Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance

Benefit Highlights

Monroe County Community College

What is Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance?

Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance pays you a portion of your Earnings if you cannot work because of a disabling illness or injury.

This highlight sheet is an overview of your Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance. Once a group policy is issued to your employer, a certificate of Insurance will be available to explain your coverage in detail.

What is disability?

Disability is defined in The Hartford’s contract with your employer. Disabled or disability means You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of: 1) Your Occupation during the Elimination Period; and 2) Your Occupation following the Elimination Period, and as a result Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings. If at the end of the Elimination Period, You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, but Your Current Monthly Earnings are greater than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, Your Elimination Period will be extended for a total period of 12 months from the original date of Disability, or until such time as Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, whichever occurs first. For the purposes of extending Your Elimination Period, Your Current Monthly Earnings will not include the pay You could have received for another job or a modified job if such job was offered to You by the Employer, or another employer, and You refused the offer.

Am I eligible?

You are eligible if you are an active full time Support and Maintenance employee who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

How much coverage would I have?

Your Employer Provides coverage that pays you a benefit of 60% of your Earnings to a maximum monthly benefit of $6,000 per month. This plan includes a minimum benefit of the greater of: 10% of the benefit based on Monthly Income Loss before the deduction of Other Income Benefits or $100 per month.

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When can I enroll?

As an eligible Employee, you are automatically covered by Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance; you do not have to enroll.

When is it effective?

Coverage goes into effect subject to the terms and conditions of the policy. In no case will newly elected benefits become effective sooner than 7/1/2012 or on the first of the month following 60 days of employment. You must be Actively at Work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect.

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How long do I have to wait before I can receive my benefit? You must be disabled for at least 90 days before you can receive an Employer Paid Long Term Disability Insurance benefit payment.

Can the duration or amount of my benefit be reduced? Yes. Your benefit duration may be reduced once you reach certain ages as specified in The Hartford’s contract with your employer. In addition, as described below within the Important Details, your monthly Long-Term benefit may be reduced by other income you receive.

How long will my disability payments continue? For as long as you remain disabled, or until you reach your Social Security Normal Retirement Age (as stated in the 1983 revision of the United States Social Security Act), whichever is sooner. If your disability occurs at age 65 or above, your payments may be reduced.

Important Details

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Exclusions:

You cannot receive Employer Paid Long Term 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
- Any case where your being engaged in an illegal occupation was a contributing cause to your disability

You must be under the regular care of a physician to receive benefits.

Mental Illness, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse:

- You can receive benefit payments for Long-Term Disabilities resulting from mental illness, alcoholism and substance abuse for a total of 24 months for all disability periods during your lifetime.
- Any period of time that you are confined in a hospital or other facility licensed to provide medical care for mental illness, alcoholism and substance abuse does not count toward the 24 months lifetime limit.

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 policy, you will be covered for a disability due to that condition only if:

- You have not received treatment for your condition for the length of time specified in the contract before the effective date of your Insurance, or
- You have been insured under this coverage for length of time specified in the contract 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.

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)
- Workers’ Compensation
- 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 increases
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