



#### EXPECTED NEW CANCER CASES FOR 2013



Cancer Facts & Figures, American Cancer Society, 2013



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# The reality of cancer

You go above and beyond to provide for your family, so how would a cancer diagnosis impact your way of life? When deciding on the best financial protection for your lifestyle, it's important to know the facts about cancer.

## Did you know...

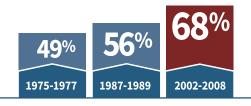
While heredity and environmental factors can play a role, cancer can impact any of our lives.

- In the United States, men have a 1 in 2 lifetime risk of developing cancer. For women, the risk is 1 in 3.<sup>1</sup>
- In the United States, cancer is the second most common cause of death in adults, exceeded only by heart disease.<sup>1</sup>
- For U.S. children, cancer is the second most common cause of death, exceeded only by accidents.<sup>2</sup>

## Survival rates on the rise

Fortunately, more people are surviving cancer thanks to more aggressive, more specific treatments.

Approximately 13.7 million Americans with a history of cancer were alive as of January 1, 2012.<sup>2</sup>



CANCER SURVIVAL RATE<sup>1</sup>

## ACCORDING TO ONE STUDY

## Excluding indirect costs, patients spend a median of \$456 per month on cancer care-related expenses.

S. Yousuf Zafar, et al., "The Financial Toxicity of Cancer Treatment: A Pilot Study Assessing Out-of-Pocket Expenses and the Insured Cancer Patient's Experience," *Economics of Oncology Practice* (Vol. 18, no. 4, 2013)

Protect your lifestyle

Colonial Life's Cancer Insurance offers benefits that can help you pay for expenses related to cancer that medical insurance may not cover. You can use these benefits to help with:

- Loss of income
- Deductibles and co-pays
- Child care
- Out-of-network treatment

Some coverages also provide a benefit for covered cancer screenings or wellness tests to encourage early detection.

## Treatment and recovery costs

Medical insurance doesn't cover all of the costs associated with cancer.

- According to the National Institute of Health, overall cancer costs in 2008 were \$201.5 billion.<sup>1</sup>
- Two years after the cancer diagnosis, caregivers surveyed were still spending an average of eight hours a day providing care.<sup>2</sup>

#### Inadequate financial protection

Many working Americans aren't prepared for increasing cancer costs.

- 28% of surveyed employees have trouble meeting monthly household expenses.<sup>3</sup>
- According to one study, 42% of cancer patients experience a significant or catastrophic financial burden.<sup>4</sup>
- Cancer patients are 2.65 times more likely to go bankrupt than people without cancer.<sup>5</sup>



U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, The Retirement Crisis and a Plan to Solve It (2012)

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