

## LIC's Group Critical Illness Rider (Accelerated Benefit)

### LIC brings you its Group Critical Illness Rider Benefit as an add-on benefit to the Group term assurance products.

Human Capital is being increasingly recognized as one of the main drivers to success of every organization. (Hence finding and retaining the right people is a challenge that every organization faces). It is important for every organization to provide a safe and secure environment for its team to enable them to enhance productivity and contribute their best to the organization. From an employee perspective, security against risks is a very important factor which affects his/her productive capacity. This includes the security of the employee and his/her family having something to fall back upon in case of an unfortunate risk event happening on his/her life. It is a well known fact that employees look forward to their organization to provide support on the occurrence of such risk events and these risk events always, in one way or another, tend to have a possible financial impact for the organization. Moreover, the uncertainty of these risk events make it difficult for organizations to plan for such impacts. Some of such risk events are death, disability and severe illness.

Group insurance is a very simple and cost effective arrangement whereby the financial impact of such risks are transferred to an Insurance Company. LIC is now pleased to offer a comprehensive Group Insurance Scheme with the introduction of a Critical Illness (Accelerated) Benefit Rider, which has been developed to cover the Critical Illnesses most relevant to India. After all, we know India better.

#### Why Is LIC The Best Choice?

1. This Rider Benefit comes to you from the country's leading insurer backed by more than 20 crore policyholders and an asset size more than Rs 6, 50,000 crores.
2. Your local insurer - You can be assured of service through our offices all over India. This results in quick and hassle Free Administration of Scheme
3. The settlement of claims is a very important area of service to the policy holders. Hence, the Corporation has laid greater emphasis on expeditious settlement of claims.

#### What Is The Group Critical Illness (Accelerated) Benefit ?

The Group Critical illness (Accelerated) Benefit pays a lump sum amount out of the sum assured under the life cover in the event of occurrence of the following specified Critical Illnesses.

Heart Attack, Cancer, Stroke, Kidney Failure, Coronary Bypass Surgery, Aorta Surgery, Heart Valve Replacement and Major Burns. The exact definitions, claim conditions and exclusions are given in the Annexure A.

It is important to note that the Critical Illness Accelerated benefit for a member of the scheme is payable only upon the first incidence of any of the above specified Critical illnesses and only if the Critical Illness event satisfies the specified definitions and is evidenced as per the diagnostic criteria specified under the definitions. The Critical Illness coverage is only for true employer-employee groups and cannot be extended to spouses or dependents, affiliate groups, group associations or professional groups. Only full-time permanent employees who are actively at work will be eligible for CI coverage. The Critical Illness benefit should be compulsory for all eligible members of a group scheme.

### Benefits under the Critical Illness Rider for the Group Scheme

#### Critical Illness Benefit for a member of the scheme:

Upon incidence of any of the 8 specified diseases stated as above, the accelerated benefit equal to a percentage of the base sum assured as chosen at the start of the policy year and subject to a maximum of 100% of the base sum assured, is payable on the admission of the claim.

**Death of a member of the scheme:** Nothing is payable under this rider. However, under the base plan benefits as under shall become payable

1. A benefit equal to base sum assured if no critical illness benefit is paid.
2. If critical illness benefit is already paid, the benefit is reduced by the amount of critical illness benefit already paid. The difference between the base sum assured and the critical illness benefit already paid is payable immediately on death.

#### How To Avail The Benefit ?

The Proposer can opt to have the Group Critical Illness Rider Benefit for his employees as an add on Benefit to the Group Policy which has an element of life cover. Existing master policyholders can also choose to have this rider on their scheme renewal dates.

#### Are There Any Limits ?

The Group Critical Illness Rider Sum Assured allowable for each member shall be a minimum of 20% of Sum Assured under the Base plan and shall not exceed 100% of the Sum Assured under the Base Plan subject to a maximum Rider Sum assured of Rs. 20 lakhs for each member of the scheme. A Free Cover Limit depending

upon the size of the group, is also available under this rider benefit. Additional insurability evidence may be required for Sum Assured exceeding Free Cover Limit and depending upon the composition of the group. The minimum entry age is 18 and the maximum entry age is 64.

