# Voluntary Short-Term Disability Insurance\*

Jefferson City Public School District | All Eligible Employees | 929469

## Protect your paycheck

Imagine you hurt your back, and your doctor recommends you stay home from work for four weeks. Or imagine you just delivered twins. 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

Your employer is offering you and your coworkers this coverage as a group, at a group rate. You are responsible for paying a portion or all of the cost.

## **Benefits**

Weekly benefit after your claim is approved	You will receive a check for your benefits on a weekly basis. It will cover <b>60%</b> of your Total Weekly Earnings, up to <b>\$1,500</b> per week.
When benefits begin	Benefits begin as soon as <b>1 day</b> from the date you are unable to work due to an injury and <b>8 days</b> due to an illness.
Benefits may be paid for	<b>Up to 13 weeks</b> , 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.
- Six 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

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## 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

## What if I have a pre-existing condition?

If you submit a claim within 12 months of your insurance taking effect, or 12 months following any increase in your amount of insurance, we will not pay any benefit for any pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition includes anything you have sought treatment for in the 6 months prior to your insurance becoming effective. Treatment can include consultation, advice, care, services or a prescription for drugs or medicine.

## How much insurance do I need?

Visit our webpage at www.sunlife.com/calculators to help you determine how much income you may need.

## 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.

\*In Vermont, the product name is Short-Term Income Replacement insurance when the Maximum Benefit Duration elected is less than 26 weeks. \*\*Realitycheckup.org, Council for Disability Awareness, 2018

## **Rate Sheet**

Employee - Coverage and monthly rates for Short Term Disability Insurance.

Find your age bracket (as of the effective date of coverage) to determine the associated rate for the coverage amount you choose. Follow the example below to determine your monthly cost.

Your Age	Rate		
Under 25	1.298		
25 - 29	1.298		
30 - 34	1.298		
35 - 39	0.924		
40 - 44	0.774		
45 - 49	0.774		
50 - 54	0.799		
55 - 59	1.148		
60 - 64	1.398		
65 - 69	1.398		
70+	1.398		

Example Weekly Benefit (60% of earnings)	Divided by 10		Multiplied by rate	Example monthly cost*		
\$350	/ 10 = 35	х	\$0.924	\$32.34		
Your Weekly Benefit (60% of earnings)	Divided by 10		Multiplied by rate	Your monthly cost*		
\$	/ 10 =	x	\$	\$		
Your monthly cost	# of Months		Annual cost	# of pay periods per year (12, 24, 26, 52, etc.)		Your estimated cost per pay period*
\$	x 12	=	\$	/	=	\$

\*The rate is in effect for **7/1/2019**. Contact your employer to confirm the portion of the cost for which you will be responsible.

## 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.

### Life

If cause of death is suicide, no amount of contributory Life insurance will be paid if suicide occurs within a specific time period after the insurance or increase in insurance becomes effective. Please see the Certificate for details.

### **Accidental Death and Dismemberment**

We will not pay a benefit that is due to or results from: suicide while sane or insane; injuring oneself intentionally; 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; voluntary use of any controlled substance/illegal drugs; operation of a motorized vehicle while intoxicated; bodily or mental infirmity or disease or infection unless due to an accidental injury; riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show, or speed test.

### **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.).

#### Long-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; operation of a motorized vehicle while intoxicated. We will not pay a benefit if you do not submit proof of your loss as required by us (this covers medical examination, continuing care, death certificate, medical records, etc.); or for any Period of disability during which you are incarcerated.

### Accident

We will not pay a benefit that is due to or results from: suicide while sane or insane; 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; voluntary use of any controlled substance/illegal drugs; operation of a motorized vehicle while intoxicated; if you do not submit proof of your loss as required by us (this covers medical examination, continuing care, death certificate, medical records, etc.); incarceration; engaging in hang-gliding, bungee jumping, parachuting, sail gliding, parasailing, parakiting or mountaineering; participating in or practicing for any semi-professional or professional competitive athletic contest in which any compensation is received, including coaching or officiating; injuries sustained



from commercial air transportation other than riding as a fare paying passenger; work-related illness or injuries unless you are enrolled in 24-hour coverage.

### **Critical Illness**

We will not pay a benefit that is due to or results from: suicide while sane or insane; 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; voluntary use of any controlled substance/illegal drugs; operation of a motorized vehicle while intoxicated; if you do not submit proof of your loss as required by us (this covers medical examination, continuing care, death certificate, medical records, etc.); incarceration; a diagnosis that is not explicitly covered under the policy; a diagnosis that occurs prior to the effective date of coverage (unless it is a new and unrelated diagnosis that occurs after the effective date of coverage).

Covered conditions have specific diagnostic criteria that must be met (along with supporting documentation) for a benefit to be paid. For additional information regarding covered conditions, please request an outline of coverage.

### Cancer

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We will not pay a benefit that is due to or results from: services or Treatment not included in the Covered Cancer Benefits; war or an act of war; active military duty; intentionally self-inflicted injuries while sane or insane; services or Treatment for which the Insured is not charged, unless there is no charge because the facility is a United States government facility; services or Treatment provided by a Family Member; services or Treatment for premalignant conditions; services or Treatment for conditions with malignant potential; services or Treatment for non-cancer illnesses; elective plastic or cosmetic surgery.

### 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. HealthChampion<sup>SM</sup> (a health care support service) is not insurance and is provided by ComPsych<sup>®</sup>. ComPsych<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of ComPsych Corporation. 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.

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