Group Critical Illness Insurance

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AFLAC GROUP CRITICAL ILLNESS

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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.

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.

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:

Aflac Group Critical Illness coverage is selected.	Aflac Group Critical Illness pays an Initial Diagnosis Benefit of: **$10,000**
You experience chest pains and numbness in the left arm.	
You visit the emergency room.	
A physician determines that you have suffered a heart attack.	

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

For more information, ask your insurance agent/producer, call 1.800.433.3036, or visit aflacgroupinsurance.com.

COVERED CRITICAL ILLNESS BENEFITS:

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%
TYPE I DIABETES	100%
CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY	100%
NON-INVASIVE CANCER	25%
METASTATIC CANCER	25%

INITIAL DIAGNOSIS BENEFIT
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. Benefits will be based on the face amount in effect on the critical illness date of diagnosis.

ADDITIONAL DIAGNOSIS BENEFIT
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.

REOCCURRENCE BENEFIT
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.

SKIN CANCER BENEFIT
We will pay $1,000 for the diagnosis of skin cancer. We will pay this benefit once per calendar year.

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.

SUCCESSOR INSURED BENEFIT
If spouse coverage is in force at the time of the primary insured's death, the surviving spouse may elect to continue coverage. Coverage would continue at the existing spouse face amount and would also include any dependent child coverage in force at the time. See certificate for details.

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.

If your plan includes attained age rates, that means your plan is age-banded and 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.

EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay for loss due to any of the following:

- Illegal Occupation – the Insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony, or the Insured being engaged in an illegal occupation;
- Participation in aggressive conflict of any kind, including:
  - War (declared or undeclared) or military conflicts;
  - Insurrection or riot at the level of a misdemeanor or felony
  - Civil commotion or civil state of belligerence at the level of a misdemeanor or felony

Diagnosis must be made and treatment must be received 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
- Metastatic Cancer

A Non-Invasive Cancer is:

- Internal Carcinoma in Situ
- Myelodysplastic Syndrome - RA (refractory anemia)
- Myelodysplastic Syndrome - RARS (refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts)
- Myeloproliferative Blood Disorder

Premalignant conditions or conditions with malignant potential, other than those specifically named above, are not considered non-invasive cancer

Skin cancers are not payable under the Cancer (internal or invasive) Benefit or the Non-Invasive Cancer Benefit. 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:

- 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).
- 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.
- Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant): The date the surgery occurs.
- 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.
- Metastatic Cancer: The date a doctor determines cancer has metastasized to other parts of the body from the original site.
- 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).
- Type I Diabetes: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having type I diabetes based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records.

Spouse is your legal wife or husband, including a legally-recognized same-sex spouse, or a person of either gender who is in a legally recognized and registered domestic partnership, civil union, reciprocal beneficiary relationship, or similar relationship with you, who is listed on your application. Read your certificate carefully for details.

Dependent children are your or your spouse's natural children, step-children, grandchildren who are in your legal custody and residing with you, foster children, children subject to legal guardianship, legally adopted children, or children placed for adoption, who are younger than age 26. Newborn children are automatically covered from the moment of birth. Read your certificate carefully 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) does not include:

- Any other disease or injury involving the cardiovascular system.
- Cardiac Arrest not caused by a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction).

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 CPKMB measurement must be used.) Confirmatory imaging studies, such as thallium scans, MUGA scans, or stress echocardiograms may also 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 (endstage renal failure); or
- The kidney failure (end-stage renal failure) results in kidney transplantation.

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).

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

Type I Diabetes excludes gestational diabetes and prediabetes.

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.

NOTICES

If this coverage will replace any existing individual policy, please be aware that it may be in your best interest to maintain your individual guaranteed-renewable policy.

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This brochure is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of Policy Series C22000.

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CHILDHOOD CONDITIONS RIDER SUMMARY PAGE

Childhood Conditions Rider Benefit	Percentage of Employee Face Amount
CYSTIC FIBROSIS	50%
CEREBRAL PALSY	50%
CLEFT LIP OR CLEFT PALATE	50%
DOWN SYNDROME	50%
PHENYLALANINE HYDROXYLASE DEFICIENCY DISEASE (PKU)	50%
SPINA BIFIDA	50%
	One-time Benefit Amount
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER	$3,000
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.)	

For any subsequent Childhood Condition to be covered, the date of diagnosis of the subsequent Childhood Condition must satisfy the Additional Diagnosis separation period outlined in the brochure.

These benefits will be paid based on the face amount in effect on the critical illness date of diagnosis.

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All limitations and exclusions that apply to the critical illness plan also apply to these benefits. No benefits will be paid for loss which occurred prior to the effective date of the 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.
- 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 Autism Spectrum Disorder based on the diagnostic criteria stipulated in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) at the time the loss occurs. The diagnosis must include the DSM severity level specifier for both major domains listed above.

An Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis must include more than one DSM severity level specifiers. No benefit is payable if the DSM severity level specifier is less than Level 1.

