

# Group Long Term Disability Insurance

Protect your income when you're coping with a long-lasting disability.

This coverage is designed to replace a portion of your income when you're disabled for an extended period of time due to a qualifying disability and help you get back to work when you're ready. Long Term Disability insurance benefits can help you pay your bills and safeguard your savings when you're unable to work. Whether you're out for a few months or several years, this benefit can help you protect your income — and those who depend on it.



# This plan offers:

- Competitive group rates
- The convenience of payroll deduction
- Benefits for a qualifying disability that occurs on or off the job

# ② About This Coverage

must be continuously disabled before you become eligible to receive your monthly benefit.

You will be automatically enrolled in the base plan if you do not elect buy-up coverage and the policy becomes effective. See the Important Details section for more information, including requirements, exclusions and definitions.

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	Base coverage provided by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners at no cost to you	Buy-up coverage you can purchase, paid for by you and Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
What Your Benefit Provides	50% of your eligible earnings, up	An additional 10% for a total of
This is the amount per month you would receive you were to suffer a qualifying disability. Eligible earnings are your monthly insured predisability earnings, as defined by the group policy. Your monthly benefit will be reduced by deductible income. Please see the Important Details section for a list of deductible income sources.	per month. Plan minimum per month: <b>\$100</b> or <b>10</b> percent of the LTD benefit.	60% of your eligible earnings, up to a maximum benefit of \$5,000 per month. Plan minimum per month: \$100 or 10 percent of the LTD benefit.
Benefit Waiting Period	90 days	90 days
If you experience a qualifying disability, your benefit waiting period is the length of time you		

# **How Long Your Benefits Last**

This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive disability benefits for a continuous disability.

To Age 65 / 5 Years/Age 70

Depending on your age at the time of disability, your benefits may be subject to a different schedule. Refer to the "Maximum Benefit Period" table in the Important Details section for specifics.

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# **≥** Additional Features

Your coverage comes with some added features:

# Help with Returning to Work

This plan provides incentives to help you get back to work. For instance, you'll get help paying for some of the expenses associated with participating in an approved rehabilitation plan.

If a worksite modification would enable you to return to work, the coverage can help your employer make approved modifications.

You may also be eligible to receive an additional benefit of 10 percent of your predisability earnings for participating in an approved rehabilitation plan, subject to the plan maximum.

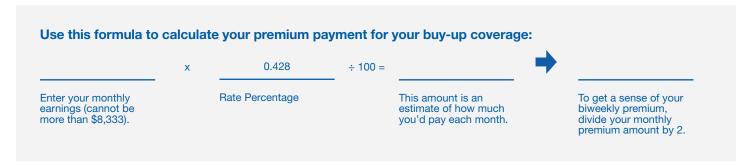
#### **Survivors Benefit**

If you die while receiving benefits, your survivor may be eligible to receive a one-time additional payment.

# Show Much Your Coverage Costs

Your base policy is paid for by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and costs you nothing. If you choose to purchase buy-up coverage, the cost of coverage is shared between you and Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

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. How much your premium costs depends on your benefit amount.



As you consider whether to apply for buy-up Long Term Disability insurance, evaluate what makes sense for you.

Getting by without a paycheck isn't easy, especially for an extended period of time. Make sure you have enough financial protection to help you with housing costs, utilities and other bills.

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

For help figuring out your insurance needs, use our online calculator at www.standard.com/disability/needs.

# Important Details

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

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for coverage, you must be:

A regular full-time employee of Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners who is participating in the Employer's HMO medical plan or CHOICE medical plan (excluding an Employee classified as a collective bargaining union non high risk Fire and Rescue Employee)

Actively working at least 30 hours per week

A citizen or resident of the United States or Canada

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
- Serve an eligibility waiting period\*
- Apply for buy-up coverage and agree to pay premiums
- 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.

During Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioner's annual enrollment period, you may elect Buy-up Long Term Disability coverage without having to submit evidence of insurability. After this period, evidence of insurability will apply.

All late applications (applying 31 days after becoming eligible), requests for coverage increases and reinstatements are subject to medical underwriting approval. Employees eligible but not insured under the prior long term disability insurance plan are also subject to medical underwriting approval. Please contact your human resources representative or plan administrator for more information regarding the requirements that must be satisfied for your insurance to become effective.

\*Defined as first of the month that follows or coincides with 60 consecutive days as a member

# **Definition of Disability**

For the benefit waiting period and the first 24 months that Long Term Disability benefits are payable, 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 of 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.

After the own occupation period of disability, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of a physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any occupation.

#### **Maximum Benefit Period**

If you become disabled before age 60, Long Term Disability benefits may continue during disability until you reach age 65. If you become disabled at age 60 or older, the benefit duration is determined by your age when disability begins:

Age Maximum Benefit Period

60 through 64 5 years 65 through 68 To age 70 69+ 1 year

#### **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
- A preexisting condition or the medical or surgical treatment of a preexisting condition unless on the date you become disabled, you have been continuously insured under the group policy for the exclusion period and you have been actively at work for at least one full day after the end of the exclusion period

### **Preexisting Condition Provision**

A preexisting condition is a mental or physical condition

whether or not diagnosed or misdiagnosed during the 90day period just before your insurance becomes effective:

- For which you have consulted a physician or other licensed medical professional; received medical treatment, services or advice; undergone diagnostic procedures, including self-administered procedures; or taken prescribed drugs or medications
- Which, as a result of any medical examination, including routine examination, was discovered or suspected

Exclusion Period: 12 months

#### Limitations

Long 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
- Confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution

In addition, the length of time you can receive Long Term Disability payments will be limited if:

- · You reside outside of the United States or Canada
- Your disability is caused or contributed to by mental disorders or substance abuse.

#### When Your Benefits End

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

- You are no longer disabled
- Your maximum benefit period ends
- 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 Long Term Disability benefits. Deductible income includes:

- Sick pay, annual or personal leave pay, severance pay, or other forms of salary continuation, (but not vacation pay or donated amounts) paid to you by your employer
- Benefits under any workers' compensation law or similar law
- Amounts under unemployment compensation

- Social Security disability or retirement benefits, including benefits for your spouse and children
- Amounts because of your disability from any other group insurance
- Any disability or retirement benefits you received or are eligible to receive from your employer's retirement plan.
- Benefits 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 Long 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 date your employment terminates
- The date the group policy terminates
- The date you cease to meet the eligibility requirements (insurance may continue for limited periods under certain circumstances)
- The date Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners ends participation in the group policy

#### Conversion

You may have the option to obtain Long Term Disability conversion insurance after the termination of your insurance with Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, if you meet the requirements defined by 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 present in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.

# **About Standard Insurance Company**

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