

Focus on your **financial wellbeing**



Some advance planning could avoid financial difficulties due to an illness

The Optional Critical Illness Insurance your employer has designed for you could be a financial lifesaver. After all, it's a big relief to be as prepared as possible for the unexpected.

Help protect your financial future with affordable, convenient coverage

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NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Focus on your recovery, not your finances

○ What is Optional Critical Illness Insurance?

Critical Illness Insurance provides a lump-sum payment¹ if you suffer a covered illness such as a stroke, heart attack or cancer.

You choose how to spend it, whether for treatments not covered by a government health plan, household or personal care expenses, even a getaway.

Note: This is different from disability insurance, which replaces a portion of your paycheck if you are off work due to illness.

25 conditions are covered, including stroke, heart attack or life-threatening cancer, as well as dementia (including Alzheimer's) and multiple sclerosis.

Your dependent children are also covered for:

- Cerebral palsy
- Down's syndrome
- Congenital heart disease
- Muscular dystrophy
- Cystic fibrosis
- Type 1 diabetes

See your **benefits booklet** for the full definitions of the covered conditions.

○ Get Critical Illness Insurance for:



Single



Couple



Family

Why do you need Optional Critical Illness Insurance?

According to the 2016 Sun Life Canadian Health Index, of Canadians that have experienced a critical illness like a stroke, heart attack or cancer;

- 42% say it has caused financial hardship to some degree.

Without Critical Illness Insurance, you might have to dip into your savings if you suffer a serious illness.



ADDED FEATURE – Benefit from day one – Best Doctors

With your purchase of Optional Critical Illness Insurance, you, your dependents, your parents and parents-in-law get access to Best Doctors, a medical consultation service. What's more, you continue to access their services up to four months after the claim is paid. Find out more at bestdoctors.com/Canada or by calling 1-877-419-2378.*

○ Why buy Optional Critical Illness Insurance through your group plan?

AFFORDABLE

Thanks to the buying power of the University of Northern BC, your rates² will likely be lower than what you will get outside of a group plan. See your premiums on the rate card enclosed.

HOW TO APPLY: See the enclosure for instructions.

For convenience, your monthly costs (premiums) will be deducted from your paycheck.

The fine print

○ Important details about Optional Critical Illness Insurance

Pre-existing conditions

For any amount of coverage that:

- did not require proof of good health; and
- has been in effect for less than 12 months under the employer's critical illness plan, no benefits are payable for any covered condition that results from any injury, sickness or medical condition (whether or not diagnosed) for which the covered person, during the 12 months prior to the effective date of such amount of coverage:
 - had signs, symptoms, consulted a physician or any other health care practitioner; or
 - was provided any health-related care, advice or treatment; or
 - would have consulted a physician or any other health care practitioner, acting as a reasonably prudent person with such injury, sickness, medical condition, signs or symptoms.

If coverage ends but the person is covered again under this benefit, Sun Life will use the latest date the person's coverage began when applying the above limitations.

This exclusion does not apply where the child moratorium period exclusion applies or to any child of the employee or the employee's spouse who is born or adopted later than 10 months after the date the employee becomes covered for Child Critical Illness Insurance.



The fine print (continued)

Waiting period³ for Child Optional Critical Illness Insurance

The waiting period for child coverage begins 90 days before the child coverage start date, and continues 10 months after. During this waiting period, there is no coverage for any child who within 90 days of their birth:

- is diagnosed with a covered condition; or
- has any signs, symptoms, or tests that lead to a diagnosis of a covered condition within five years of that child's birth.

Waiting periods³ for cancer, benign brain tumour and Parkinson's disease

There is no coverage for cancer, a benign brain tumour of any type, or Parkinson's disease if, within the first 90 days (one year for Parkinson's disease) after the coverage start date, the covered person:

- is diagnosed with cancer, benign brain tumour, or Parkinson's disease;
- has any signs, symptoms or tests that lead to a diagnosis of cancer, benign brain tumour, or Parkinson's disease.

However, coverage will stay in effect for all of the other covered conditions.

For information regarding when your Optional Critical Illness Insurance coverage will end, what is not covered under the plan, and other important details, (such as how the pre-existing condition clause applies to child coverage), please see your benefits booklet.



Need more information?

Call Sun Life at **1-866-539-7678**

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET or

email us at voluntary.benefits@sunlife.com

Group benefits are underwritten by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, a member of the Sun Life Financial group of companies.

¹ Based on current tax laws, we believe that any cash benefit from a group critical illness insurance plan will not presently be taxed when the premium is paid for by the plan member and the benefit is payable to the plan member. Diagnosis of a critical illness must occur after the effective date of coverage and you must complete a survival period (usually 30 days).

² Rates are calculated based on your age, gender and smoking status as of the effective date of coverage. Rates are reviewed every year, may change, and will increase as you move into the next age band. Premiums may be subject to applicable provincial sales tax.

³ For a more detailed explanation about how the "waiting period" works please see your benefits booklet. Note: the "waiting period" is called a "moratorium" in your benefits booklet.

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Any offers of Optional Critical Illness Insurance coverage that do not require proof of good health will not be available to you if you are not actively at work during the enrolment period and on the effective date of coverage.

This flyer provides a summary of coverage. For full terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions, please refer to the policy of insurance. In the event of a discrepancy between this flyer and the policy, the terms of the policy take precedence.

All claims must be approved by Sun Life Financial.

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