Voluntary Employee Benefits

Valuable Protection That Makes a Difference for Your Employees
Attract, Support and Retain Employees With a Strong Benefits Package

You probably have the biggest part of your benefits package — the medical plan — already squared away. What else can you do to attract, support and retain top talent?

Voluntary coverage is a great solution for rounding out your benefits package. It’s a way for you to minimize costs and for your employees to gain access to much-needed protection at competitive group rates.
Voluntary Benefits From a Leading Provider

Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) offers a full spectrum of high-quality products, including many employer-paid and employee-paid basic and buy-up options.

We believe in keeping service local and personal, which is why we still maintain our local service model even as other carriers are moving away from it. With nearly 40 employee benefits sales and service offices across the country, we can support our customers where they do business — from ensuring a seamless implementation to resolving day-to-day issues. Being local allows us to better anticipate customer needs and offer more personal attention.

Our robust suite of Group Voluntary products includes:

- Accident insurance\(^2, 3\)
- Critical Illness insurance\(^2, 3, 4\)
- Hospital Indemnity insurance\(^2, 3\)
- Short Term Disability insurance\(^5\)
- Long Term Disability insurance\(^6\)
- Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance
- Dental insurance
- Vision insurance

We look forward to working with you to design a complete benefits package that helps protect your most valuable resource: your employees.

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2 This policy is a limited benefit policy.
3 Products not available in all states.
4 Critical Illness insurance is called Specified Disease insurance in Vermont.
5 These policies provide disability income insurance only.
The Standard’s Voluntary Products

Your voluntary benefit program is a way employees can purchase coverage that fits their personal needs at competitive group rates. Premiums are conveniently paid through payroll deductions.

These products are all designed to help provide protection exactly when your employees need it most.

About one-fourth of U.S. adults (26%) say they or a household member have had problems paying medical bills in the past year. 6

6 Prevalence and Correlates of Medical Financial Hardship in the USA, K. Robin Yabroff Ph.D, Jingxuan Zhao M.P.H, Xuesong Han Ph.D and Zhiyuan Zheng Ph.D., Journal of General Internal Medicine, volume 34, May 1, 2019
Protection From the Unexpected

The Standard offers Group Accident insurance, Critical Illness insurance and Hospital Indemnity insurance. You can select from one of three tiers of plans to offer your employees and their families. With all products, employees can take advantage of competitive group rates.

Because we pay benefits directly to the employee, there are no restrictions on how the money can be spent. Employees can use it to cover costs like co-insurance, rehabilitation, child care, utilities or groceries — wherever they see fit. And this coverage is portable, which means employees can take their coverage with them when they leave their job and pay the same rates as when they were employed.

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<td><strong>Accident Insurance</strong></td>
<td>Fixed benefits based on injuries and treatments needed for an accident like a broken leg.</td>
<td><strong>Critical Illness Insurance</strong></td>
<td>Lump sum based on covered conditions like cancer or a heart attack.</td>
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<td><strong>Hospital Indemnity Insurance</strong></td>
<td>Fixed benefit based on each day spent in the hospital. Other benefits are available for surgery, urgent care, follow-up care and more.</td>
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<td><strong>Special Features</strong></td>
<td>Youth Organized Sports Benefit provides an additional 25% of the total benefit when covered children ages 18 and under are injured while participating in an organized athletic activity.</td>
<td>Dependent children are automatically covered for the same critical illnesses as the participating employee, plus 21 childhood diseases and conditions.</td>
<td>Customized offerings available to complement High Deductible Health Plans.</td>
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<td><strong>Add-on</strong></td>
<td>The Health Maintenance Screening Benefit encourages employees and covered family members to proactively maintain their health with an annual payout for covered preventive screenings.</td>
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| **Notes:** | | | 7 Does not apply to customized Hospital Indemnity plans.
Protection for Paychecks

The Standard offers both Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability insurance products. Select salary-replacement percentages, benefit waiting periods and optional services to help employees stay on the job or return to work sooner.

Our innovative Workplace Possibilities℠ program can help shorten the length and impact of leaves and disabilities and can lead to healthier employees and higher productivity.

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<th>Short Term Disability Insurance</th>
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<td>Weekly benefits help cover expenses resulting from a qualifying sickness, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder.</td>
<td>Monthly benefits help replace a portion of lost income during a qualifying disability for an extended period.</td>
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**How It Helps**

- **Employee Assistance Program**, available by phone or in person, provides employees and their dependents with support, guidance and resources during challenging times.

**Additional Service**

- **A Return-to-Work focus** — covers up to $25,000 of your approved expenses to help with worksite modifications that assist a disabled person with getting back to work — and provides incentives for your employees who are ready to return to their jobs.

**Special Features**

- **The Workplace Possibilities Program** is a proactive approach in which consultants — nurse and vocational case managers — help address and reduce the causes of absence and disability. For employers with 1,000 or more employees, an on-site disability consultant can be provided.

**Add-on**

- **Health Advocacy Solution** connects your employees with registered nurses and other professionals who can help them sort out paperwork and handle other complicated health care issues.

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8 For groups with 10–2,499 employees. Employee Assistance Program is provided through an arrangement with a service provider that is not affiliated with The Standard. Employee Assistance is not an insurance product. For more information, visit www.standard.com/eap.

