

Benefits at a Glance for Virginia Tech Group Policy 135209 Effective Date July 1, 2012

# **Group Short Term Disability Insurance**

Group Short Term Disability (STD) insurance from Standard Insurance Company provides financial protection for eligible employees by promising to pay a percentage of weekly earnings in the event of a covered disability.

The cost of this insurance is paid for by Virginia Tech.

# Eligibility

## **Eligible Employee**

A restricted faculty employee of the Employer working at least 20 hours each week. An eligible employee does not include a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces, a leased employee or an independent contractor.

## Waiting Period Before Becoming Eligible for Insurance

None for those that meet the definition of an eligible employee on the group policy effective date. All other employees become eligible on the first day as an eligible employee.

# **Benefits**

#### **Weekly Benefit**

60 percent of the first \$5,000 of weekly predisability earnings as of the date of disability, reduced by deductible income (e.g., work earnings, workers' compensation, state disability, etc.).

Maximum Weekly Benefit \$3,000

Minimum Weekly Benefit \$15

#### Waiting Period Before Benefits Become Payable

Seven days for disability caused by accidental injury, physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder.

#### **Definition of Disability**

For the benefit waiting period and while STD benefits are payable, being unable as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of the employee's own occupation and the employee suffers a loss of at least 20 percent of weekly earnings when working in the employee's own occupation. The employee is not disabled when the employee is earning 80 percent or more of predisability earnings in any occupation.

## Maximum Benefit Period 25 weeks

# **Other Features & Services**

- Return to Work Responsibility and Incentive
- Temporary Recovery Provision
- Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit

This information is only a brief description of the group STD insurance policy sponsored by Virginia Tech. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy issued by The Standard. The group policy contains a detailed description of the limitations, reductions in benefits, exclusions and when The Standard and the employer may increase the cost of coverage, amend or cancel the policy. A group certificate of insurance that describes the terms and conditions of the group policy is available for employees who become insured according to its terms. For more complete details of coverage, contact your human resources representative.