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SPECIFIED DISEASE RIDER SUMMARY PAGE

TIER I SPECIFIED DISEASE BENEFIT	Percentage of Face Amount
Adrenal Hypofunction (Addison's Disease), Cerebrospinal Meningitis, Diphtheria, Encephalitis, Huntington's Chorea, Legionnaire's Disease, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, Necrotizing Fasciitis, Osteomyelitis, Poliomyelitis (Polio), Rabies, Sickle Cell Anemia, Systemic Lupus, Systemic Sclerosis (Scleroderma), Tetanus, Tuberculosis	25%

We will pay the benefit shown if an insured is diagnosed with one of the Tier I Specified Diseases listed, and if the date of diagnosis is while the rider is in force.

For any subsequent Tier I Specified Disease to be covered, the date of diagnosis of the subsequent Tier I Specified Disease must satisfy the Additional Diagnosis separation period outlined in the brochure.

TIER II SPECIFIED DISEASE BENEFIT	
Bird Flu/H5N1 Ebola Human Coronavirus Influenza Pneumonia	10% if confined to a hospital for 4-9 days 25% if confined to a hospital for 10 or more days 40% if confined to an intensive care unit

We will pay the benefit shown if an insured is diagnosed with one of the Tier II Specified Diseases listed, and such diagnosis results in either a period of hospital confinement or hospital intensive care unit confinement as a direct result of the Tier II Specified Disease. Furthermore, the date of diagnosis must be while the rider is in force.

In addition, the insured must be receiving treatment for the Tier II Specified Disease for the minimum number of days shown. Only the highest eligible benefit amount will be payable under these benefits. In the event a lower benefit amount was previously paid under these benefits for any period of hospital confinement and that confinement is extended or the insured is moved to an intensive care unit triggering a higher payment, the difference between the previous paid benefit amount and the new benefit amount will be provided.

For any subsequent Tier II Specified Disease to be covered, the date of diagnosis of the subsequent Tier II Specified Disease must satisfy the Additional Diagnosis separation period outlined in the brochure.

In Alaska, all references to Human Coronavirus are revised to Severe Human Coronavirus.

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These benefits will be paid based on the face amount in effect on the specified disease date of diagnosis. All limitations and exclusions that apply to the critical illness plan also apply to the rider unless amended by the rider.

No benefits will be paid for loss which occurred prior to the effective date of the plan.

Date of diagnosis is defined for each specified disease as follows:

- Adrenal Hypofunction (Addison's Disease): The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Adrenal Hypofunction and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Bird Flu/H5N1: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Bird Flu/H5N1 based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records.
- Cerebrospinal Meningitis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Cerebrospinal Meningitis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Diphtheria: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Diphtheria based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records.
- Ebola: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Ebola based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records.
- Encephalitis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Encephalitis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Human Coronavirus: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Human Coronavirus based on laboratory findings as supported by viral testing or a blood test.
- Huntington's Chorea: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Huntington's Chorea based on clinical findings as supported by medical records.
- Influenza: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Influenza based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records.
- Legionnaire's Disease: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Legionnaire's Disease by finding Legionella bacteria in a clinical specimen taken from the insured.
- Lyme Disease: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Lyme Disease and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Malaria: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Malaria and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Muscular Dystrophy: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Muscular Dystrophy and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Myasthenia Gravis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Myasthenia Gravis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Necrotizing Fasciitis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Necrotizing Fasciitis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Osteomyelitis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Osteomyelitis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Pneumonia: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Pneumonia based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by medical records
- Poliomyelitis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Poliomyelitis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Rabies: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Rabies and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Sickle Cell Anemia: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Sickle Cell Anemia and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Systemic Lupus: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Systemic Lupus and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Systemic Sclerosis (Scleroderma): The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Systemic Sclerosis and where such diagnosis is supported by medical records.
- Tetanus: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Tetanus by finding Clostridium tetani bacteria in a clinical specimen taken from the insured.
- Tuberculosis: The date a doctor diagnoses an insured as having Tuberculosis by finding Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacteria in a clinical specimen taken from the insured.

The term Hospital Intensive Care Unit specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in the plan, including but not limited to (In Florida and North Carolina, not limited to reference is not applicable) private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

The term Hospital specifically excludes any facility not meeting the definition of Hospital as defined in the plan, including but not limited to (In Florida and North Carolina, not limited to reference is not applicable):

- A nursing home,
- An extended-care facility,
- A skilled nursing facility,
- A rest home or home for the aged,
- A rehabilitation facility (In Missouri, this is not applicable),
- A facility for the treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction, or
- An assisted living facility.

Human Coronavirus does not include the following Human Coronaviruses: 229E, NL63, OC43, and HKU1.

Adrenal Hypofunction does not include secondary and tertiary adrenal insufficiency.

Pneumonia does not include pneumonia caused by trauma such as, but not limited to, inhalation of water, smoke or chemicals or traumatic chest or thoracic injuries.