



# MedGuard III

**Critical Illness Insurance**

*5 Year Renewable Term Life & Critical Illness Accelerated Death Benefit To Age 70*

Insurance underwritten by:  
Freedom Life Insurance Company of America



# Why Choose MedGuard III

MedGuard III is a 5 Year Renewable Term Life & Critical Illness Accelerated Death Benefit Insurance plan that provides You a lump sum benefit payment for a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery that occurs during Your lifetime. The amount of the Accelerated Death Benefit is a specified percentage of the plan's Death Benefit. Once 100% of the Death Benefit has been paid, coverage under MedGuard III terminates.

Nobody likes to think about the possibility of being diagnosed with a critical illness yet every day thousands of Americans suffer a life-threatening illness such as cancer, heart attack, or stroke.

Thanks to advances in medicine, although You may not avoid a critical illness diagnosis, You have a greater chance of surviving that illness now more than ever. Although survival rates have increased, recovery times may be extensive. The bills — both medical and non-medical — can be considerable. Are You and Your family prepared to shoulder that kind of expense?

## Why Buy MedGuard III?

If You have financial obligations, such as a mortgage, or if You want to protect Your savings from the costs of recovery, MedGuard III critical illness insurance may be for You. If You are a parent responsible for providing for Your children, You should consider MedGuard III. If You become ill and require a long recovery time with a loss of income, MedGuard III can provide You with a monetary alternative. The benefit amount You receive can help You focus on a full recovery without worrying where You will find the money to pay Your bills.



## Covered Critical Illness Conditions & Surgeries

Critical Illness Condition/Surgery	Benefit
Kidney Failure	100% of the Death Benefit
Life Threatening Cancer	100% of the Death Benefit
Major Organ Transplant	100% of the Death Benefit
Permanent Paralysis	100% of the Death Benefit
Heart Attack	100% of the Death Benefit
Stroke	100% of the Death Benefit
Terminal Illness	100% of the Death Benefit
Aorta Graft Surgery	25% of the Death Benefit
Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery	25% of the Death Benefit
Heart Valve Surgery	25% of the Death Benefit
COVID-19 Infection Complications Resulting in Inpatient Hospital Confinement	25% of the Death Benefit
Coronary Angioplasty	10% of the Death Benefit
1st through 90th day Death Benefit for any Life Threatening Cancer	\$500
1st through 30th day Death Benefit other than Life Threatening Cancer	\$500

The amount of You and Your Spouse's Death Benefit will be based on Your selected monthly premium. The Death Benefit for Your dependent children is limited to \$15,000 and will not exceed 50% of the Primary Insured's Death Benefit amount or the amount of Your Spouse's Death Benefit.

*The Death Benefit for the Primary Insured and the Spouse of the Primary Insured will be reduced by 50% on the respective 65th birthday of the Primary Insured and the Spouse of the Primary Insured. Benefits are reduced by the amount of the Critical Illness Benefit previously paid.*

# How Common is Critical Illness?

## **Critical Illness Statistics:**

- There are an estimated 18.1 million cancer survivors in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- 805,000 heart attacks occur each year — that's one every 40 seconds!<sup>2</sup>
- 1 out of every 6 deaths in America is caused by a stroke.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>National Cancer Institute - Statistics- 2022

<sup>2</sup>American Heart Association - Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics 2023

<sup>3</sup>CDC Stroke Facts 2021

## **The MedGuard III Difference**

MedGuard III critical illness insurance can help fill the gap between health coverage and life insurance. Health coverage provides benefits for medical treatment but doesn't include benefits for non-medical expenses. Traditional life insurance pays benefits to the named beneficiary after death. What if You survive a critical illness? Where will You find the financial resources to cover non-medical costs during recovery?

If You are diagnosed with a covered critical illness or undergo a covered critical surgery, MedGuard III will pay a portion of the Death Benefit to You in a lump-sum cash payment. Your listed benefit will be paid to You when You are diagnosed.

