

## **Critical illness coverage**



Today, you're in good health. Your financial health is also fine. You've contributed to your RRSP for many years, and you foresee retiring around 65 or even earlier, if possible.

#### **Dave's story**

Dave is a 40 year-old air traffic controller. He plans to make a \$2,000 annual contribution to his RRSP until age 65. However, at age 52 he suffers a heart attack. He therefore stops making contributions for three years and must withdraw \$25,000\* from his RRSP to fill the income gap and pay for home care.

#### Here's how critical illness coverage could have changed Dave's future.

Critical illness coverage	No	Yes	
RRSP contributions	\$2,000	\$1,285	
Annual premium for critical illness coverage	N/A	\$715 **	
RRSP value at age 65 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$42,302	\$64,396 (2)	<b>+</b> \$22,094
Annual income at retirement (for 20 years)	\$3,233	\$4,921	
Critical illness benefit	N/A	\$25,000	

<sup>(1)</sup>Assuming a 5% annualized rate of return

#### **Compare three possible situations**

Critical illness coverage	No	Yes	
		Dave is stricken with a critical illness	Dave is not stricken with a critical illness
RRSP value at age 65	\$42,302	\$64,396	\$64,396
Critical illness benefit	N/A	\$25,000	-
Flexible refund of premiums	N/A	-	\$24,302
Total	\$42,302	\$89,396	\$88,698

## What would you choose?



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup>Dave wasn't forced to suspend his contributions or withdraw \$25,000 from his RRSP.

<sup>\*</sup>In the example, no tax was calculated on the \$25,000, since the tax refund on RRSP contributions was not taken into consideration.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Transition T100 Coverage with Flexible Return of Premiums after 15 years.



### CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE... to conserve your retirement income



#### Sandra's story

Sandra is a 25 year-old nurse. She makes a \$3000 RRSP contribution every year. Unfortunately, Sandra is diagnosed with cancer at age 42. She stops making contributions for five years and withdraws \$50,000\* to pay the cost of drugs, make up for lost income and pay for other unexpected expenses.

#### Here's how critical illness coverage could have changed Sandra's future.

Critical illness coverage	No	Yes	
RRSP contributions	\$3,000	\$2,415	
Annual premium for critical illness coverage	N/A	\$585 **	
RRSP value at age 65 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$185,054	\$306,318 (2)	<b>+</b> \$121,264
Annual income at retirement (for 20 years)	\$14,142	\$23,409	
Critical illness benefit	N/A	\$50,000	

<sup>(1)</sup>Assuming a 5% annualized rate of return

#### **Compare three possible situations**

Critical illness coverage	No	Yes	
		Sandra is stricken with a critical illness	Sandra is not stricken with a critical illness
RRSP value at age 65	\$185,054	\$306,318	\$306,318
Critical illness benefit	N/A	\$50,000	-
Flexible refund of premiums	N/A	-	\$19,907
Total	\$185,054	\$356,318	\$326,225

# \*In the example, no tax was calculated on the \$50,000, since the tax refund on RRSP contributions was not taken into consideration.

## What would you choose?

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