VALLEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Long Term Disability Insurance



How does it work?

This employer-paid coverage provides a monthly benefit if you have a covered illness or injury and you can't work for a few months — or even longer. You're generally considered disabled if you're unable to do important parts of your job — and your income suffers as a result.

Why is this coverage so valuable?

Your employer is paying the cost of this coverage. You can use the benefits however you choose. It can help you pay for your rent or mortgage, groceries, out-of-pocket medical expenses and more.

How much coverage can I get?

You*	You are eligible for coverage if you are an active employee in the United States working a minimum of 30 hours per week. Cover 66.6667% of your monthly income, up to a maximum payment of $10,000. *See the Legal Disclosures for more information.

The monthly benefit may be reduced or offset by other sources of income. The IRS may require you to pay taxes on certain benefit payments. See your tax advisor for details.

This plan does not cover pre-existing conditions. See the disclosure section to learn more.

Elimination period (EP)

Your elimination period is 60 days. This is the number of days that must pass after a covered accident or illness before you can begin to receive benefits.

Benefit duration (BD)

This is the maximum length of time you can receive benefits while you're disabled. You can receive benefits up to the Social Security (SS) normal retirement age. If you become disabled after your normal retirement age, check with your employer for the maximum length of time applicable to you.

Long Term Disability Insurance can replace part of your income if a disability keeps you out of work for a long period of time

What else is included?

Work-life balance employee assistance program

Get access to professional help for a range of personal and work-related issues, including counselor referrals, financial planning and legal support.

Worldwide emergency travel assistance

One phone call gets you and your family immediate help anywhere in the world, as long as you're traveling 100 or more miles from home. However, a spouse traveling on business for his or her employer is not covered.

Survivor benefit

If you die while you've been disabled and receiving benefits for at least 180 days, your family could get a benefit equal to 3 months of your gross disability payment.

Additional benefits:

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

You will receive a Cost of Living adjustment after you have received 1 full year of payments for your disability. Your payment will increase by 3% on the second anniversary of benefit payments and each following anniversary to the end of the duration chosen (5 years).

Exclusions and limitations

Active employee

You are considered in active employment, if on the day you apply for coverage, you are being paid regularly by your employer for the required minimum hours each week and you are performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation.

Delayed effective date of coverage

Insurance coverage will be delayed if you are not an active employee because of an injury, sickness, temporary layoff, or leave of absence on the date that insurance would otherwise become effective.

Benefit Duration

The duration of your benefit payments is based on your age when your disability occurs. Your Long Term Disability benefits are payable while you continue to meet the definition of disability. Please refer to your plan document for the duration of benefits under this policy.

Definition of disability

You are considered disabled when Unum determines that:

- You are limited from performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation due to sickness or injury; and
- You have a 20% or more loss of indexed monthly earnings due to the same sickness or injury

After 24 months, you are considered disabled when Unum determines that due to the same sickness or injury, you are unable to perform the duties of any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience.

You must be under the regular care of a physician in order to be considered disabled.

The loss of a professional or occupational license or certification does not, in itself, constitute disability. "Substantial and material acts" means the important tasks, functions and operations that are generally required by employers from those engaged in your usual occupation and that cannot be reasonably omitted or modified.

Pre-existing conditions

You have a pre-existing condition if:

- You received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures for the condition, or took prescribed drugs or medicines for it in the 3 months just prior to your effective date of coverage; and
- The disability begins in the first 12 months after your effective date of coverage.

Deductible sources of income

Your disability benefit may be reduced by deductible sources of income and any earnings you have while you are disabled, including such items as group disability benefits or other amounts you receive or are entitled to receive:

- Workers' compensation or similar occupational benefit laws, including a temporary disability benefit under a workers' compensation law
- State compulsory benefit laws
- Automobile liability insurance policy
- No fault motor vehicle plan
- Third-party settlements
- Other group insurance plans
- A group plan sponsored by your employer
- Governmental retirement system
- Salary continuation or sick leave plans - if included
- Retirement payments
- Social Security or similar governmental programs

Exclusions and limitations

Benefits will not be paid for disabilities caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injuries;
- Active participation in a riot;
- War, declared or undeclared or any act of war;
- Commission of a crime for which you have been convicted;
- Loss of professional license, occupational license or certification; or
- Pre-existing conditions (See the disclosure section to learn more).

The loss of a professional or occupational license does not, in itself, constitute disability.

Unum will not pay a benefit for any period of disability during which you are incarcerated.

The lifetime cumulative maximum benefit for all disabilities due to mental illness is 24 months. Disabilities based primarily on self-reported symptoms are limited to 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid for any combination of such disabilities even if the disabilities are not continuous and/or are not related. Payments can continue beyond 24 months only if you are confined to a hospital or institution as a result of the disability.

Termination of coverage

Your coverage under the policy ends on the earliest of the following:

- The date the policy or plan is cancelled
- The date you no longer are in an eligible group
- The date your eligible group is no longer covered
- The last day of the period for which you made any required contributions
- The last day you are in active employment except as provided under the covered layoff or leave of absence provision.

Unum will provide coverage for a payable claim that occurs while you are covered under the policy or plan.

Unum's LTD contracts typically include a provision called the Social Security Claimant Advocacy Program. This feature offers claimants expert advice and assistance with their Social Security Disability claims during both the application and appeal processes. Social Security advocacy services are provided by GENEX Services, LLC or Brown & Brown Absence Services Group, with referrals to these partners determined by Unum.

Worldwide emergency travel assistance services are provided by Assist America, Inc. Work-life balance employee assistance program services are provided by HealthAdvocate. Services are available with select Unum insurance offerings. Terms and availability of service are subject to change and prior notification requirements. Service providers do not provide legal advice; please consult your attorney for guidance. Services are not valid after coverage terminates. Please contact your Unum representative for details.

This information is not intended to be a complete description of the insurance coverage available. The policy or its provisions may vary or be unavailable in some states. The policy has exclusions and limitations which may affect any benefits payable. For complete details of coverage and availability, please refer to Policy Form C.FP-1 et al. or contact your Unum representative.

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