



Short term disability insurance

Disability insurance covers a part of your income, so you can pay your bills if you're injured or sick and can't work.

Disability may be more common than you might realize, and people can be unable to work for all sorts of different reasons. There are times when many disabilities can be caused by illness, including common conditions like heart disease and arthritis. However, many disabilities aren't covered by workers' compensation.

Who is it for?

If you rely on your income to pay for everyday expenses, then you should probably consider disability insurance. It helps ensure that you'll receive a partial income if you're injured or too sick to work.

What does it cover?

Many disability insurance plans pay out a portion or percentage of your income if you're diagnosed with a serious illness or experience an injury that prevents you from doing your job.

Why should I consider it?

Accidents happen, and you can't always anticipate if or when you'll become sick or injured. That's why it's important to have a disability policy that helps you pay your bills in the event of being unable to collect your normal paycheck.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Partial income replacement

Mike injures his back in a bicycle accident and can't work for 13 weeks.

Unpaid time off work: **13 weeks**

Elimination period: **1 week**

After a 1-week elimination period following his accident, Mike's Guardian Short Term Disability policy kicks in and replaces **\$400** of his weekly income for the remaining **12 weeks** of his rehabilitation.

This gives him a total of **\$4,800** to cover his expenses while he's unable to work.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



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Short-Term Disability

Coverage amount	50% of salary to maximum \$350/week
Maximum payment period: Maximum length of time you can receive disability benefits.	26 weeks
Accident benefits begin: The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 1
Illness benefits begin: The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 8
Evidence of Insurability: A health statement requiring you to answer a few medical history questions.	Health Statement may be required
Guarantee Issue: The 'guarantee' means you are not required to answer health questions to qualify for coverage up to and including the specified amount, when applicant signs up for coverage during the initial enrollment period.	We Guarantee Issue \$350 in coverage
Minimum work hours/week: Minimum number of hours you must regularly work each week to be eligible for coverage.	Planholder Determines
Pre-existing conditions: A pre-existing condition includes any condition/symptom for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	Not Applicable

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS—DISABILITY (Some information may vary by state)

- **Earnings definition:** Your covered salary excludes bonuses and commissions.



Your short term disability coverage

A SUMMARY OF DISABILITY PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Evidence of Insurability may be required on all late enrollees. This coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. This proposal is hedged subject to satisfactory financial evaluation. Please refer to certificate of coverage for full plan description.
- You must be working full-time on the effective date of your coverage; otherwise, your coverage becomes effective after you have completed a specific waiting period.
- Employees must be legally working in the United States in order to be eligible for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding one year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State. Subject to state specific variations.
- We do not pay benefits for charges relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces) committing a felony or taking part in any riot or other civil disorder or intentionally injuring themselves or attempting suicide while sane or insane. We do not pay benefits for charges relating to legal intoxication, including but not limited to the operation of a motor vehicle, and for the voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and is used as prescribed. We limit the duration of payments for long term disabilities caused by mental or emotional conditions, or alcohol or drug abuse. We do not pay benefits during any period in which a covered person is confined to a correctional facility, an employee is not under the care of a doctor, an employee is receiving treatment outside of the US or Canada, and the employee's loss of earnings is not solely due to disability.
- This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does not provide "basic hospital", "basic medical", or "medical" insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department.
- If this plan is transferred from another insurance carrier, the time an insured is covered under that plan will count toward satisfying Guardian's pre-existing condition limitation period. State variations may apply.
- When applicable, this coverage will integrate with NJ TDB, NY DBL, CA SDI, RI TDI, Hawaii TDI and Puerto Rico DBA, DC PFML and WA PFML.

Contract # GP-I-STD-15-1.0 et al.

Guardian's Group Short Term Disability Insurance is underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. 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 State Department of Financial Services. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Policy Form #GP-1-STD07-1.0, et al, GP-1-STD-15

Electronic Evidence of Insurability (EOI)

Our online EOI forms are an easier, quicker alternative to traditional paper forms, helping you get covered when you need to provide additional information.

There are a few situations where you need to answer health questions, enroll for higher amounts of coverage, or request coverage after the initial eligibility period. In all of these situations, our online EOI form keeps things simple.

Electronic EOI keeps things simple

With Guardian's electronic EOI forms, your data is kept secure at every stage of the process. And with fewer errors than hand-written forms, and faster submission digitally, it's easier than ever to complete it and get covered.

