# Critical Illness Program

For the Members of: **Lethbridge College Students' Association** 



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#### **ELIGIBILITY**

You will be eligible for coverage if you are a member of the Policyholder's Health Plan, under age 65.

#### INSURED CONDITIONS

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Aorta Surgery
- Benign Brain Tumour
- Blindness
- Cancer
- Cancer Recurrence
- Coma
- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Deafness
- Dismemberme
- Heart Attack
- Heart Valve Replacement
- Loss of Independence
- Loss of Speech
- Major Organ Failure
- Major Organ Transplant

- Motor Neuron Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Occupational HIV Infection
- Paralysis
- · Parkinson's Disease
- Severe Burns
- Stroke

#### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

- Ductal Carcinoma in situ (DCIS) Benefit
- Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment
- Hip or Knee Replacement Surgery
- Second Event Benefit

#### **BENEFITS & COVERAGE**

# **Mandatory Coverage - No Medical Evidence**

You are covered for a flat amount of \$5,000.

# A pre-existing condition limitation provision is applied.

# What Is a Pre-Existing Condition Limitation?

This means that we won't pay for a critical condition diagnosed in the first 2 years of coverage, if that diagnosis was directly or indirectly caused by an injury or sickness you've received treatment, advice or a diagnosis on, in the 2 years just prior to your effective date of coverage.

# **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

If an Insured is diagnosed with or meets the definition of an Insured Condition or a Partial Payment Benefit condition, after the effective date or latest reinstatement date of coverage, and survives a period of 30 days following the date of diagnosis, or such longer period of time set out in the description of the

insured condition or Partial Payment Benefit condition, Chubb Life will pay the applicable benefit.

#### **PARTIAL BENEFITS**

Subject to the terms, conditions and other provisions of the policy, Chubb Life will pay the Partial Payment Benefit as set out below.

Please note that Partial Payment Benefits are not deemed to be Insured Conditions, nor do they fall under the category of Insured Conditions for the purposes of the Second Event Benefit.

Payment of a Partial Payment Benefit does not reduce eligible payment of a principal sum payment. Each Partial Payment Benefit is payable only once.

#### **Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS)**

"DCIS" means the diagnosis by a Physician, of the presence of Ductal Carcinoma In Situ of the breast, as confirmed by biopsy. A Physician certified as an oncologist must confirm the diagnosis in writing.

Chubb Life will pay 20% of the Principal Sum up to a maximum of \$20,000 if the insured is diagnosed with DCIS and survives 30 days thereafter.

# **Early Stage Prostate Cancer Treatment**

"Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment" means the diagnosis by a Physician certified as an oncologist of Early Stage Prostate Cancer with one of the following recommended treatments: Prostate Surgery, Radiation Therapy, Chemotherapy, or Hormone Therapy

Chubb Life will pay 20% of the Principal Sum up to a maximum of \$20,000 if the Insured undergoes Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment and the Insured survives 30 days thereafter.

No Partial Payment Benefit will be payable unless the Physician has recommended at least one of the above treatments.

**Hip or Knee Replacement Surgery (**only applicable to Mandatory Coverage) Chubb Life will pay 10% of the Principal Sum up to a maximum of \$10,000 if the insured has undergone surgery to replace either the hip or the entire knee through the procedures set out below:

- Hip replacement qualifies if the femoral stem is replaced. This
  procedure is performed in both total arthroplasty and hemiarthroplasty
  (both monopolar and biopolar)
- Knee replacement qualifies if all three compartments of the knee (medial, lateral and patellofemoral compartments) are replaced. This procedure is also known as total knee replacement.

Hip replacement or knee replacement surgeries must be performed by a Specialist.

#### **Second Event Benefit**

If an Insured Person is diagnosed with either of the following Category of Conditions;

- a. Cancer. or
- Cardiovascular Condition (defined as Heart Attack, Stroke, Coronary Artery Bypass, undergoes Aorta Surgery or Heart Valve Replacement)

for which the Principal Sum has been paid and an Insured is thereafter considered (by the treating physician) fully recovered and not actively receiving treatment and has returned to work for a period of at least 90 days and is then diagnosed with another Insured Condition, the Second Event benefit payable will be equal to the Principal Sum.

The Second Event Benefit is subject to the insured member surviving 30 days after the diagnosis of such Insured Condition.

In order to be considered an eligible Second Event condition the first event and the second event cannot fall into the same Category of Conditions, except as provided for under Cancer Recurrence.

