Group name: Nichols College Policy number: 012787

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Protection that's critical.

Critical illness insurance benefit summary

The right critical illness insurance policy can help

Our plan covers many conditions, and can help pay for costs not covered by a traditional health plan.

There are no health questions and all coverage in the standard plans is quaranteed issue.

Medical issues are tied to 67% of bankruptcies, with 59% being the direct result of medical bills.1



Watch this quick video to learn more



Heart disease is the #1 cause of death in the United States.²



Every 40 seconds, someone has a stroke.3



Benefit plan and features - Low Plan

Class definition: Class 1 – All Active Full Time Employees

	Employee	Spouse	Children	
Benefit Amount	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	

Covered Conditions	Benefit Percentages	Recurrence Benefit Percentages
Heart Attack	100%	25%
Stroke	100%	25%
Major organ failure	100%	25%
End- s tage heart failure	100%	25%
End-stage kidney disease	100%	25%
Occupational infectious disease	100%	N/A

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marrow transplant; intentionally self-inflicted injuries or committing or attempting to commit suicide; elective plastic or cosmetic surgery; active military duty, or war or any act of war (excluding terrorism); your active participation in a riot, rebellion or insurrection; committing or attempting to commit an assault, felony or other criminal act or incarceration; your engagement in dangerous conduct or hazardous activity where there is a likelihood of death or serious Injury; being legally intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic unless taken on the advice of a physician and taken as prescribed; or illegal use of inhalants or huffing.

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Covered Conditions	Benefit Percentages	Recurrence Benefit Percentages
Coronary Artery Bypass	25%	25%
Angioplasty	5%	5%
Invasive Cancer	100%	100%
Cancer in Situ	25%	25%
Skin Cancer	5%	5%
Benign Brain Tumor	100%	25%
Coma	100%	25%
Paralysis	100%	N/A
Severe Burns	100%	25%
Advanced ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease	100%	N/A
Advanced Alzheimer's Disease	25%	N/A
Advanced Parkinson's Disease	25%	N/A
Blindness	100%	N/A
Complete Loss of Hearing	100%	N/A
Loss of Speech	100%	N/A

Critical Illness features	
Additional Occurrence	Pays a second, unrelated diagnosis. Requires 6 mo. between diagnoses.
Recurrence	Pays subsequent diagnoses of a previously paid condition. Requires 12 mo. between diagnoses.
Enrollment	Annual Open Enrollment
Portability	To age 70
Rate Basis	Attained Age Rating
Pre-Existing Condition Limitation	If a claim is filed within the first 12 months after the effective date, we will look back 12 months prior to the effective date to determine if the claim is due to a pre-existing condition.
Wellness Screening Benefit	\$50 annually when qualifying exams or screenings are completed.

Qualifying exams and screenings for wellness screening benefit

- CA15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- Breast cancer screening (clinical breast exam, mammography, MRI, thermography, ultrasound)
- CA 125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- Colorectal cancer screening (fecal occult blood test, colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy)
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Lipid panel (cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL)
- Prostate cancer screening (digital rectal exam, PSA blood

- Skin cancer screening
- Diabetes tests (fasting blood glucose test, hemoglobin A1c)
- Cardiac exercise stress test
- Electrocardiogram (ECG)-resting or stress
- Chest x-ray
- Hemoccult stool analysis
- Serum protein electrophoresis
- Carotid Doppler
- Echocardiogram
- **Immunizations**
- Interscholastic Sports Physical Exam

Understanding your benefits

Pre-Existing Condition Limitation

Commonly Used Terms The dollar value of the insurance and the amount able to be claimed. **Benefit Amount** The percent of the "Benefit Amount" that is payable for each covered condition. **Benefit Percentage** The percent of the "Benefit Amount" that is payable upon the second and all subsequent Recurrence Benefit Percentage claims for a condition for which a claim has previously been paid under this policy. A diagnosis referring to cancer that has not spread into surrounding tissue (aka non-invasive Cancer in Situ cancer). A localized cancer is generally more easily resolved. Premium is based on the current age you have attained. Any increases in premium due to **Attained Age Rating** entering a new age-band will be administered at the next annual enrollment. A period of time that would prevent a filed claim from being paid for a known health issue.

When can I enroll?	You can enroll when you are initially eligible for benefits and any subsequent annual enrollment or life status change.		
Are my dependent children eligible for coverage?	Yes, dependent children are eligible up to end of the month they reach age 26. If any dependent children are developmentally disabled, you are able to continue coverage beyond age 26.		
Do benefits have to be used for medical	You decide how to use your benefit payment:		
expenses?	 Out-of-pocket medical costs, including deductibles and co-pays Rehab costs Rent or mortgage payments Groceries Utility or credit card bills Childcare Other financial support 		
What is critical illness insurance?	Group critical illness insurance is designed to pay a lump sum cash benefit when an insured is diagnosed with a covered condition (i.e. heart attack, stroke, cancer, etc.). The covered conditions are common and typically are survivable diagnosis.		
Why should I buy critical illness insurance?	Two-thirds of personal bankruptcies are due to medical expenses, even for those with		

	medical insurance. Equitable's critical illness insurance policy covers the most common conditions likely to arise over your lifetime and provides protection from the many expenses stemming from a significant medical condition.
What conditions are covered as a Critical Illness?	Only the conditions listed above are covered by this policy. Any condition that is not listed above is not a covered condition and therefore is not a payable claim.
What is a Wellness Benefit?	Insureds are eligible to receive an annual benefit amount (default is \$50) when they undergo any eligible exam or screening from the covered list.
How do I learn more about my benefits	Go to www.equitable.com/employeebenefits and log on to EB360® to view your account details.
If I have additional questions, who can I talk too?	Please don't hesitate to contact us at phone number 1-866-274-9887.

Cost Summary

Monthly Non-Smoker Premium Illustration for Employee Benefit Coverage Amount Age \$10,000 Less than 40 \$5.74 40-49 \$14.34 50-59 \$28.64 60 and over \$52.54

Monthly Smoker Premium Illustration for Employee Benefit				
Covera	ge Amount			
Age	\$10,000			
Less than 40	\$6.54			
40-49	\$21.04			
50-59	\$50.64			
60 and over	\$104.24			

Monthly Non-Smoker Premium Illustration for Spouse Benefit			
Covera	ge Amount		
Age	\$5,000		
Less than 40	\$3.44		
40-49	\$7.74		
50-59	\$14.89		
60 and over	\$26.84		

Monthly Smoker Premium Illustration for Spouse Benefit

Coverage Amount		
Age	\$5,000	
Less than 40	\$3.84	
40-49	\$11.09	
50-59	\$25.89	
60 and over	\$52.69	

Monthly Premium Illustration for Child(ren)

Coverage Amount		
	\$5,000	
Child(ren)	\$3.50	



Contact us at (866) 274-9887 with any questions you may have.

This includes questions on how we can provide language translation services at no cost to you and how we can assist the visually impaired with form completion and other information.

Email: Customer Service at EBCustomerService@equitable.com.



Members requiring assistance with hearing impairment can contact our TDD line directly at (800) 877-8973.

Visit equitable.com/employeebenefits and log on to EB360® to view your account details.

Important Information

¹ nasdag.com/articles/medical-bankruptcy-is-killing-the-american-middleclass-2019-02-14.

² cdc.gov/heartdisease.

³ cdc.gov/stroke/facts.htm.

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