Group Long Term Disability Insurance

Protect your income while coping with a long-lasting disability.

Long Term Disability insurance can help protect your income if you can't work due to a qualifying disability. It can also help you get back to work when you're ready. Whether you're out for a few months or years, this benefit can help you protect your income — and those who depend on it.

Long Term Disability insurance may help protect your income if you can't work and don't get your regular paycheck.

Long Term Disability insurance can help pay the bills if you become disabled and can't work for an extended period. That could be a few months or several years. This coverage may help replace part of your paycheck, which can help protect your lifestyle and savings.

You can get help returning to work when you're ready. This Long Term Disability coverage includes incentives and assistance to help you get back to work. The Standard may also help pay the costs of modifying your workplace to accommodate your needs.

Long-term disabilities can be caused by accidents but also by illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. How many paychecks could you miss? **Long Term Disability insurance can help you maintain your lifestyle and pay for things, such as:**

Housing Costs

Groceries

Car Insurance

College Tuition

Long Term Disability Insurance

What Your Benefit Provides This is the amount per month you would receive if you experience a qualifying disability. Eligible earnings are your monthly insured predisability earnings, as defined by the group policy. Your monthly benefit will be reduced by deductible income. Please see the Important Details section for a list of deductible income sources.	60% of your eligible earnings Plan maximum per month: $12,500 Plan minimum per month: $100 or 10% of the Long Term Disability benefit, whichever is greater
Benefit Waiting Period If you experience a qualifying disability, your benefit waiting period is the length of time you must be continuously disabled before you become eligible to receive your monthly benefit.	90 days
How Long Your Benefits Last This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive disability benefits for a continuous disability.	Until your Social Security Normal Retirement Age Depending on your age at the time of disability, your benefits may be subject to a different schedule. Refer to the Maximum Benefit Period table in the Important Details section for specifics.

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

Additional Features

Help With Returning To Work	This plan provides incentives to help you get back to work. For instance, you'll get help paying for some of the expenses associated with participating in an approved rehabilitation plan. If a worksite modification would enable you to return to work, the coverage can help your employer make approved modifications. You may also be eligible to receive an additional benefit of 10% of your predisability earnings for participating in an approved rehabilitation plan, subject to the plan maximum.
Survivors Benefit	If you die while receiving benefits, your survivors may be eligible to receive a one-time additional payment.

How Much Your Coverage Costs

Because this insurance is offered through City of Amarillo, 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.

How much your premium costs depends on your age and benefit amount.

Use this formula to estimate your bi-weekly premium payment:

_____	×	12	=	_____	-->	
Enter your base annual earnings.				This amount is your monthly earnings.		
_____	×	_____	÷ 100 =	_____	-->	
Enter your monthly earnings from the calculation above (cannot be more than $20,833).		Enter your rate from the rate table.		This amount is your monthly earnings.		
_____	×	12	÷ 26 =	_____		
Enter your monthly premium from the calculation above.				This amount is your bi-weekly premium.		

Your Age (As of Jan. 1)	Rate (% of Monthly Eligible Earnings)
<30	0.115
30–34	0.184
35–39	0.316
40–44	0.461
45–49	0.520
50–54	0.520
55–59	0.590
60–64	0.695
65–69	0.754
70+	0.879

As you consider Long Term Disability insurance, evaluate what makes sense for you.
Getting by without a paycheck isn't easy, especially for an extended period of time. Make sure you have enough financial protection to help you with housing costs, utilities and other bills.

To estimate your insurance needs, you'll need to consider your unique circumstances. Use our online calculator at 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:

- A regular employee of City of Amarillo actively working at least 40 hours per week
- A citizen or resident of the United States or Canada

Temporary employees, 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
- 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 already a member on the date the group policy is effective, you are eligible on that date. If you become a member after the group policy effective date, you are eligible on the date you become a member.

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.

All late applications (applying more than 31 days after becoming eligible), requests for coverage increases (including requests to insure predisability earnings that are greater than the last amount for which medical underwriting approval was required), amounts over the guarantee issue amount and reinstatements are subject to medical underwriting approval. Employees eligible but not insured under the prior long term disability insurance plan are also subject to medical underwriting approval.