#### How To Install The Scheme?

Ensure that the Sales brochure is circulated among the members and benefits and exclusion clauses clearly explained to the members.

Decide on the amount of accelerated benefit needed for the members eligible for the Critical Illness rider.

Forward to LIC, Master Proposal signed by the Master Policyholder, data of eligible employees and the Scheme Rules.

#### Risks Borne By The Policyholder:

All benefits under the policy are also subject to the Tax Laws and other Financial enactments as they exist from time to time.

Income Tax Benefit : The Premiums payable are exempted under Section 80D of the Income Tax act.

#### Prohibition Of Rebates Section 41 Of Insurance Act 1938

(1) No person shall allow or offer to allow, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement to any person to (take out or renew or continue) an insurance in respect of any kind of risk relating to lives or property in India, any rebate of the whole or part of the commission payable or any rebate of the premium shown on the policy, nor shall any person taking out or renewing or continuing a policy accept any rebate except such rebates as may be allowed in accordance with the published prospectuses or tables of the insurer provided that acceptance by an insurance agent of commission in connection with a policy of life insurance taken out by himself on his own life shall not be deemed to be acceptance of the rebate of premium within the meaning of this sub-section if at the time of such acceptance the insurance agent satisfies the prescribed conditions establishing that he is a bona-fide insurance agent employed by the insurer.

(2) Any person making default in complying with the provision of this Section shall be punishable with a fine, which may extend to Rs 500.

#### Annexure A :

Definitions and Evidence Criteria of covered Diseases

##### 1. Cancer

A disease manifested by the presence of a malignant tumour characterised by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells, and the invasion of tissue. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist and evidenced by definite histology. The term cancer

also includes leukaemia and malignant diseases of the lymphatic system such as Hodgkin's Disease.

#### Excluded are:

- Any CIN stage (cervical intraepithelial neoplasia)
- Any pre-malignant tumour
- Any non-invasive cancer (cancer in situ)
- Prostate cancer stage 1 (T 1a, 1b, 1c)
- Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma
- Malignant melanoma stage IA (T 1a N0 M0)
- Any malignant tumour in the presence of any Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

##### 2. Coronary Artery (Bypass) Surgery (premium to be adjusted)

The actual undergoing of open chest surgery for the correction of one or more coronary arteries, which is/are narrowed or blocked, by coronary artery bypass graft (CABG). The surgery must have been proven to be necessary by means of coronary angiography and realisation of the surgery has to be confirmed by a specialist.

#### Excluded are:

- Angioplasty
- Any other intra-arterial procedures
- Key-hole surgery

##### 3. Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)

The death of a portion of the heart muscle as a result of inadequate blood supply to the relevant area. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist and evidenced by all of the following criteria:

- a) a history of typical chest pain
- b) new characteristic electrocardiogram changes
- c) elevation of infarction specific enzymes, Troponins or other biochemical markers

#### Excluded are:

- Non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) with only elevation of Troponin I or T
- Other acute Coronary Syndromes (e.g. stable/unstable Angina pectoris)
- Silent myocardial infarction

##### 4. Stroke

Any cerebrovascular incident producing permanent neurological sequelae and including infarction of brain tissue, haemorrhage and embolisation from an extracranial source. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist and evidenced by typical clinical symptoms

as well as typical findings in CCT Scan or MRI of the brain. Evidence of neurological deficit for at least 3 months has to be produced.

**Excluded are:**

- Transient ischemic attacks (TIA)
- Traumatic injury of the brain
- Neurological symptoms due to migraine
- Lacunar strokes without neurological deficit

**5. Kidney Failure (End Stage Renal Disease)**

End stage renal disease presented as chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function, as a result of which either regular renal dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal (dialysis) is instituted or renal transplantation is carried out. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist.

**6. Aorta (Surgery of Aorta)**

The actual undergoing of surgery for a chronic disease of the aorta needing excision and surgical replacement of the diseased aorta with a graft. For the purpose of this definition aorta shall mean the thoracic and abdominal aorta but not its branches. Realisation of the aortic surgery has to be confirmed by a specialist.

**7. Heart Valve Replacement**

Surgical replacement of one or more heart valves with prosthetic valves. This includes the replacement of aortic, mitral, pulmonary or tricuspid valves with prosthetic valves due to stenosis or incompetence or a combination of these factors. Realisation of the heart valve replacement has to be confirmed by a specialist.

