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### Support in times of need

## Loretta's story\*

"After a routine mammogram, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Who can ever plan for something like that?" "I had surgery, chemo and many visits to the oncologist. So, my out-of-pocket medical costs really added up." "Filing a claim was fast and easy. And the benefit went right into my bank account. The cash helped pay medical bills, childcare and groceries."



### Your plan — your benefits

Here's what the **low \$10K** plan pays if you're a member and face a situation like Loretta's.

Covered diagnosis	Benefit
Health screening	\$50
Cancer diagnosis (invasive)	\$10,000
Total benefits paid	\$10,050

### **Aetna Critical Illness Plan benefits**

An Aetna Critical Illness Plan helps ease some financial worries. It pays benefits for these diagnoses, and more:

- Heart attack & stroke
- Major organ failure
- Invasive & non-invasive cancers
- Alzheimer's & lupus
- Childhood illnesses
- Infectious diseases (including coronavirus\*\*)
- Recurrence (same) & subsequent (different) illnesses\*\*\*
- **\$50** health screening

**Want to learn more?** You have a choice of plan options. Limits may apply to the number of times we pay a benefit. If you or a covered dependent are diagnosed with two or more critical illnesses on the same day, we will pay the diagnosis with the highest benefit amount. Check out your plan summary for a complete list of benefits, details, exclusions and limitations.

\*The above member story illustrates how the plan works but does not reflect events of real participants.

\*\*Some infectious diseases, including coronavirus, require a hospital stay of at least five days for benefits to be paid.

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"I knew my family had a history of heart disease. But I try to eat right and exercise. So, my heart attack took me by surprise. So did the stroke I had later." "I'm expected to make a full recovery. But man — those bills! That's where my critical illness plan helped the most." "Filing a claim online was fast and easy. And the benefits went directly into my bank account. I used the cash for medical bills. Plus, it helped pay my mortgage."



### Your plan — your benefits

Here's what the **high \$20K** plan pays if you're a member and face a situation like Hung's.

Covered diagnosis	Benefit
Heart attack	\$20,000
Stroke (subsequent diagnosis)	\$20,000
Total benefits paid	\$40,000

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## Aetna<sup>®</sup> Supplemental Health Plans We make it simple

If you're eligible to enroll and apply for coverage, we guarantee your acceptance. We pay cash benefits directly to you. And we don't reduce those benefits due to any other insurance you may have. You get access to group rates and the ease of payroll deductions to pay your premiums. And, if you leave your employer, you can take your plan with you.

### More great benefits

**Health screening:** The Aetna Critical Illness Plan pays you a **\$50** benefit once per member per year per plan for a covered health screening. See the full list of tests in your plan summary.

**Childhood illnesses:** The Aetna Critical Illness Plan pays benefits if your dependent child is diagnosed after the coverage effective date with illnesses and conditions, such as cerebral palsy, congenital heart defect and cystic fibrosis. See the full list of covered childhood conditions in your plan summary.

#### Aetna Easy File™

After you become a member, you'll enjoy an Aetna Simplified Claims Experience™ on our member portal at **MyAetnaSupplemental.com** or on the **My Aetna Supplemental** app.

Filing a claim is easy. Just answer a few brief questions online. You can also view your coverage and sign up for direct deposit. Our system retrieves medical information needed to process your claim. That's less paperwork for you.

Don't have Medica through Windstream Services? No problem, just upload or take a picture of your medical bill. You can also print and mail a paper claim form to Aetna Voluntary Plans.

### What else do I need to know?

If you are enrolled in a critical illness plan with the prior carrier, simply re-enroll in a comparable Aetna plan effective January 1, 2024. Please continue to make claims with the prior carrier for events that occur prior to the effective date of your new coverage.

### **Questions? Ready to enroll?**

Visit <u>https://windstreambenefits.com</u> to view more coverage details. You'll also find rates and instructions on how to sign up. If you have questions about the plans, call Aetna Member Services at **1-800-607-3366 (TTY: 711)**, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM.

