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# HOSPITAL CARE COVERAGE

## SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

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Hospital Care coverage provides a benefit according to the schedule below when a Covered Person incurs a Hospital stay resulting from a Covered Injury or Covered Illness See State Variations (marked by \*) below.

### Who Can Elect Coverage:

**Eligibility for You, Your Spouse and Your Children will be considered by Your employer.**

**You:** All active, full-time Employees of the Employer who are regularly working in the United States a minimum of 20 hours per week and regularly residing in the United States and who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens or non-United States citizens legally working and living in the United States (Inpats) and their Spouse and Dependent Children who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens or Spouse or Dependent Child Inpats and who are legally residing in the United States.

You will be eligible for coverage on the first of the month after 30 days from date of hire or Active Service.

**Your Spouse:\*** Up to age 100, as long as you apply for and are approved for coverage yourself.

**Your Child(ren):** Birth to age 26; 26+ if disabled, as long as you apply for and are approved for coverage yourself.

### Available Coverage:

The benefit amounts shown in this summary will be paid regardless of the actual expenses incurred and are paid on a per day basis unless otherwise specified. Benefits are only payable when all policy terms and conditions are met. Please read all the information in this summary to understand the terms, conditions, state variations, exclusions and limitations applicable to these benefits. See your Certificate of Insurance for more information.

**Benefit Waiting Period:\*** 30 days following the effective date, unless otherwise stated. No benefits will be paid for a loss which occurs during the Benefit Waiting Period.

NOTE: This insurance is NOT a substitute for comprehensive or major medical insurance coverage.

Hospitalization Benefits	Plan
<b>Hospital Admission (Non-ICU and ICU)</b> No Elimination Period. Limited to 1 day, 1 benefit(s) every 90 days.	\$1,000
<b>Hospital Chronic Condition Admission</b> No Elimination Period. Limited to 1 day, 1 benefit(s) every 90 days.	\$50
<b>Hospital Stay</b> No Elimination Period. Limited to 30 days, 1 benefit(s) every 90 days.	\$100
<b>Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Stay</b> No Elimination Period. Limited to 30 days, 1 benefit(s) every 90 days.	\$200
<b>Hospital Observation Stay</b> 24 hour Elimination Period. Limited to 72 hours.	\$100 per 24-hour period

**Portability Feature:\*** You, your spouse, and child(ren) can continue 100% of your coverage at the time your coverage ends. You must be covered under the policy and be under the age of 100 in order to continue your coverage. Rates may change and all coverage ends at age 100. Only available to United States Citizens, Permanent Resident Aliens and non-United States Citizens working in the United States lawfully (Inpats) while residing in the United States.

See your employer for the costs to enroll in this coverage.

**NOTE:** The following are some of the important policy provisions, terms and conditions that apply to benefits described in the policy. This is not a complete list. See your Certificate of Insurance for more information.

**Benefit Amounts Payable:** Benefits for all Covered Persons are payable at 100% of the Benefit Amounts shown, unless otherwise stated. Late applicants, if allowed under this plan, may be required to provide medical evidence of insurability.

### Benefit-Specific Conditions, Exclusions & Limitations (Hospital Care):

**Hospital Admission:** Must be admitted as an Inpatient due to a Covered Injury or Covered Illness. Excludes: treatment in an emergency room, provided on an outpatient basis, or for re-admission for the same Covered Injury or Covered Illness (including chronic conditions).

**Hospital Chronic Condition Admission:** Must be admitted as an Inpatient due to a covered chronic condition and treatment for a covered chronic condition must be provided by a specialist in that field of medicine. Excludes: treatment in an emergency room, provided on an outpatient basis, or for re-admission for the same Covered Injury or Covered Illness (including chronic conditions).

**Hospital Stay:** Must be admitted as an Inpatient and confined to the Hospital, due to a Covered Injury or Covered Illness, at the direction and under the care of a physician. If also eligible for the ICU Stay Benefit, only 1 benefit will be paid for the same Covered Injury or Covered Illness, whichever is greater. Hospital stays within 90 days for the same or a related Covered Injury or Covered Illness is considered one Hospital Stay.

**Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Stay:** Must be admitted as an Inpatient and confined in an ICU of a Hospital, due to a Covered Injury or Covered Illness, at the direction and under the care of a physician. If also eligible for the Hospital Stay Benefit, only 1 benefit will be paid for the same Covered Injury or Covered Illness, whichever is greater. ICU stays within 90 days for the same or a related Covered Injury or Covered Illness is considered one ICU stay.

**Hospital Observation Stay:** Must be receiving treatment for a Covered Injury or Covered Illness in a Hospital, including an observation room, or ambulatory surgical center, for more than 24 hours on a non-inpatient basis and a charge must be incurred. This benefit is not payable if a benefit is payable under the Hospital Stay Benefit or Hospital Intensive Care Unit Stay Benefit.