The Second Event Benefit is payable only once. Payment of the Second Event Benefit will represent full and final discharge of all claims under the Second Event Benefit. Following Payment of the Second Event Benefit, coverage under the policy will terminate.

#### **DEFINITIONS OF INSURED CONDITIONS**

**Alzheimer's Disease**: means the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease, which is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain. The diagnosis must be supported by medical evidence that the Insured Person exhibits the loss of intellectual capacity resulting in impairment of their memory and judgment, which results in a significant reduction in their mental and social functioning, such that they require permanent daily personal supervision for the activities of daily living. All other dementing organic brain disorders and psychiatric illnesses are excluded from this insured condition definition. A physician who is certified as either a neurologist or a psychiatrist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

**Aorta Surgery**: means surgery to the aorta that is medically required to treat disease of the aorta and that involves the excision and surgical replacement of the diseased aorta with a graft. The Aortic Surgery must be performed on the prior written advice of a physician certified as a cardiovascular surgeon. Aorta includes the thoracic and abdominal aorta but does not include any of the branches of the aorta.

**Benign Brain Tumour**: means a benign neoplasm in the brain or meninges with histologic confirmation. Cysts granulomas, malformations of intracranial arteries or veins, and tumours or lesions of the pituitary are specifically excluded. The diagnosis must be confirmed neuro-radiologically by a specialist trained in the interpretation of radiological investigations.

**Blindness**: means the total and irrecoverable loss of sight in both eyes due to injury or sickness. Corrected visual acuity must be 20/200 or less in both eyes and the field of vision must be less than 20 degrees in both eyes. A physician certified in ophthalmology, must clinically confirm the diagnosis in writing.

**Cancer**: means a malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and invasion of tissue. This includes Leukemia, Hodgkin's Disease and invasive melanoma but does not include:

- Carcinoma in situ
- Kaposi's Sarcoma (or other AIDS related cancers) and cancer in the presence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- Skin cancer or melanoma that is not invasive and has not exceeded .75
  millimeters in depth.
- Prostate cancer diagnosed as T1 N0M0 or equivalent staging.
- A recurrence or metastasis of a cancer which was originally diagnosed prior to the effective date of coverage, except as provided for under Cancer Recurrence.

A physician certified as an oncologist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

**Cancer Recurrence** means, if the insured person has already been diagnosed with Cancer and, while insured, a new diagnosis of Cancer is made, a benefit will be paid, subject to all the policy terms and provisions, if the following conditions have been met:

- More than 60 months have passed since the previous cancer diagnosis; and
- No Treatment relating directly or indirectly to cancer has been received within that 60 month period (treatment does not include preventive medications and follow up visits to the doctor).

**Coma**: means you have been in a state of unconsciousness for a continuous period of at least 96 hours, during which external stimulation produced no more than primitive avoidance reflexes. A physician who is certified as a neurologist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

**Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery**: means surgery performed by a physician who is certified as a cardiovascular surgeon to correct narrowing or blockage of one or more coronary arteries with bypass grafts. Non-surgical techniques such as balloon angioplasty, laser relief of an obstruction, or other intra-arterial techniques will not be considered to be a covered Critical Illness.

**Deafness:** means the diagnosis of permanent loss of hearing in both of your ears, with an auditory threshold of more than 90 decibels in each ear. A physician, who is certified as an otolaryngologist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

**Dismemberment**: means a definite diagnosis of the complete severance of two or more limbs at or above the wrist or ankle joint as the result of an accident or medically required amputation. The diagnosis of Loss of Limbs must be made by a Specialist.

**Heart Attack**: means a definite diagnosis of the death of heart muscle due to obstruction of blood flow that results in the rise and fall of biochemical cardiac markers to levels considered diagnostic of myocardial infarction, with at least one of the following:

- a. heart attack symptoms; or
- b. new electrocardiogram (ECG) changes consistent with a heart attack; or
- development of new Q waves during or immediately following an intraarterial cardiac procedure including, but not limited to, coronary angiography and coronary angioplasty.

The diagnosis of Heart Attack must be made by a Specialist.

Exclusions: No benefit will be payable under this condition for:

- a. elevated biochemical cardiac markers with a:
  - i. Troponin Level of less than 1
  - ii. CK-Mb Level of less than 4, or
- b. ECG changes suggesting a prior myocardial infarction, which do not meet the Heart Attack definition as described above.

**Heart Valve Replacement**: means undergoing surgery to replace any heart valve with either a natural or mechanical valve. The surgery must be determined to be medically necessary by a Specialist. *Exclusion:* No benefit will be payable under this condition for heart valve repair.