Definition of Disability

For the benefit waiting period and the first 24 months that Long Term Disability benefits are payable, 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, and
- You suffer a loss of at least 20% of your predisability earnings when working in your own occupation.

You are not considered disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

After the own occupation period of disability, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of a physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any occupation.

Maximum Benefit Period

If you become disabled before age 62, Long Term Disability benefits may continue during disability until age 65 or to the Social Security Normal Retirement Age or 3 years, 6 months, whichever is longest. If you become disabled at age 62 or older, the benefit duration is determined by the age when disability begins:

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
62	To SSNRA or 3 years, 6 months, whichever is longer
63	To SSNRA or 3 years, whichever is longer
64	To SSNRA or 2 years, 6 months, whichever is longer
65	2 years
66	1 year, 9 months
67	1 year, 6 months
68	1 year, 3 months
69+	1 year

Exclusions

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

- Your committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony or your active participation in a violent disorder or riot
- 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)
- The loss of your professional or occupational license or certification
- A preexisting condition or the medical or surgical treatment of a preexisting condition, unless on the date you become disabled, you have been continuously insured under the group policy for the exclusion period and you have been actively at work for at least one full day after the end of the exclusion period

Preexisting Condition Provision

A preexisting condition is a mental or physical condition whether or not diagnosed or misdiagnosed during the 90-day period just before your insurance becomes effective:

- For which you or a reasonably prudent person would have consulted a physician or other licensed medical professional; received medical treatment, services or advice; undergone diagnostic procedures, including self-administered procedures; or taken prescribed drugs or medications
- Which, as a result of any medical examination, including routine examination, was discovered or suspected

Exclusion Period: 12 months

Limitations

Long 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
- Not participating in good faith in a plan, program or course of medical treatment or vocational training or education approved by The Standard, unless your disability prevents you from participating
- Confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution
- Able to work during the 24-month own occupation period and earn at least 20% of your indexed predisability earnings, but you elect not to work. During the 24-month own occupation period, the responsibility to work is limited to work in your own occupation; thereafter, the responsibility to work includes work in any occupation.

In addition, the length of time you can receive Long Term Disability payments will be limited if:

- You reside outside of the United States or Canada
- Your disability is caused or contributed to by mental disorders, substance abuse, the environment, chronic fatigue conditions, chronic pain conditions, carpal tunnel or repetitive motion syndrome, temporomandibular joint disorder or craniomandibular joint disorder

When Your Benefits End

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

- You are no longer disabled
- Your maximum benefit period ends
- Benefits become payable under any other disability insurance plan under which you become insured through employment during a period of temporary recovery
- You fail to provide proof of continued disability and entitlement to benefits
- You pass away

Deductible Income

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

- Sick pay, annual or personal leave pay, severance pay or other forms of salary continuation (including donated amounts) payable to you by your employer
- Benefits under any workers' compensation law or similar law
- Amounts under unemployment compensation law
- Social Security disability or retirement benefits, including benefits for your spouse and children
- Amounts because of your disability from any other group insurance
- Any disability or retirement benefits you received or are eligible to receive from your employer's retirement plan
- Benefits under any state disability income benefit law or similar law
- Earnings from work activity while you are disabled, plus the earnings you could receive if you work as much as your disability allows
- Earnings or compensation included in your predisability earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while Long Term Disability benefits are payable
- Amounts due from or on behalf of a third party because of your disability, whether by judgment, settlement or other method
- 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 terminates
- The date you cease to meet the eligibility requirements (insurance may continue for limited periods under certain circumstances)
- The date City of Amarillo ends participation in the group policy

Conversion

You may have the option to obtain Long Term Disability conversion insurance after the termination of your insurance with City of Amarillo, if you meet the requirements defined by the group policy.

Group Insurance Certificate

If coverage becomes effective and you become insured, contact your human resources representative for 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 presented in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.

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