

Employer-paid Short-Term Disability Insurance

Valley Schools Employee Benefits Group - Glendale Union High School District |
All Eligible Employees | 67018

Protect your paycheck

Imagine you hurt your back, and your doctor recommends you stay home from work for several weeks. You can't work, but you have bills to pay. Short-term disability replaces part of your income if you can't work for a short time due to a covered disability. You can use the weekly check to help pay everyday expenses, like your mortgage or rent, utilities, childcare and groceries.

How it works

This coverage is provided by your employer at no cost to you!

Benefits

Weekly benefit after your claim is approved	You will receive a check for your benefits on a weekly basis. It will cover 66.67% of your Total Weekly Earnings, up to \$1,250 per week.
When benefits begin	Benefits begin as soon as 90 days from the date you are unable to work due to an injury and 90 days due to an illness.
Benefits may be paid for	Up to 13 weeks , as long as you are still unable to work due to a covered disability.
Additional plan information	This plan provides a benefit for a disabling illness (including pregnancy) or injury that is not work-related.

*"1 in 4 workers will miss up to 3 months of work due to illness, injury or pregnancy during their career."***



What did Short-Term Disability insurance mean for Joyce?

Joyce was out apple-picking when she fell off the ladder and broke her ankle. Her injury left her unable to work at her job while she had surgery and recovered at home.

- Joyce filed a claim with Sun Life. We reviewed her medical information and job description and approved her claim.
- Joyce started receiving her weekly benefit, which helped her pay rent, buy groceries and cover the co-pays for doctor visits.
- Several weeks later, Joyce was back at work

Top 5

Short-Term Disability diagnoses:

1. Maternity
2. Musculoskeletal
3. Injury
4. Digestive disorders
5. Cancer

Sun Life claims data, July 2018

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
sunlife.com
800-247-6875

Additional considerations

If I have other income	Income from other sources may reduce your benefit amount. These sources may include Social Security benefits, disability benefits from retirement, government plans or state disability income such as California SDI; other group disability plans; no-fault benefits, salary continuance or sick leave, and return-to-work earnings. For more information or to determine if Voluntary STD or Contributory STD is appropriate for you, contact your Benefits Administrator.
If I can work while disabled	Your plan is designed to encourage and support your return to work. If you are able to work part-time for example, you may receive part of your benefit while working.
If I become pregnant	Check with your employer to make sure you are eligible for benefits and let them know when you expect to be out of work on maternity leave. Typically a maternity claim is treated as an illness claim (see "When benefits begin" in the table).

Short-term disability FAQs

How do I file a claim after becoming disabled?

Check with your employer to make sure you are eligible for benefits. Then, file a claim with Sun Life. We will ask for information from you about your doctor, your income, and your condition. We will ask for medical records and for your doctor to fill out a form about your condition and your expected recovery. You can download forms from our website.

How do I qualify for benefits?

You'll start receiving disability payments if you satisfy the Elimination Period (see "When benefits begin" in the table) and meet the definition of disability if you're insured when you become disabled.

How is my benefit taxed?

If you pay for your coverage all post-tax, your benefit will not be taxable income or tax reported by us to the IRS. If you pay for your coverage all pre-tax, or if you pay for part of your coverage post-tax and your employer pays for the rest, or if your employer pays the entire premium, some or all of your benefit amount will be taxable income, which will be tax reported on a Form W-2 and it may have FICA tax deductions that reduce the amount we pay you. Please consult with a tax advisor or your employer if you have any questions.

Read the important plan provisions section for more information including limitations and exclusions.

**Realitycheckup.org, Council for Disability Awareness, 2018

Important plan provisions

The following coverage(s) do not constitute comprehensive health insurance (often referred to as “major medical coverage”) and do not satisfy the requirement for Minimum Essential Coverage under the Affordable Care Act. They do NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical, or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.

To become insured, all persons must be actively at work and performing their regular duties at their usual place of business on the proposed effective date or their date of coverage will be deferred until they return to active work. Refer to the Certificate for details and similar requirements for dependent coverage.

Limitations and exclusions

The below exclusions and limitations may vary by state law and regulations. This list may not be comprehensive. Please see the Certificate or ask your benefits administrator for details.

Short-Term Disability

We will not pay a benefit that is caused by, contributed to in any way or resulting from: intentionally self-inflicted injuries; committing or attempting to commit an assault, felony or other criminal act; war or an act of war; active participation in a riot, rebellion or insurrection. We will not pay a benefit for any accident or sickness covered by Workers’ Compensation or similar law; or for any work-related illness or injuries unless otherwise stated previously; or if you do not submit proof of your loss as required by us (this covers medical examination, continuing care, death certificate, medical records, etc.).

Information about services offered

Value-added services are not insurance, are offered only on specific lines of coverage and carry a separate charge, which is added to the cost of the insurance. The cost is included in the total amount billed. The entities that provide the value-added services are not subcontractors of Sun Life and Sun Life is not responsible or liable for the care, services, or advice provided by them. Sun Life reserves the right to discontinue any of the Services at any time.

This Overview is preliminary to the issuance of the Policy. Refer to your Certificate for details. Receipt of this Overview does not constitute approval of coverage under the Policy. In the event of a discrepancy between this Overview, the Certificate and the Policy, the terms of the Policy will govern. Product offerings may not be available in all states and may vary depending on state laws and regulations.

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