



# Group Short Term Disability Insurance

Protect your income and those who depend on it.

This coverage replaces a portion of your income when you can't work because of a qualifying disability. Even if you're healthy now, it's important to protect yourself and the people who count on your income. This insurance can help you pay the bills when you're unable to work.



## This plan offers:

- Competitive group rates
- The convenience of payroll deduction
- Benefits for a qualifying disability that is not work-related

## 🔗 About This Coverage

See the Important Details section for more information, including requirements, exclusions and definitions.

### What Your Benefit Provides

This is the benefit you'd receive if you were to suffer a qualifying disability. Eligible earnings are your weekly insured predisability earnings, as defined by the group policy. Your benefit amount will be reduced by deductible income; see the Important Details section for a list of deductible income sources.

**67%** of your eligible earnings, up to a maximum benefit of **\$1,200** per week. Plan minimum **\$100** per week.

### Benefit Waiting Period

If you suffer a qualifying disability, your benefit waiting period is the length of time you must be continuously disabled before you can begin receiving your weekly benefit.

14 days for accidental injury  
14 days for physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder

### How Long Your Benefits Last

This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive a weekly disability benefit.

90 days

## 💰 How Much Your Coverage Costs

Because this insurance is offered through 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.

**If you elect this coverage, your premium will be \$11.83, twice per month.**

**Not being able to work also means not being able to earn a paycheck.** As you consider Short Term Disability insurance, think about the expenses you would need to cover if you were to become disabled:

- Mortgage or rent
- Utilities
- Groceries
- Medical bills
- Car insurance
- Childcare costs

To estimate your insurance needs, you'll need to consider your unique circumstances. Use our online calculator at [www.standard.com/disability/needs](http://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:

- An active full-time employee of Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners including an Employee classified as a collective bargaining union non-high risk Fire and Rescue Employee
- Regularly 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 coverage and agree to pay premiums
- Receive medical underwriting approval (if applicable)
- 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 Commissioners annual enrollment period, you may elect Short 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 short 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

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 are unable to earn more than 60 percent of your predisability earnings when you work for your employer.

### Exclusions

Subject to state variations, you are not covered for a disability caused or contributed to by any of the following:

- 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)
- An activity arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit

### Limitations

Short 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
- Eligible to receive benefits for your disability under a workers' compensation law or similar law
- Working for wage or profit for any employer other than the employer offering your Short Term Disability coverage, including self-employment
- Receiving or are eligible to receive paid sick leave or other salary continuation (but not vacation pay or donated amounts) from your employer.

### When Your Benefits End

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

- You are no longer disabled
- Your maximum benefit period ends
- Long term disability benefits become payable to you under a Long Term Disability plan issued by The Standard
- You pass away
- The date you begin working for an employer other than your employer, or become self-employed

### **Deductible Income**

Your benefits will be reduced if you have deductible income, which is income you receive or are eligible to receive while receiving Short Term Disability benefits. Deductible income includes:

- Amounts under unemployment compensation law
- Amounts under any state disability income benefit law or similar law
- Earnings from work activity while you are disabled
- Earnings or compensation included in your predisability earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while Short Term Disability benefits are payable
- 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 (or your employer's coverage under 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

### **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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