Electronic EOI can be used for*:

- Basic life
- Voluntary life
- Short term disability
- Long term disability

*Applicable to coverage requiring full Evidence of Insurability (not applicable to conditional issue amounts). Electronic EOI is available using most internet browsers.



How it works

You will receive a letter or email from your employer or Guardian with instructions and a unique link to submit your EOI form online.

First register and create an account on Guardian Anytime. Then simply fill out the form, electronically sign it, and click 'Submit.'

Once we receive the form, we'll contact you with any questions, before notifying you (and your employer if the coverage amount changes).

GuidanceResources® - Employee Assistance Program

Sometimes life can feel overwhelming. It doesn't have to.

Guardian's Employee Assistance Program provides confidential counseling, expert guidance, and valuable resources to help you handle any of life's challenges, big or small.

How it can help



Confidential emotional support

- Anxiety, depression, stress



Work and lifestyle support

- Child, elder and pet care



Financial resources and legal guidance

- Retirement planning, taxes
- Wills, trusts and estate planning

This service is only available if you purchase qualifying lines of coverage. See your plan administrator for more details.

Legal/financial assistance and resources services are not available in the state of New York.

The Employee Assistance Program is a suite of services solely created and offered by ComPsych. Guardian is not responsible or liable for care or advice given by any provider or any service offering within the Employee Assistance Program. This information is for informational purposes only. It is not a contract. Only the plan service agreement can provide the actual terms, services, limitations and exclusions. Guardian and ComPsych reserve the right to discontinue the Employee Assistance Program at any time without notice. Legal services provided through the Employee Assistance Program will not be provided in connection with or any action against Guardian, ComPsych, or your employer. The Employee Assistance Program, or any individual service offering within the Program, is not an insurance benefit and may not be available in all states.



How to access 24/7 live assistance



Call
1 855 239 0743
TRS: Dial 711



Visit
guidanceresources.com

App: GuidanceNowSM
Organization web ID: Guardian
Note: First-time users will need to register first with the organization web ID: Guardian.



Our commitment to you

Please read the documentation referenced below carefully. The notices are intended to provide you important information about our insurance offerings and to protect your interests. Certain ones are required by law.

Important information



Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Guardian notice stating that it complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, or actual or perceived gender identity. The notice provides contact information for filing a nondiscrimination grievance. It also provides contact information for access to free aids and services by disabled people to assist in communications with Guardian.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice48> to read more.

No Cost Language Services

Guardian provides language assistance in multiple languages for members who have limited English proficiency.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice46> to read more.

Dental insurance



Guardian's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

The notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice50> to read more.

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Disability Offset Notice

Offsets are provisions in your disability coverage that allow the insurer to deduct from your regular benefit other types of income you receive or are eligible to receive from other sources due to your disability.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice51> to read more.



THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

Guardian Life, P.O. Box 14319, Lexington, KY 40512

Please print clearly and mark carefully.

Employer/Planholder Name: TOWN OF CLAY Group Plan Number: 00455429 Benefits Effective: _____

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX [] Initial Enrollment [] Add Employee/Member Dependents/Family Members [] Drop/Refuse Coverage [] Information Change

In this form, you will be referred to as an Employee/Member. Members of your family will be referred to as Dependents/Family Members. There will also be times, when referring to Dependents/Family Members, this form will distinguish between your spouse and your children.

Class: _____ Division: _____ Subtotal Code: _____ (Please obtain this from your Employer/Planholder)

About You: Full Legal Name-First, MI, Last Name: _____ What is the name you go by? (optional) _____ Employer/Planholder Provided Identification: _____ Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) _____ Your Social Security Number of TIN must be provided if enrolling for Life Coverage. Short Term Disability Coverage and/or Long Term Disability Coverage.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender Identity: [] M [] F Date of Birth (mm-dd-yy): ____ - ____ - ____

Phone (indicate primary): [] Home (____) ____ - ____ [] Work (____) ____ - ____ [] Mobile (____) ____ - ____

E mail Address (indicate primary) [] Home _____ [] Work _____

Are you married or in a civil union? [] Yes [] No Date of marriage/civil union: ____ - ____ - ____ Do you have children or other dependents? [] Yes [] No Placement date of adopted child: ____ - ____ - ____

About Your Job: Job Title: _____

Work Status: [] Active [] Retired [] COBRA/State Continuation Date of full time hire: ____ - ____ - ____ Annual Salary: \$ _____ Hours worked per week: _____

About Your Family: Please include the names of the dependents you wish to enroll for coverage. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper with this information along with your enrollment form. Your dependent's Social Security Number or TIN must be provided if enrolling for Life Coverage. Be sure to sign and date (mm-dd-yy) the paper and keep a copy for your records. Additional information may be required for non-standard dependents such as a grandchild, a niece or a nephew.