### Common Exclusions and Limitations:

**Exclusions:**\* In addition to any benefit-specific exclusion, benefits will not be paid for any Covered Injury or Covered Illness which is caused by or results from any of the following (unless otherwise provided for in the policy): • Intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempted threat while sane or insane; • Commission or attempt to commit a felony or an assault; • Declared or undeclared war or act of war; • A Covered Injury or Covered Illness that occurs while on active duty service in the military, naval or air force of any country or international organization. Upon our receipt of proof of service, we will refund any premium paid for this time. Reserve or National Guard active duty training is not excluded unless it extends beyond 31 days; • Voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage (excludes WA residents); • Operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug, narcotic or other intoxicant including any prescribed drug for which the Covered Person has been provided a written warning against operating a vehicle while taking it. "Under the influence of alcohol", for purposes of this exclusion, means intoxicated, as defined by the law of the state in which the Covered Injury or Covered Illness occurred. (excludes WA residents); • Those not necessary, as determined by Us in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice, for the diagnosis, care or treatment of the physical or mental condition involved. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended, or approved by the attending physician; • Elective or cosmetic surgery. This does not include reconstructive, cosmetic surgery: a) incidental to or following surgery for trauma, infection or other disease of the involved part; or b) due to congenital disease or anomaly of a Covered Dependent child which has resulted in a functional defect; • Dental surgery, unless the surgery is the result of an accidental injury. In addition, benefits will not be paid for services or treatment rendered by a Physician, Nurse or any other person who is: employed or retained by the Subscriber or providing homeopathic, aromatherapeutic or herbal therapeutic services or living in the Covered Person's household or a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

### Important Definitions:

**Covered Illness:** A physical or mental disease or disorder including pregnancy and complications of pregnancy that results in a covered loss. A Covered Illness includes medically-necessary quarantine in a Hospital in conjunction with medically-necessary preventive treatment due to an identifiable exposure to a life-threatening contagious and infectious disease.

**Covered Injury:** Any bodily harm that results in a covered loss.

**Covered Person:** An eligible person, as defined in the Schedule of Benefits, who is enrolled and for whom Evidence of Insurability, where required, has been accepted by Us, required premium has been paid when due, and coverage under this Policy remains in force.

**Elimination Period:** The continuous period of time that must be satisfied before a benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits is payable. An Elimination Period may be satisfied during the Policy's Benefit Waiting Period.

**Hospital:**\* An institution that is licensed as a hospital pursuant to applicable law; primarily and continuously engaged in providing medical care and treatment to sick and injured persons; managed under the supervision of a staff of physicians; provides 24-hour nursing services by or under the supervision of a graduate registered Nurse (R.N.); and has medical, diagnostic and treatment facilities with major surgical facilities on its premises, or available to it on a prearranged basis. The term Hospital does not include a clinic, facility, or unit of a Hospital for: (1) rehabilitation, convalescent, custodial, educational, hospice, or skilled nursing care; (2) the aged, drug addicts or alcoholics; or (3) a facility primarily or solely providing psychiatric services to mentally ill patients.

## Policy Provisions:

**When your coverage begins:** Coverage begins on the later of the program's effective date, the date you become eligible, the first of the month following the date your completed enrollment form is received or if evidence of insurability is required, the first of the month after we have approved you (or your dependent) for coverage in writing unless otherwise agreed upon by Cigna. Your coverage will not begin unless you are actively at work on the effective date. Coverage for Covered Persons will not begin on the effective date if the covered person is confined to a hospital, facility or at home; disabled or receiving disability benefits or unable to perform activities of daily living.

**When your coverage ends:** Coverage for any Covered Person ends on the earliest of the date they are no longer eligible, the date the group policy is no longer in force, or the date for the last period for which required premiums are paid. For your Spouse and Dependent Child(ren), if applicable, coverage also ends when your coverage ends, when their premiums are not paid or when they are no longer eligible. (Under certain circumstances, your coverage may be continued if you stop working. Be sure to read the *Continuation of Insurance* provisions in your Certificate.)

**30 Day Right To Examine Certificate:** If a Covered Person is not satisfied with the Certificate for any reason, it may be returned to us within 30 days after receipt. We will return any premium that has been paid and the Certificate will be void as if it had never been issued.

### \*State Variations

For purposes of this brochure, wherever the term Spouse appears, it shall also include Domestic Partner registered under any state which legally recognizes Domestic Partnerships or Civil Unions. Spouse definition includes civil union partners in New Hampshire and Vermont. **Benefit Waiting Period** will not apply to residents of ID, ND, NH. **Hospital Stay, Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Stay, and Newborn Nursery Care Stay** the number of days benefits are payable may differ for residents of ID. **Hospital Stay Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Stay** benefits will always be included for residents of ND. **Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Stay** Additional ICU Admission benefit is not available for residents of TX, NH. **Hospital Stay** benefits will always be included for residents of AK **Observation Stay** the Elimination Period is referred to as an Observation Period for residents of ID and ND. **Elimination Period** will not apply to residents ID and NH. **Exclusions** may vary for residents of MN, SC, SD, and WA. **Portability** in TX, VT is referred to as Continuation due to loss of eligibility. VT residents are not subject to the age limit to continue coverage. **Important Definitions (Hospital)** may vary for residents of LA, NH, TX, UT, VT. **Benefits may not be available to residents of AK, NM, OR, UT, WA.**

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