**Loss of Independence**: means the definitive diagnosis by a licensed physician of either:

- Being totally and permanently unable to perform, by oneself, at least 2
  of the 6 activities of daily living or,
- Cognitive impairment.

A mental or nervous disorder without a demonstrable organic cause is not covered. Loss of Independence must persist for at least 90 days from the date of the diagnosis.

**Loss of Speech**: means the definite diagnosis of the total and irreversible loss of the ability to speak as the result of physical injury or disease, for a period of at least 180 days. The diagnosis of Loss of Speech must be made by a Specialist.

**Major Organ Failure**: means the irreversible failure of the entire heart, entire liver, entire pancreas (pancreatic islet cell transplants are excluded) both lungs, both kidneys or bone marrow, in which the affected organ is unresponsive to any treatment and for which the Insured Person medically required to become enrolled in a recognized Canadian transplant program to become the recipient of a heart, a liver, a pancreas, a lung, or a kidney or to receive a bone marrow transplant.

**Major Organ Transplant**: means a definite diagnosis of the irreversible failure of the heart, both lungs, liver, both kidneys or bone marrow, and transplantation must be medically necessary. To qualify under Major Organ Transplant, the Insured Person must undergo a transplantation procedure as the recipient of a heart, lung, liver, kidney or bone marrow, and limited to these entities. The diagnosis of the major organ failure must be made by a Specialist.

Motor Neuron Disease: means a definite diagnosis of one of the following:

- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease)
- Primary lateral sclerosis
- Progressive spinal muscular atrophy
- Progressive bulbar palsy
- · Pseudo bulbar palsy

The diagnosis of Motor Neuron Disease must be made by a Specialist.

**Multiple Sclerosis**: means the unequivocal written diagnosis by a physician who is certified as a neurologist confirming at least one of the following:

- two or more separate clinical attacks, confirmed by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the nervous system, showing multiple lesions of demyelination; or
- well-defined neurological abnormalities lasting more than 6 months, confirmed by MRI imaging of the nervous system, showing multiple lesions of demyelination; or
- a single attack, confirmed by repeated MRI imaging of the nervous system, which shows multiple lesions of demyelination which have developed at intervals at least one month apart.

**Occupational HIV Infection**: means a definite diagnosis of infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) resulting from accidental injury during the course of the Insured Person's normal occupation, which exposed the person to HIV contaminated body fluids. The accidental injury leading to the infection must have occurred after the later of the effective date of the policy, the effective

date of last reinstatement of the policy, or the Insured Person's effective date of coverage.

Payment under this condition requires satisfaction of all of the following:

- a. The accidental injury must be reported to Chubb Life within 14 days of the accidental injury;
- A serum HIV test must be taken within 14 days of the accidental injury and the result must be negative;
- A serum HIV test must be taken between 90 days and 180 days after the accidental injury and the result must be positive;
- All HIV tests must be performed by a duly licensed laboratory in Canada or the United States of America;
- The accidental injury must be reported, investigated and documented in accordance with current Canadian or United States of America workplace guidelines.

The diagnosis of Occupational HIV Infection must be made by a Specialist.

**Exclusions:** No benefit will be payable under this condition if:

- The Insured Person has elected not to take any available licensed vaccine offering protection against HIV; or,
- A licensed cure for HIV infection is available prior to the accidental injury; or,
- HIV infection has occurred as a result of non-accidental injury including, but not limited to, sexual transmission and intravenous (IV) drug use.

**Paralysis**: means the total and irrecoverable loss of function of two (2) or more limbs through neurological damage due to injury or sickness, provided such loss of function continually lasts for 180 consecutive days and such loss of function is thereafter determined on evidence satisfactory to Chubb Life to be permanent. A physician certified as a neurologist must confirm diagnosis in writing.

**Parkinson's Disease**: means unequivocal diagnosis of primary idiopathic Parkinson's Disease resulting in the inability to perform 3 of the 6 activities of daily living without assistance. Diagnosis should show signs of progressive impairment and must be confirmed in writing by a physician who is certified as a neurologist.

**Severe Burns**: means the Insured Person has third degree burns covering at least 20% of the surface area of their body. A physician who is certified as a plastic surgeon must confirm diagnosis of this condition in writing.

**Stroke**: means that the Insured Person has suffered a cerebrovascular incident, excluding transient ischemic attack (TIA), producing infarction of brain tissue due to thrombosis, hemorrhage from an intracranial vessel or embolization caused by an extracranial source. There must be evidence of permanent

neurological deficit persisting for 30 consecutive days, supported by evidence that the deficit is resulting from the stroke, confirmed in writing by a physician who is certified as a neurologist.