## **Exclusions and limitations**

These plans have exclusions and limitations. Refer to the actual policy and certificate to see which benefits are not payable. The following is a partial list of services and supplies that are generally not covered. But the plans may contain exceptions to this list based on state mandates or the plan design purchased. Benefits under the policy will not be payable for anything related to:

#### Aetna® Critical Illness Plan exclusions and limitations

- 1. Act of war, riot, war:
- 2. Assault, felony, illegal occupation, or other criminal act;
- 3. Care provided by immediate family members or any household member;
- 4. Suicide or attempt at suicide, intentionally self-inflicted injury, or any attempt at self-inflicted injury, or any form of intentional asphyxiation, except when resulting from a diagnosed disorder;
- 5. Being under the influence of a stimulant (such as amphetamines), depressant, hallucinogen, narcotic or any other drug intoxicant, including those prescribed by a physician that are misused by the covered person, except when resulting from a diagnosed disorder;

Critical Illness Policy form issued in Oklahoma include: GR-96843, AL HCOC-VOL CI 01, and AL HPOL-VOL CI 01 Critical Illness Policy form issued in Missouri and Wyoming include: GR-96844 01, AL HCOC-VOL CI 01 and AL HPOL-VOL CI 01

### THESE PLANS DO NOT COUNT AS MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. THESE ARE A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH **INSURANCE AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE.**

These plans provide limited benefits. They pay fixed dollar benefits for covered services without regard to the health care provider's actual charges. The benefits payments are not intended to cover the full cost of medical care. You are responsible for making sure the provider's bills get paid. These benefits are paid in addition to any other health coverage you may have. This material is for information only. Insurance plans contain exclusions and limitations. Not all health services are covered, and coverage is subject to applicable laws and regulations, including economic and trade sanctions. See plan documents for a complete description of benefits, exclusions, limitations and conditions of coverage. Plan features, rates, eligibility and availability may vary by location and are subject to change. Providers are independent contractors and are not agents of Aetna. Aetna does not provide care or guarantee access to health services. Health information programs provide general health information and are not a substitute for diagnosis or treatment by a physician or other health care professional. Information is believed to be accurate as of the production date; however, it is subject to change. Refer to Aetna.com for more information about Aetna® plans.





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Aetna provides free aids/services to people with disabilities and to people who need language assistance. If you need a qualified interpreter, written information in other formats, translation or other services, call 1-888-772-9682.

If you believe we have failed to provide these services or otherwise discriminated based on a protected class noted above, you can also file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by contacting:

Civil Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 14462, Lexington, KY 40512 1-800-648-7817, TTY: 711, Fax: 859-425-3379, <u>CRCoordinator@aetna.com</u>.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <u>https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</u>, or at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, or at 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD).

## Availability of Language Assistance Services

TTY: 711

For language assistance in your language call 1-888-772-9682 at no cost. (English)

Para obtener asistencia lingüística en su idioma, llame sin cargo al 1-888-772-9682. (Spanish)

欲取得以您的語言提供的語言協助,請撥打1-888-772-9682,無需付費。(Chinese)

Pour une assistance linguistique dans votre langue, appeler le 1-888-772-9682 sans frais. (French)

Para sa tulong sa inyong wika, tumawag sa 1-888-772-9682 nang walang bayad. (Tagalog)

Hilfe oder Informationen in deutscher Sprache erhalten Sie kostenlos unter der Nummer 1-888-772-9682. (German)

للمساعدة اللغوية بلغتك الرجاء الاتصال على الرقم المجاني Arabic). (Arabic)

Pou jwenn asistans nan lang pa w, rele nimewo 1-888-772-9682 gratis. (French Creole)

Per ricevere assistenza nella sua lingua, può chiamare gratuitamente il numero 1-888-772-9682. (Italian)

日本語で援助をご希望の方は 1-888-772-9682 (フリーダイアル) までお電話ください。(Japanese)

본인의 언어로 통역 서비스를 받고 싶으시면 비용 부담 없이 1-888-772-9682번으로 전화해 주십시오. (Korean)

برای راهنمایی به زبان شما با شماره 9682-772-888-1 بدون هیچ هزینه ای تماس بگیرید. (Persian)

Aby uzyskać pomoc w swoim języku, zadzwoń bezpłatnie pod numer 1-888-772-9682. (Polish)

Para obter assistência no seu idioma, ligue gratuitamente para o 1-888-772-9682. (Portuguese)

Чтобы получить помощь с переводом на ваш язык, позвоните по бесплатному номеру 1-888-772-9682. (Russian)

Để được hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ bằng ngôn ngữ của bạn, hãy gọi miễn phí đến số 1-888-772-9682. (Vietnamese)