### **You can use the cash for any purpose You deem necessary such as helping to:**

- Protect Your assets from being spent on recovery
- Replace lost income for You & Your care-providing spouse
- Pay Your mortgage or other obligations
- Offset out-of-pocket or medical expenses not covered by health insurance
- Pay for experimental treatment
- Pay COBRA or other insurance premiums
- Pay home healthcare expenses
- Pay tuition expenses if You need to return to school
- Reduce Your debt
- Maintain Your Family's lifestyle
- Pay Your taxes
- Pay travel and temporary housing expenses for You and Your Family while receiving care away from home
- Renovate Your home or relocate
- Pay for childcare
- Finance or protect Your children's college tuition
- Maintain Your business during recovery

MedGuard III meets the needs of the ever-increasing number of people who survive serious illnesses. It provides a payment that can be used for non-medical expenses during the recovery process.

## **MedGuard III Monthly Premium Options**

MedGuard III is a money purchase plan with available premium payment options as low as \$20 through monthly bank draft.\*

\*Monthly administrative fee of \$4.95 applies.

# MedGuard III Plan Benefits

## Death Benefit

If the Primary Insured dies while coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate is in force, We will pay the Death Benefit to the Beneficiary, subject to the provisions of the Group Policy and Certificate. The Death Benefit will be reduced by any amount payable under the Critical Illness Benefit. If a Dependent dies while coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate is in force, We will pay the Death Benefit to the Primary Insured, subject to the provisions of the Group Policy and Certificate. The Death Benefit will be reduced by any amount payable under the Critical Illness Benefit.

## Critical Illness Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

All or a portion of a Primary Insured or Dependent's Life Insurance Benefit may be paid before his or her death. If an Insured has a First Occurrence of a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery while covered under the Group Policy and Certificate, and satisfies the applicable Accelerated Critical Illness Benefit Payment Requirement, then We will pay the specified percentage of the Death Benefit to You.

When a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery First Occurs during the first 30 days following the Issue Date, We will pay a Death Benefit of \$500 for the 1st through 30th day for any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery shown in the Certificate Schedule. When an instance of Life-Threatening Cancer First Occurs within the first 90 days following the Issue Date, We will pay a Death Benefit of \$500.



# MedGuard III Plan Features

## Renewal Options

Your insurance coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate may be renewed at the end of the first term period (i.e. after the first 5 years), and any later term period until You reach age 70 or the date Your coverage under the Group Policy and Certificate ends. To renew, just send Us the applicable Renewal Premium within 31 days after the end of the preceding term period and while the Group Policy and Certificate are in force.

## Pre-existing Condition Limitation

We will not pay Accelerated Death Benefits for any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery which occurs during the first (12) twelve months of any Insured's coverage under the Certificate if such Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery is caused by or results from a Pre-existing Condition.

## Premium Adjustments

We may change Premium Rates and apply a new table of Premium Rates based on class. The current table of rates includes scheduled increases based upon age.

## Termination of Insurance

An Insured's coverage ends on the earlier of the following: with respect to Your Spouse, the premium due date in the month following the effective date of Your divorce decree, annulment or court approved separation; with respect to Your children who are covered, the premium due date in the month following Your child reaching the limiting age; the date of the Insured's 70th birthday; payment by Us of 100% of the Death Benefit; the Group Policy and Certificate is terminated by the Group Policyholder; premium was due and not paid; You terminate coverage by notifying Us of the date You desire coverage to terminate and specify the Insured whose coverage is to terminate; We cease offering and renewing coverage of the same form of coverage as the Certificate in Your state upon a minimum of 30 days prior written notice mailed to Your last known address; the date We receive due proof that fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact existed in applying for Your coverage or the coverage of Your Spouse or Children.

