



## GROUP BUY-UP SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

# Protect your income if you're out on leave.

Your employer provides you with a basic level of disability insurance. Will that be enough for you? Think about your ongoing expenses and how much income you'll need to replace. You have the option to enroll in an enhanced level of disability insurance.

**Disability insurance may help protect your income if you're unable to work.**

**Short Term Disability insurance** may help pay benefits if you become disabled and can't work for a short amount of time.

This coverage replaces a portion of your income when you can't work because of a qualifying disability, including injury, physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder.

**You may receive weekly benefits** that replace a specified percentage of your eligible earnings. Benefits begin after the benefit waiting period explained below.

You may also receive help returning to work if you need accommodations.

Even if you're healthy now, it's important to protect yourself and the people who count on your income. **If you can't work, Short Term Disability insurance may help you pay for ongoing expenses:**



**Housing Costs**



**Groceries**



**Car Insurance**



**Child Care**

# Short Term Disability Insurance

## What Your Benefit Provides

This is the benefit you'd receive if you experience a qualifying disability. Eligible earnings are your weekly insured predisability earnings, as defined by the group policy. Your benefit amount will be reduced by deductible income; see the Important Details section for a list of deductible income sources.

65 percent of your eligible earnings, up to a maximum benefit of \$1,500 per week.

Plan minimum \$15 per week.

## Benefit Waiting Period

If you experience a qualifying disability, your benefit waiting period is the length of time you must be continuously disabled before you can begin receiving your weekly benefit.

7 days

## How Long Your Benefits Last

This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive a weekly disability benefit.

180 days

See the Important Details section for more information, including requirements, exclusions, limitations and definitions.

## Additional Features

### Return to Work Incentive

Your disability benefit will not be reduced by any work earnings you receive until the combined amount of the benefit and your earnings and other sources of income exceeds 100 percent of your pre-disability earnings.

### Help With Returning To Work

If a worksite modification would enable you to return to work, we can help your employer make approved modifications by covering some or all of the cost.

## How Much Your Coverage Costs

Your base policy is paid for by Blue Valley School District\*\* and costs you nothing. If you choose to continue buy-up coverage, you'll have access to competitive group rates that may be more affordable than those available through individual insurance. You'll also have the convenience of having your premium deducted directly from your paycheck.

If you elect the Buy-up Short Term Disability coverage, your monthly rate is \$1.62 per \$10 of weekly benefit.

Use this formula to estimate your monthly premium payment for your buy-up coverage:

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Enter your weekly earnings (cannot be more than \$2,308).			Rate per \$10 of weekly benefit		This amount is an estimate of how much you'd pay each month.		To get a sense of your semimonthly premium, take your monthly premium, multiply by 12 months, and divide by 24 pay periods. This is your semimonthly premium.

As you consider Short Term Disability insurance, think about the expenses you would need to cover if you became disabled:

- Housing costs
- Medical bills
- Utilities
- Car insurance
- Groceries
- Child care costs

Your employer provides you with a basic level of disability insurance. Will that be enough for you? If not, you have the option to continue in an enhanced level of disability insurance.

To estimate your insurance needs, consider your unique circumstances. Use our calculator at [standard.com/disability/needs](http://standard.com/disability/needs).

\*\*For purposes of coverage information provided in the Group Buy-Up Short Term Disability Insurance Coverage Highlights, "Blue Valley School District" means "Unified School District No 229 Johnson County State of Kansas," who is the Policyholder.

## Important Details

Here's where you'll find the nitty-gritty details about the plan.

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for coverage you must be a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada insured on December 31, 2021, under the buy-up option of the prior plan and one of the following:

- A regular, benefits-eligible employee of the Employer, other than a Chief Cabinet Member, Superintendent or Administrator, Actively At Work working at least 20 hours each week; or
- A regular, benefits-eligible 12-month certified staff member of the Employer, other than a Chief Cabinet Member, Superintendent or Administrator, Actively At Work at least .6 FTE

Temporary and seasonal employees, full-time members of the armed forces, leased employees and independent contractors are not eligible.

### Employee Coverage Effective Date

To become insured, you must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements listed above
- Apply for coverage and agree to pay premium
- Be actively at work (able to perform all normal duties of your job) on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance

If you are not actively at work on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance, your insurance will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of active work as an eligible employee.

### Definition of Disability

You will be considered disabled if, as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder:

- You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation, or
- You suffer a loss of at least 20 percent in your predisability earnings when working in your own occupation.

You are not considered disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

### Exclusions

Subject to state variations, you are not covered for a disability caused or contributed to by any of the following:

- Your committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or your active participation in a violent disorder or riot
- An intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane
- War or any act of war (declared or undeclared, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature)
- The loss of your professional or occupational license or certification
- An activity arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit

### Limitations

Short Term Disability benefits are not payable for any period when you are:

- Not under the ongoing care of a physician in the appropriate specialty, as determined by The Standard
- Not participating in good faith in a plan, program or course of medical treatment or vocational training or education approved by The Standard, unless your disability prevents you from participating
- Confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution
- Able to work and earn at least 20 percent of your predisability earnings in your own occupation but you elect not to
- Eligible to receive benefits for your disability under a workers' compensation law or similar law

### When Your Benefits End

Your Short Term Disability benefits end automatically on the date any of the following occur:

- You are no longer disabled
- Your maximum benefit period ends
- Long term disability benefits become payable to you under a long term disability plan
- Benefits become payable under any other disability insurance plan under which you become insured through employment during a period of temporary recovery
- You fail to provide proof of continued disability and entitlement to benefits
- You pass away

### **Deductible Income**

Your benefits will be reduced if you have deductible income, which is income you receive or are eligible to receive while receiving Short Term Disability benefits. [Deductible income includes:](#)

- Amounts under unemployment compensation law
- Amounts because of your disability from any other group insurance
- Amounts under any state disability income benefit law or similar law
- Earnings from work activity while you are disabled, plus the earnings you could receive if you work as much as your disability allows
- Earnings or compensation included in your predisability earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while Short Term Disability benefits are payable
- Amounts due from or on behalf of a third party because of your disability, whether by judgment, settlement or other method
- Any amount you receive by compromise, settlement or other method as a result of a claim for any of the above

### **When Your Insurance Ends**

Your insurance ends automatically when any of the following occur:

- The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid
- The last day of the calendar month in which your employment terminates
- The date the group policy (or your employer's coverage under the group policy) terminates
- The last day of the calendar month in which you cease to meet the eligibility requirements (insurance may continue for limited periods under certain circumstances)
- The date Blue Valley School District ends participation in the group policy

### **Group Insurance Certificate**

If coverage becomes effective, and you become insured, you will receive a group insurance certificate containing a detailed description of the insurance coverage, including the definitions, exclusions, limitations, reductions and terminating events. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy. The information presented in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.



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