

GROUP VOLUNTARY SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



In the U.S., a disabling injury occurs every second.¹

Houston County School District

A disability can happen to anyone. A back injury, pregnancy, or serious illness can lead to months without a regular paycheck. If you're unable to work for a short period of time due to a non-work-related condition, illness or injury, short-term disability insurance offers financial protection by paying you a portion of your earnings.



To learn more about Short-Term Disability insurance, visit thehartford.com/employeebenefits

COVERAGE INFORMATION

You have a choice of five disability plans, which allows you the flexibility to enroll for the coverage that best meets your needs.

BENEFITS				
	Benefit Amount	Minimum Weekly Benefit	Benefit Starts	Benefit Duration
OPTION 1	You may choose your monthly benefit. Benefits are in \$100 increments, not to exceed 66.67% of your weekly earnings or \$7,500	\$100	Day 8	51 weeks
OPTION 2			Day 15	50 weeks
OPTION 3			Day 31	48 weeks
OPTION 4			Day 46	46 weeks
OPTION 5			Day 61	44 weeks

PREMIUMS

See the Premium Worksheet.²

ASKED & ANSWERED

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this insurance if you are an active full-time employee who works at least 20 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

This insurance is guaranteed issue coverage - it is available without having to provide information about your health.

This coverage is subject to a pre-existing condition limitation, which is detailed on the Limitations & Exclusions sheet. Please refer to the Limitations & Exclusions sheet provided with this benefit highlight sheet for more information on limitations and exclusions, such as pre-existing conditions.

HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE?

Premium will be automatically paid through payroll deduction, as authorized by you during the enrollment process. This ensures you don't have to worry about writing a check or missing a payment.

WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status, or within 31 days of the completion of any eligibility waiting period established by your employer.

WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

Subject to any eligibility waiting period established by your employer, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

You must be actively at work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect.

WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE END?

This insurance will end when you no longer satisfy the applicable eligibility conditions, premium is unpaid, you leave your employer, or the coverage is no longer offered.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DISABLED?

Due to accidental bodily injury, sickness, mental illness, substance abuse or pregnancy you are unable to perform the essential duties of your occupation, and as a result, you are earning 20% or less of your pre-disability weekly earnings or you are able to perform some, but not all, of the essential duties of your occupation and as a result, you are earning more than 20% but less than 80% of your pre-disability weekly earnings.

Pre-disability earnings are defined in your policy.

¹Injury Facts. National Safety Council. 2015 Edition. P. 37. Web. 30 June 2017.

²Rates and/or benefits may be changed.

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LIMITATIONS & EXCLUSIONS



This insurance coverage includes certain limitations and exclusions. The certificate details all provisions, limitations, and exclusions for this insurance coverage. A copy of the certificate can be obtained from your employer.

GROUP SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

- You must be under the regular care of a physician to receive benefits.
- You cannot receive disability insurance benefit payments for disabilities that are caused or contributed to by:
 - War or act of war (declared or not)
 - The commission of, or attempt to commit a felony
 - An intentionally self-inflicted injury
 - Your being engaged in an illegal occupation
 - Sickness or injury for which workers' compensation benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed
 - Sickness or injury sustained as a result of doing any work for pay or profit for another employer, including self-employment

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Your insurance limits the benefits you can receive for pre-existing conditions. In general, if you were diagnosed or received care for a condition before the effective date of your certificate, you will be covered for a disability due to that condition only if:
 - You have not received treatment for your condition for 3 months before the effective date of your insurance, or
 - You have been insured under this coverage for 6 months prior to your disability commencing, so you can receive benefits even if you're receiving treatment, or
 - You have already satisfied the pre-existing condition requirement of your previous insurer
- If you are unable to satisfy one of the requirements above, your coverage will be limited to a maximum of 4 weeks of benefits for that disability
- OFFSETS-
- Your benefit payments will be reduced by other income you receive or are eligible to receive due to your disability, such as:
 - Social Security disability insurance (please see next section for exceptions)
 - Other employer-based insurance coverage you may have
 - Unemployment benefits
 - Settlements or judgments for income loss
 - Retirement benefits that your employer fully or partially pays for (such as a pension plan)
- Your benefit payments will not be reduced by certain kinds of other income, such as:
 - Retirement benefits if you were already receiving them before you became disabled
 - Retirement benefits that are funded by your after-tax contributions your personal savings, investments, IRAs or Keoghs profit-sharing
 - Most personal disability policies
 - Social Security cost-of-living increases

This example is for purposes of illustrating the effect of the benefit reductions and is not intended to reflect the situation of a particular claimant under the Policy:

Insured's weekly [Pre-Disability Earnings/Basic weekly Pay] \$1,000
Short term disability benefits percentage x 60%
Unreduced maximum benefit \$600
Less Social Security disability benefit per week - \$300
Less state disability income benefit per week - \$100
Total amount of short term disability benefit per week \$200

This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York Department of Financial Services.

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