



MEDGUARD

CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

QUALITY COVERAGE WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

5 YEAR RENEWABLE TERM LIFE & CRITICAL ILLNESS ACCELERATED BENEFIT TO AGE 70

Insurance underwritten by:
Freedom Life Insurance Company of America



Why Choose MEDGUARD

MEDGUARD is a 5 Year Renewable Term Life & Critical Illness Accelerated Benefit Insurance plan that provides You a lump sum benefit payment for a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery that occurs during Your lifetime. The amount of the Accelerated Death Benefit is a specified percentage of the plan's Death Benefit. Once 100% of the Death Benefit has been paid, coverage under MedGuard terminates.

Nobody likes to think about the possibility of being diagnosed with a critical illness yet every day thousands of Americans suffer a life-threatening illness such as cancer, heart attack, or stroke.

Thanks to advances in medicine, although You may not avoid a critical illness diagnosis, You have a greater chance of surviving that illness now more than ever. Although survival rates have increased, recovery times may be extensive. The bills — both medical and non-medical — can be considerable. Are You and Your family prepared to shoulder that kind of expense?

Why Buy MEDGUARD?

If You have financial obligations, such as a mortgage, or if You want to protect Your savings from the costs of recovery, MEDGUARD critical illness insurance may be for You. If You are a parent responsible for providing for Your children, You should consider MEDGUARD. If You become ill and require a long recovery time with a loss of income, MEDGUARD can provide You with a monetary alternative. The benefit amount You receive can help You focus on a full recovery without worrying where You will find the money to pay Your bills.



Covered Critical Illness Conditions & Surgeries

Critical Illness Condition/Surgery	Benefit
Kidney Failure	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Life Threatening Cancer	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Major Organ Transplant	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Permanent Paralysis	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Heart Attack	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Stroke	100% of the Total Benefit Amount
Terminal Illness	100% of the Total Benefit amount
Aorta Graft Surgery	25% of the Total Benefit Amount
Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery	25% of the Total Benefit Amount
Heart Valve Surgery	25% of the Total Benefit Amount
Coronary Angioplasty	10% of the Total Benefit Amount
Death Benefit - Primary Insured/Spouse	Based on selected monthly premium
Death Benefit - Dependent Child	Limited up to \$15,000 and will not exceed 50% of Primary Insured's coverage or exceed Spouse's coverage

The Death Benefit for the Primary Insured and the Spouse of the Primary Insured will be reduced by 50% on the respective 65th birthday of the Primary Insured and the Spouse of the Primary Insured.

The Death Benefit and the Total Benefit Amount will be reduced by any amount paid under the Total Benefit Amount of the Critical Illness - Accelerated Death Benefit provision.

Once 100% of the Total Benefit Amount has been paid, coverage will terminate for that Insured.

How Common is Critical Illness?

Critical Illness Statistics:

- Men have a 1-in-2 lifetime risk of getting cancer. Women have a 1-in-3 lifetime risk.¹
- There are 14.5 million cancer survivors in the U.S.²
- 735,000 heart attacks occur each year — that's one every 43 seconds!³
- About 795,000 Americans will have a stroke this year — that's one every 40 seconds!⁴

¹www.cancer.org/cancer/cancerbasics/lifetime-probability-of-developing-or-dying-from-cancer

²www.cancer.org/acs/groups/content/@editorial/documents/document/acspc-044552.pdf

³From the Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics - 2015 Update <http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2014/12/18/CIR.0000000000000152>

⁴www.heart.org/idc/groups/ahamah-public/@wcm/@sop/@smd/documents/downloadable/ucm_470704.pdf

The MEDGUARD Difference

MEDGUARD critical illness insurance can help fill the gap between health coverage and life insurance. Health coverage provides benefits for medical treatment but doesn't include benefits for nonmedical expenses. Life insurance pays benefits, but in most cases, after death. What if You survive a critical illness? Where will You find the financial resources to cover non-medical costs during recovery?

If You are diagnosed with a covered condition, MEDGUARD will give You a lump-sum cash payment. Your listed benefit will be paid to You when You are diagnosed.

You can use the cash for any purpose You deem necessary such as helping to:

- Protect Your assets from being spent on recovery
- Replace lost income for You & Your care-providing spouse
- Pay Your mortgage or other obligations
- Offset out-of-pocket or medical expenses not covered by health insurance
- Pay for experimental treatment
- Pay COBRA or other insurance premiums
- Pay home healthcare expenses
- Pay tuition expenses if You need to return to school
- Reduce Your debt
- Maintain Your Family's lifestyle
- Pay Your taxes
- Pay travel and temporary housing expenses for You and Your Family while receiving care away from home
- Renovate Your home or relocate
- Pay for childcare
- Finance or protect Your children's college tuition
- Maintain Your business during recovery

MEDGUARD meets the needs of the ever-increasing number of people who survive serious illnesses. It provides a payment that can be used for non-medical expenses during the recovery process.

MEDGUARD Monthly Premium Options

MEDGUARD is a money purchase plan with available premium payment options as low as \$20 through monthly bank draft.*

*Monthly administrative fee of \$4.95 applies.

MEDGUARD Plan Benefits

Death Benefit

If the Primary Insured or the Primary Insured's Dependent dies while coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate is in force, We will pay the Death Benefit to the Beneficiary, subject to the provisions of the Group Policy and Certificate. The Death Benefit will be reduced by any amount payable under the Critical Illness Benefit.