# CONTINUANCE OF COVERAGE

If you are (1) laid-off on a temporary basis, (2) temporarily absent from work due to short-term disability, (3) on leave of absence, or (4) on maternity leave, coverage shall be extended for a period of 12 months following the beginning of any such event subject to continued payment of premium.

#### CONVERSION

On the date of termination of employment or during the 31 day period following termination of employment, an Insured may convert his or her coverage under this policy to an individual insurance policy of Chubb Life. The individual policy will be effective either as of the date that Chubb Life receives the application or on the date that coverage under the group policy ceases, whichever occurs later. The premium will be the same as an Insured would ordinarily pay when applying for an individual policy at that time. The amount of Critical Illness insurance benefit converted to shall not exceed that amount issued during employment up to an all policies combined maximum of \$25,000. The individual policy will cover the same conditions as those available under the group policy currently in force.

#### **LIMITATIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

The plan does not provide benefits for any of the specified coverages caused directly or indirectly by or resulting from intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereat, while sane or insane; declared or undeclared war or any act thereof; injury or sickness, other than one of the specified insured conditions, even though such injury or sickness may have been complicated by one of the specified coverages; a complication of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection or any variance thereof including AIDS and AIDS Related Complex; the use, existence or escape of nuclear weapons, material or ionizing radiation from or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; the commission or attempted commission by the Insured Person of any act which if adjudicated by a court would be an illegal act under the laws of the jurisdiction where the act was committed; misuse of medication or the abuse of drugs or intoxicants; or a pre-existing medical condition except where coverage has been in effect for a period of 24 months following your or your covered dependent's effective date of coverage.

# 90 Day DCIS, Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment and Cancer Exclusion

Chubb Life will not pay the Critical Illness Benefit for a diagnosis of DCIS, Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment, and Cancer 90 days from the effective date, or latest reinstatement date of coverage.

In the event of a diagnosis within this 90 day DCIS, Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment and Cancer exclusion period, coverage under this policy for the Insured will remain in force but DCIS, Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment and Cancer will be a Pre-Existing Condition and the Critical Illness Benefit will not be payable. This 90 day DCIS, Early Stage Prostate Cancer (T1a or T1b) Treatment and Cancer Exclusion does not apply to a diagnosis of another Insured Condition or a subsequent diagnosis of an unrelated Cancer.

#### **HOW TO CLAIM**

You may obtain the required forms from your Plan Administrator.

Notice of claim must be given to Chubb Life within 30 days from the date of the accident, the beginning of the disability or after the survival period, and subsequent proof of claim must be submitted to Chubb Life within 90 days from the date of the accident or after survival period.

Failure to give notice of claim or furnish proof of claim within the time prescribed in the policy condition will not invalidate the claim if the notice or proof is given or furnished as soon as reasonably possible and if it is shown that it was not reasonably possible to give notice or furnish proof within the time so prescribed. In no event, will Chubb Life accept notice of claim beyond one year.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Beneficiary**

You or your covered spouse have the right to name a beneficiary when applying for insurance.

It is understood that the beneficiary designation made under the Policyholder's Group Life Insurance Policy shall be recognized as the beneficiary under this policy, unless a further designation has been made that specifically identifies the policy. Failing such designation, all benefits will be paid to the estate of the insured member.

All other indemnities of the policy will be payable to the insured member. An insured person can change his beneficiary at any time, where permitted by law. The insurer assumes no responsibility for the validity of such designation or change of beneficiary.

The beneficiary designation made by the insured person (if any) under the replaced policy has been retained. The insured person should review the existing designation to ensure it reflects his/her current intention.

The policy contains a provision removing or restricting the right of the insured person to designate persons to whom or for whose benefit insurance money is to be payable.

## **Legal Actions**

Every action or proceeding against an insurer for the recovery of insurance money payable under the contract is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act, Limitations Act, 2002 or other applicable legislation in the Insured's province of residence.

# **Change of Insurer**

An insured person under a former policy may not be excluded from the new policy or be denied benefits solely because of a pre-existing condition limitation that was not applicable or that did not exist in the former policy, or because the person is not at work on the date of coming into force of the new policy.

The insured person and any claimant under the policy has the right, as determined by law applicable in the insured person's province of residence, to obtain a copy of his/her application, any written evidence of insurability (as applicable) and the Policy, on request, subject to certain access limitations.

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