**Excluded are:**

- Heart valve repair
- Valvulotomy
- Valvuloplasty

**8. Major Burns**

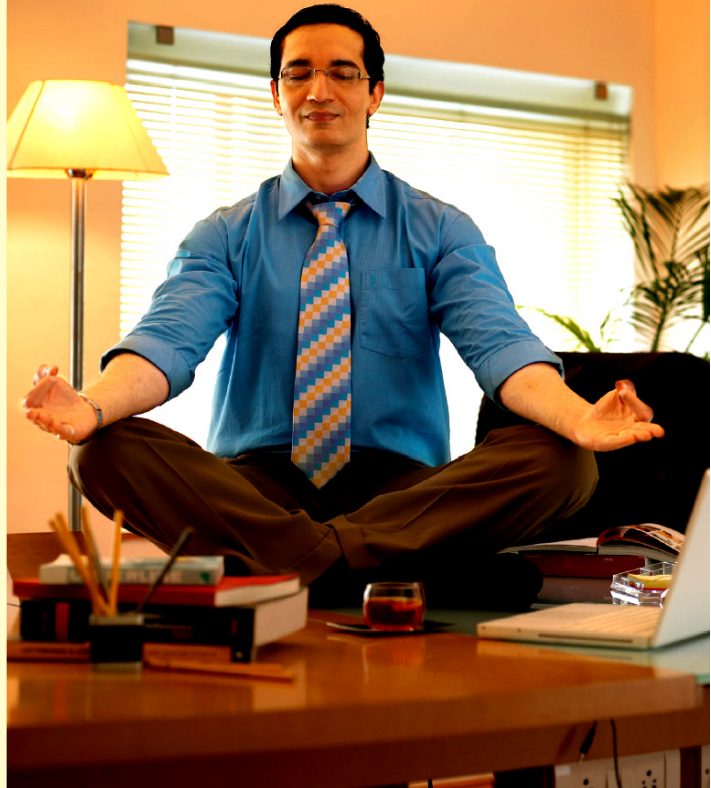
Third degree burns covering at least 20% of the surface area of the Insured's body. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist and evidenced by specific results re the Lund Browder Chart or equivalent burn area calculators.

**Exclusions for Group Critical Illness Benefit**

The following are the exclusions for the Critical Illness cover. Additional exclusions may be disease-specific and would be incorporated into the definition of the disease. Benefits shall not be paid as a result of:

1. Diseases in the presence of an HIV infection;
2. Diseases that have previously occurred in the life insured (i.e. the benefit is payable only if the disease is a first incidence, regardless of whether the earlier incidence occurred before the individual was covered or whether the insured was covered by the Company or another insurer);
3. Any disease occurring within 90 days of the start of coverage (i.e. during the waiting period);
4. No payment will be made by the Company for any claim directly or indirectly caused by, based on, arising out of, or howsoever, to any Critical Illness for which care, treatment, or advice was recommended by or received from a Physician, or which first manifested itself or was contracted before the start of the Policy Period, or for which a claim has or could have been made under any earlier policy.
5. Any congenital condition
6. Intentional self-inflicted injury, attempted suicide, while sane or insane
7. Alcohol or Solvent abuse or taking of Drugs, narcotics or psychotropic substances unless taken in accordance with the lawful directions and prescription of a registered medical practitioner
8. Failure to seek or follow medical advice
9. War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), armed or unarmed truce, civil war, mutiny, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, riot or civil commotion, strikes
10. Taking part in any naval, military or air force operation during peace time
11. Participation by the insured person in any flying activity, except as a bona-fide, fare-paying passenger of a recognized airline on regular routes and on a scheduled timetable
12. Participation by the insured person in a criminal or unlawful act
13. Engaging in or taking part in professional sport(s) or any hazardous pursuits, including but not limited to, diving or riding or any kind of race; underwater activities involving the use of breathing apparatus or not; martial arts; hunting; mountaineering; parachuting; bungee-jumping;
14. Nuclear Contamination; the radio active, explosive or hazardous nature of nuclear fuel materials or property contaminated by nuclear fuel materials or accident arising from such nature

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