9 Health Advocacy Solution is provided through an arrangement with a service provider that is not affiliated with The Standard. Health Advocacy does not replace health insurance coverage, provide medical care or recommend treatment. For more information, visit www.standard.com/ha.
Protection for Loved Ones — and Employees

The death of a wage earner or dependent can be financially devastating to those left behind. Life insurance helps protect your employees and their loved ones from financial hardship during a tragedy.

The Standard offers flexible and family-friendly Life insurance policies. Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) can be included as part of a Life policy or as a stand-alone policy.

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<td>Helps provide financial security during a difficult time and helps cover things like outstanding debt, burial expenses, medical bills, children’s education and more.</td>
<td>Provides a variety of benefits for employees or beneficiaries to use however they want during a challenging time.</td>
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<td><strong>Accelerated Death Benefit</strong> provides eligible employees suffering from terminal illnesses with an early payout of a portion of their Life insurance benefit.</td>
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<td><strong>Waiver of Premium</strong> for qualifying totally disabled employees.</td>
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<td><strong>Family Benefits Package</strong> provides benefits to assist with child care, career adjustment for the employee’s spouse and higher education for the children after a death.</td>
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<td><strong>Travel Assistance</strong> helps employees traveling more than 100 miles from home or internationally with medically related transportation and other emergencies.10</td>
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<td><strong>The Life Services Toolkit</strong> gives employees access to online content for will preparation, identity theft support, and other tools and calculators, and provides beneficiaries with services for grief and legal and financial matters.11</td>
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<td><strong>AD&amp;D Occupational Assistance</strong> helps employees return to work after a severe physical accidental loss, such as loss of a hand, foot or sight. This service is available exclusively from The Standard. It includes access to one of our Workplace Possibilities™ consultants, who can help the employee develop a return-to-work plan and provide accommodations, equipment and other services needed to return to work — up to $10,000 of expenses.12</td>
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Our Life Benefits employees complete annual grief training to help them better understand the grieving process and recognize when beneficiaries need special attention.

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12 AD&D Occupational Assistance covers up to $10,000 of approved expenses to help an employee return to work, which may include consultant’s time, vocational assistance, ergonomic equipment and workplace accommodations. Services must be accessed within two years of a loss. This service is not an insurance product.
Protection for Health

The Standard’s group Dental insurance is designed to help employees minimize their dental care costs without sacrificing quality care. Choose between a comprehensive traditional indemnity plan and a more affordable option, with the ability to customize as necessary.

Vision insurance helps employees get the eye care they need — especially important in the digital era. The Standard offers three plans that let you balance costs and benefits while providing coverage for groups as small as 10 employees.

We also offer combined Dental and Vision plans for small businesses.

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<td>Benefit helps cover preventive, basic and major care procedures and exams.</td>
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<td><strong>Access to one of America’s largest dental networks.</strong> Your employees can</td>
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<td>take advantage of the Ameritas dental network, one of the largest in the</td>
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<td><strong>Optional add-ons:</strong> Choose from benefits, including teeth whitening and</td>
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<td>laser vision correction.</td>
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**Additional Service**

Complete COBRA administration helps to reduce paperwork and free up HR resources.14

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13 Only available for groups with 20–1,000 lives.
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Education and Enrollment

Voluntary products can help provide employees with the peace of mind that they’re doing everything they can to protect themselves and their families. But the success of a voluntary benefits package hinges on the education and enrollment support behind it.

Targeted Enrollment Approach

The Standard will work with you to develop tailored enrollment strategies for your voluntary program. The goal: An effective communication campaign that helps address your corporate culture and any enrollment problems you’re looking to solve.

A comprehensive enrollment campaign features materials that help employees understand and better appreciate their benefits options:

- Customized enrollment campaign materials
- Personalized enrollment forms and booklets
- Online benefits education tools and materials

We can also provide:

- Integration with benefits administration platforms
- Online enrollment system and solutions
- Support for on-site benefits education
  - Group meetings
  - One-on-one enrollments

58% of employees admit that they’re stressed about their finances.

And 50% of the stressed employees say finances have been a distraction at work.15

15 Price Waterhouse Cooper PwC’s 9th annual Employee Financial Wellness Survey, 2020 results, May 2020
Administrative Capabilities

Simplified administration is what you’ll experience when you select The Standard as your one partner for virtually all your employee benefit needs beyond the medical plan.

It all centers on our processes and administration systems. They make it easy for you to manage your benefits, reconcile bills and add or remove members.

Billing is also simplified. With one bill you can make one payment for Life, AD&D, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Accident, Critical Illness and Hospital Indemnity.

Plus, you’ll have the convenience of online features, including:

- Bill payment
- Member maintenance
- Policy documents
- Life and Disability medical evidence and claims reports
- Employer disability claim statement
- Claims submission\(^\text{16}\)

\(^{16}\) Not available for Dental and Vision insurance.
Contact The Standard

Together, we can design a benefits package that’s a fit for your budget and your employees’ protection needs. Contact your insurance advisor or the employee benefits sales and service office for your area at 800.633.8575 or visit standard.com.

These policies have exclusions, limitations, reduction of benefits and terms under which the policy may be continued in force or terminated. Please contact The Standard for additional information, including costs and complete details of coverage.
Standard Insurance Company

The Standard is a family of companies dedicated to helping you achieve financial well-being and peace of mind. In business since 1906, we are a leading provider of financial protection products and services for employers and individuals. Our products include group and individual disability insurance, group life, dental and vision insurance, voluntary (employee-paid) benefits, absence management services, and retirement plans and annuities for employers and individuals. For more information about The Standard, visit www.standard.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn.


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