

# Voluntary Group Long-Term Disability Income Protection

Without a steady income, most people would not be able to make payments on their homes or keep their family financially stable. Voluntary Group Long-Term Disability (LTD) Income Protection is the answer! It is a convenient, economical way of securing an income while out of work from an unexpected accidental injury or illness.

## **Voluntary Group LTD Income Protection Benefit Options**

- \$100 per week in \$50 increments to a maximum of \$1,150 per week (subject to coordination with other income benefits)—as long as the amount does not exceed 60% of your basic weekly earnings.
- · Minimum monthly benefit is \$100.

**Maximum Benefit Duration**—Benefits are payable monthly according to a reducing benefit duration (RBD) designed to assist the employer in complying with the ADEA.

Basic Weekly Earnings can be defined as the weekly compensation you earn from your normal occupation from your employer. It does not include earnings from overtime, bonuses or any other form of extra pay. However, if your compensation is based in whole or in part on commissions, basic weekly earnings will include the weekly average paid in commissions during the 12-month period prior to the date disability began.

# **Full Family Integration (Other Income Benefits)**

These benefits will be reduced by disability benefits you, your spouse and child(ren) are eligible to receive from Social Security, or you are eligible to receive from Workers' Compensation, other group disability income plans, disability or retirement benefits you receive under your employer's retirement plan, earnings you receive from sick leave or a salary continuation plan paid by your employer, or from any form of employment.

#### Eligibility

You are eligible if you are currently employed, work full-time (at least 30 hours per week unless otherwise mandated by your employer) and have satisfied your group's waiting period.

## **Your Personal Monthly Premiums**

Premiums are based upon your age and the industry in which you are employed. Your monthly premiums will depend on the amount of the insurance selected. Premiums will increase in accordance with the applicable rate table as your age increases—refer to your group's rate grid. This coverage is payroll deducted and sponsored by your employer. You have the benefit of being a part of a working group.

### Should You Go Out on a Disability

You will need to meet the policy requirements according to the plan your employer elected, and you must submit a claim form prior to being approved for a disability benefit. Your benefit checks will be sent directly to your home on a monthly basis.

#### **Work Incentive Benefit**

This benefit provides the opportunity, through a combination of earnings and benefits, to receive up to 100% of predisability income. Naturally, the benefit is limited to the maximum that your employer elected. To be eligible for progressive partial disability benefits, you must be earning less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings.

### Should You Become Partially or Totally Disabled

Your premium payments are waived during the entire period for which benefits are payable.

• Totally disabled means you are unable to perform the material and substantial duties of your own occupation for the first 24 months of benefit payments. After benefits have been paid for 24 months, you must be unable to engage in any occupation for which you are reasonably qualified by education, training or experience.

## Voluntary Group LTD Income Protection Pre-Existing Condition Exclusions

Benefits will not be paid for disabilities resulting from conditions for which you received treatment 12 months prior to your effective date. This exclusion does not apply to a disability that begins more than 24 months after your effective date.

#### Mental Illness and Substance Abuse

Benefits for a disability resulting from mental illness or substance abuse are payable as any sickness for 24 months and beyond the 24 months if institutionalized.

#### **General Exclusions**

No benefits are payable for disabilities resulting from war or acts of war, intentionally self-inflicted injuries, active participation in a riot or commission of or attempt to commit a felony or any type of assault or battery.

### Your coverage also includes:

- Month survivor benefit
- · Cost of living freeze
- Continuity of coverage

#### **How to Enroll**

Simply complete the provided enrollment form and indicate the amount of disability coverage you would like. Once completed, return the enrollment form promptly to your employer for processing.

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