Critical Illness Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

All or a portion of a Primary Insured or Dependent's Life Insurance Benefit may be paid before his or her death. If an Insured has a qualifying occurrence, of a Specified Critical Illness Event or Surgery while covered under the Group Policy and Certificate, and satisfies the applicable accelerated Critical Illness Benefit payment requirement, then We will pay the specified percentage of the Total Benefit Amount to You.

MEDGUARD Plan Features

Renewal Options

Your insurance coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate may be renewed at the end of the first term period (i.e., after the first 5 years), and any later term period until You reach age 70 or the date Your coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate ends. To renew, just send Us the applicable Renewal Premium within 31 days after the end of the preceding term period and while the Group Policy and Certificate are in force.

Pre-existing Condition Limitation

We will not pay Accelerated Death Benefits for any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery which occurs during the first (12) twelve months of any Insured's coverage under the Certificate if such Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery is caused by or results from a Pre-existing Condition.

Premium Adjustments

We may change premium rates and apply a new table of premium rates based on class. The current table of rates includes scheduled increases based upon age.

Termination of Insurance

An Insured's coverage ends on the earlier of the following:

The date of the Insured's 70th birthday; payment by Us of the Total Benefit Amount; the Group Policy and Certificate is terminated by the Group Policyholder; premium was due and not paid subject to the Grace Period; You terminate coverage by notifying Us of the date You desire coverage to terminate and specify the Insured whose coverage is to terminate; We are required by the order of an appropriate regulatory authority to non-renew or cancel the Group Policy; We cease offering and renewing coverage of the same form of coverage as the Certificate in Your state upon a minimum of 30 days prior written notice mailed to Your last known address; and the date We receive due proof that fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact existed in applying for Your coverage or the coverage of Your Spouse or Children.



MEDGUARD Limitations at a Glance

- for each Insured, Benefits payable under the Group Policy and this Certificate for all Specified Critical Illness Events or Specified Critical Illness Surgery combined will not exceed the Total Benefit Amount that applies to the Insured. We will reduce what We pay for a claim so that the amount that We pay, when combined with amounts for all claims We have previously paid for the same Insured does not exceed the Total Benefit Amount that was in effect for that Insured on the date of the most recent Specified Critical Illness, Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery; and
- the Death Benefit amount will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) on the sixty-fifth (65th) birthday of the Primary Insured and the Spouse of the Primary Insured.

MEDGUARD Non-Covered Items at a Glance

No Benefits shall be payable under the Group Policy or Certificate for any loss caused by, in whole or in part, contributed to or resulting from, directly or indirectly, any of the following incidents, events, occurrences or activities involving any Insured for:

- intentionally causing a self-inflicted injury, within two (2) years from the Insured's Issue Date;
- committing or attempting to commit suicide while sane or insane, within two (2) years from the Insured's Issue Date;
- serving in the armed forces or an auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country;
- war or any act of war, even if war is not declared;
- with respect to CRITICAL ILLNESS-ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENT Section V.B. of this Certificate, any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery not suffered, diagnosed and/or sustained by an Insured during their lifespan; and
- with respect to CRITICAL ILLNESS-ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENT Section V.B. of this Certificate, any medical conditions that is not a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery.

ACA Individual Mandate & Shared Responsibility Payment

The individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act ("ACA") generally requires individuals to maintain "minimum essential coverage" in 2014 and beyond, or be subject to the payment of the annual shared responsibility payment, the amount of which is based, in part, upon the individual's household income each year. The ACA's "shared responsibility payment" has also been referred to from time to time as a tax and as a penalty, and is payable to the federal government. The MedGuard Plan is a life insurance plan with an accelerated death benefit rider, which pays the designated percentage of the Plan's death benefit to the Insured upon the diagnosis of a covered critical condition or receipt of a covered critical surgery, as such it is not "health insurance coverage" under the ACA, Workers Compensation coverage under state law, an "essential health benefits" under the ACA or considered "minimum essential coverage" under the ACA. If an individual (a) does not receive an ACA exemption annually from the federal government for the individual mandate, or (b) does not maintain "minimum essential coverage" under the ACA for 9 or more consecutive months during each year, (including coverage under one of the following types of plans (i) an employer sponsored group health plan, (ii) a grandfathered health plan, (iii) a non-grandfathered health plan for which the government has granted a waiver of the individual mandate, or (iv) an ACA essential health benefits plan), he will be subject to the ACA's annual "shared responsibility payment", even if covered under the MedGuard Plan. For additional information on the individual mandate, "shared responsibility payment", exemptions from the mandate and other matters concerning the ACA, please visit www.healthcare.gov, the federal government's website.

Note: The information shown here and in any accompanying literature does not provide full details of the Certificate. Different plan provisions may apply in certain states. This brochure is only a brief description of Benefits available. The complete terms of the coverage, including definitions, limitations and exclusions, and any state required provisions are in the Certificate, and each of the listed conditions/illnesses is a specifically defined term in the Certificate.

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GROUP POLICY: GRP-P-06-FLIC

The underwriting insurance company in Your state has agreed to perform or cause to be performed certain monthly administrative services on behalf of the association including the collection of certain enrollment fees and monthly membership dues on behalf of the association, and transmission to the association of monthly membership census data. The underwriting insurance company in Your state is paid a monthly fee by the association for these administrative services.