## MedGuard III Limitations at a Glance

- For each Insured, Benefits payable under the Group Policy and Certificate for all Specified Critical Illness Events or Specified Critical Illness Surgery combined will not exceed the Death Benefit that applies to the Insured. We will reduce what We pay for a claim so that the amount that We pay, when combined with amounts for all claims We have previously paid for the same Insured does not exceed the Death Benefit that was in effect for that Insured on the date of the most recent Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery.
- We will pay the Benefits for any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery that First Occurs after the first 30 days immediately following the Issue Date, or as a result of diagnostic testing performed after the first 30 days immediately following the Issue Date, except for the limited Benefit amount shown in the Certificate Schedule for the 1st through 30th day for any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery other than Life Threatening Cancer. Life Threatening Cancer will be limited to the amount shown on the Certificate Schedule during the first 90 days immediately following the Issue Date.

## MedGuard III Non-Covered Items at a Glance

No Benefits shall be payable under the Group Policy and Certificate for any loss caused by, in whole or in part, contributed to or resulting from, directly or indirectly, any of the following incidents, events, occurrences or activities involving any Insured for:

- participating in a felony, riot or insurrection;
- intentionally causing a self-inflicted injury;
- committing or attempting to commit suicide while sane or insane, within two (2) years from the Insured's Issue Date;
- engaging in any illegal activity;
- serving in the armed forces or an auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country;
- war or any act of war, even if war is not declared;
- a diagnosis which is made outside the United States, unless a Definitive Diagnosis of a Specified Critical Illness Event or a Specified Critical Illness Surgery is confirmed in the United States;
- an Insured being intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol or any drug, narcotic or hallucinogens unless administered via a prescription and on the advice of a Doctor and taken in accordance with the limits of such advice. An Insured is conclusively determined to be intoxicated by drug or alcohol if (i) a chemical test administered in the jurisdiction where the loss or cause of loss occurred is at or above the legal limit set by that jurisdiction or (ii) the level of alcohol was such that a person's coordination, ability to reason, was impaired, regardless of the legal limit set by that jurisdiction;
- with respect to CRITICAL ILLNESS-ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENT section V.B. of the Certificate, any Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery suffered, diagnosed and/or sustained by an Insured prior to the Issue Date; and
- with respect to CRITICAL ILLNESS-ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENT section V.B. of the Certificate, any medical condition that is not a Specified Critical Illness Event or Specified Critical Illness Surgery.

## MedGuard III Mandatory Dispute Resolution

The Certificate contains Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures for the prompt, efficient and cost effective resolution of any Dispute. This provision provides for the parties to first attempt to achieve resolution of any Dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot reach an agreement through negotiation, this provision provides for resolution to be then attempted through non-binding mediation. Finally, if the parties cannot reach an agreement through mediation, this provision provides for a neutral arbitrator to assist the parties with resolution through binding arbitration.

## ACA Individual Mandate & Shared Responsibility Payment

The MedGuard III Plan is a 5-year, renewable term life insurance plan with the plan's stated death benefit paid to the insured's designated beneficiary. The MedGuard III Plan also contains an accelerated critical illness benefit, which provides the accelerated lump sum payment to the insured, while living, the stated percentage of the death benefit, if the insured is diagnosed with a covered critical illness or covered critical injury or undergoes a covered critical surgical procedure. Life insurance plans are not considered "health insurance" under the ACA. The ACA generally requires individuals to maintain "minimum essential coverage" or be subject to the payment of the annual shared responsibility payment with the payment of their taxes to the federal government. Congress eliminated the shared responsibility payment in 2019 and beyond for individuals who do not maintain ACA "minimum essential coverage" during 2019 or any year thereafter.

*Note: The information shown here and in any accompanying literature does not provide full details of the Certificate. Different plan provisions may apply in certain states. This brochure is only a brief description of Benefits available. The complete terms of the coverage, including definitions, limitations and exclusions, and any state required provisions are in the Certificate, and each of the listed conditions/illnesses is a specifically defined term in the Certificate.*

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GROUP POLICY: GRP-P-06-FLIC

The underwriting insurance company in Your state has agreed to perform or cause to be performed certain monthly administrative services on behalf of the association including the collection of certain enrollment fees and monthly membership dues on behalf of the association, and transmission to the association of monthly membership census data. The underwriting insurance company in Your state is paid a monthly fee by the association for these administrative services.