Spouse Address/City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: () - _____ Gender Identity: [] M [] F Social Security Number or TIN _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) _____

Child/Dependent 1: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number or TIN ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 2: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number or TIN ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 3: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number or TIN ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 4: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number or TIN ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent

<p>Drop Coverage:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Drop Employee/Member <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Dependents/Family Members</p> <p>The date of withdrawal cannot be prior to the date this form is completed and signed.</p> <p>Last Day of Coverage: ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement</p> <p>Last Day Worked: ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Event: _____</p> <p>Date of Event: ____ - ____ - ____</p>	<p>Coverage Being Dropped:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dental <input type="checkbox"/> Employee/Member <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Basic Term Life</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Term Life</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Disability</p>
<p>Loss Of Other Coverage:</p> <p>I and/or my dependents were previously covered under Loss of coverage was due to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Employment: ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Separation ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Death of Spouse ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Termination/Expiration of Coverage ____ - ____ - ____</p> <p>Coverage Lost <input type="checkbox"/> Dental</p>	<p>I have been offered the above coverage(s) and wish to drop enrollment for the following reasons:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Covered under another insurance plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>(additional information may be required)</p>

<p>Dental Coverage: You must be enrolled to cover your dependents/family members. Check only one box.</p> <p>Employee/Member Only Employee/Member and 1 Dependent Employee/Member, Spouse & Dependent/Child(ren)</p> <p>PPO* <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not want Dental Coverage because (Check as applicable):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am covered under another Dental plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My spouse is covered under another Dental plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My dependents/family members are covered under another Dental plan</p>

Short-Term Disability (STD) Coverage:

The amount of STD coverage you select may be either a specific dollar amount or an amount that is a multiple of your salary and may be subject to certain reductions.

Weekly Benefit

- 50% of salary to a maximum of \$350
- I do not want this coverage.

Signature

- I understand that my dependents/family members cannot be enrolled for a coverage if I am not enrolled for that coverage.
- I understand that I must be actively at work or my elected coverage will not take effect until I have met the eligibility requirements (as defined in the benefit booklet.) This does not apply to eligible retirees.
- If coverage is waived and you later decide to enroll, late entrant penalties may apply. You may also have to provide, at your own expense, proof of each person's insurability. Guardian or its designee has the right to reject your request.
- I understand that plan design limitations and exclusions may apply. For complete details of coverage, please refer to the plan documents or enrollment materials. State limitations may apply.
- Your coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian or its designated underwriter.
- I hereby apply for the group benefit(s) that I have chosen above.
- I understand that I must meet eligibility requirements for all coverages that I have chosen above.
- Submission of this form does not guarantee coverage. Among other things, coverage is contingent upon underwriting approval and meeting the applicable eligibility requirements.
- I agree that my employer/planholder may deduct premiums from my pay if they are required for the coverage I have chosen above.
- I agree that my employer/planholder or my employer/planholder's designated administrator may deduct premiums from my pay apply premiums to my credit card or debit card add premiums to my dues withdraw premiums from my designated bank account, apply premiums to my credit or debit card if they are required for the coverage I have chosen.
- I state that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The state in which you reside may have a specific state fraud warning. Please refer to the attached Fraud Warning Statements page.

The laws of New York require the following statement appear: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation. (Does not apply to Life Insurance.)

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE/MEMBER X _____

DATE _____

Fraud Warning Statements

The laws of several states require the following statements to appear on the enrollment form:

Alabama: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

California: For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

Colorado: It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policy holder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policy holder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Delaware, Indiana and Oklahoma: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

District of Columbia: WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits, if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

Florida: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Kentucky: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

Louisiana and Texas: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinements in state prison.

Maryland : Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

New Jersey: Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

New Mexico: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Ohio: Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

Rhode Island: Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Virginia: Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated state law.