>\$5,000</b> . Not to exceed 100% of your coverage amount.
For your child(ren)	If you elect coverage for yourself, you can choose between <b>\$2,500</b> and <b>\$10,000</b> of coverage, in increments of <b>\$2,500</b> . Not to exceed 50% of your coverage amount.  An eligible child is defined as your child from birth to age 26.

## What's covered

The amount payable is based on your elected amount of coverage and whether the covered condition pays a full (i.e. 100% of the elected amount) or partial (i.e., 25% of elected amount) benefit. For a benefit to be payable, your condition must be diagnosed after your coverage effective date.

**For more detailed information on covered conditions and qualifications for payment, visit [sunlife.com/ciconditions](https://sunlife.com/ciconditions).**

COVERED CONDITIONS	
<b>Cardiac Conditions</b>	
Heart attack - Non-ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (NSTEMI)	25%
Heart attack - ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)	100%
Coronary Artery Disease	10%
Coronary Artery Obstruction	100%
Sudden Cardiac Arrest	100%
<b>Vascular Conditions</b>	
Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)	10%
Stroke	100%
Aneurysm - open surgery	100%
<b>Organ Failure Conditions</b>	
End Stage Kidney Failure	100%
Major Organ Failure	100%
<b>Other Conditions</b>	
Benign Brain or Spinal Cord Tumor	100%
Coma	100%
Paralysis	100%
Severe Burns	100%
Blindness	100%
Loss of Speech	100%
Loss of Hearing	100%
Occupational Infectious Disease	100%
<b>Progressive Neurological Conditions</b>	
ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease	100%
Advanced Dementia	100%
Advanced Huntington's Disease	100%
Advanced Multiple Sclerosis	100%
Advanced Parkinson's Disease	100%
<b>Childhood Conditions</b>	
Cerebral Palsy	100%
Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus	100%
Congenital Structural Anomaly	100%
Congenital Heart Defects	100%
Congenital Metabolic Disorder	100%
Other Genetic Disorders	100%
<b>Cancer conditions</b>	
Unlimited occurrences	
Non-Invasive Cancer	25%
Invasive Cancer	100%

# What's covered

COVERED CONDITIONS	
Metastasis of Non-Invasive Cancer	75%
Skin Cancer	5%
<b>Infectious Disease Conditions</b>	
Severe Infectious Disease (includes COVID)	25%
<b>Additional benefits</b>	
Wellness Benefit (also referred to as "Preventive Health Benefit") per Benefit Year	Employee: \$100 Spouse: \$100 Child: \$100

## Frequently asked questions

### **Why is the Recurrence Benefit important?**

If you receive a benefit for a condition or type of condition covered under this plan and are later diagnosed with the same condition, a Recurrence Benefit may be payable. If this happens to you we'll pay you an additional benefit if you meet the Recurrence Benefit requirements for that condition. Not all covered conditions are eligible for recurrence. See your Certificate for more information on recurrence benefits. Benefit requirements may vary by condition.

### **Can I receive benefits for more than one critical illness?**

Yes. Only one condition is payable if more than one condition is diagnosed on the same date. You can only claim benefits once for each covered condition unless a Recurrence Benefit is payable.

### **How do I file a Critical Illness claim?**

If you have a diagnosis after the effective date of coverage, you can file a claim with us online by visiting [www.sunlife.com/onlineclaims](http://www.sunlife.com/onlineclaims) or by downloading forms from our website at [sunlife.com/account](http://sunlife.com/account). We'll ask that you and your doctor provide information about your medical condition.

### **How do I get the Wellness Benefit?**

You may be paid the benefit when you or a covered family member have a wellness screening, like specific blood tests, cancer screenings, cardiac stress tests, immunizations, school sports exams and more. You can file a claim with us online by visiting [sunlife.com/onlineclaims](http://sunlife.com/onlineclaims). The claim form can also be downloaded from our website at [sunlife.com/account](http://sunlife.com/account).

### **What is AbleTo Self Care?**

Digital tools for building resilience and strength. You can choose from meditation, mindfulness activities, journaling and clinician-designed content to help manage stress and achieve goals. Self Care is available to dependents age 13 years and older. Only participants who are 18 years and older have access to the optional weekly check-ins.

### **How is my benefit taxed?**

If you or your employer pay for all or part of the cost of coverage on a pre-tax basis, some or all of your benefit amount will be tax reported on a Form 1099 as taxable income. Please reach out to a tax advisor or your employer if you have any questions.

### **Can I take my insurance with me if I leave my employer?**

Depending upon state variations and your employer's plan, you may have an option to continue coverage when your employment terminates. Your employer can advise you about your options.

Read the *Important information* section for more details including limitations and exclusions.

"Critical Illness insurance" is a limited benefit policy. The certificate has exclusions, limitations and benefit waiting periods for certain conditions that may affect any benefits payable. Benefits payable are subject to all terms and conditions of the certificate. Read the Important information section for more details including limitations and exclusions.

# Important information

**This coverage does not constitute comprehensive health insurance (often referred to as “major medical coverage”). It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical, or major medical insurance.**

To become insured, you must meet the eligibility requirements set forth by your employer. Your coverage effective date will be determined by the Policy and may be delayed if you are not actively at work on the date your coverage would otherwise go into effect. Similarly, dependent coverage, if offered, may be delayed if your dependents are in the hospital (except for newborns) on the date coverage would otherwise become effective. Refer to the Certificate for details.

## Exclusions

The below exclusions may vary by state law and regulations. This list may not be comprehensive. Please see the Certificate for details.

## Critical Illness

We will not pay any benefit that is caused by, contributed to in any way, or resulting from any Covered Condition Diagnosed outside the United States or Canada without confirmation of the Diagnosis by a Physician who practices in the United States or Canada.

We will not pay a benefit that is due to or results from services, treatment or complications not included in the Benefit Highlights; provided by an immediate family member; or unrelated to a Critical Illness/Specified Disease. These include:

- Substance abuse, including abuse of alcohol, alcoholism, abuse of a legally obtained prescription medication, and illegal use of a non-prescribed drug or narcotic; or
- Voluntarily taking or using any drug, medication, narcotic, or controlled substance, unless it is:
  - Administered and taken as prescribed by a Physician for the covered person; or
  - Taken according to the “over the counter” package directions

Covered conditions have specific definitions and diagnostic criteria that must be met (along with supporting documentation) for a benefit to be paid. For more information, please refer to your Certificate, contact your Benefit Administrator or visit [sunlife.com/ciconditions](http://sunlife.com/ciconditions).

This product is inappropriate for individuals who are eligible for Medicaid coverage.

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