



Group Buy-Up Long Term Disability Insurance

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

Your employer provides you with a basic level of disability insurance. Will that be enough for you? Think about your ongoing expenses and how much income you'll need to replace. You have the option to enroll in an enhanced level of disability insurance.

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

<p>What Your Benefit Provides</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Option 1: Base coverage provided by your employer at no cost to you</p> <p>60% of your eligible earnings</p> <p>Plan maximum per month: \$9,200</p> <p>Plan minimum per month: \$100 or 10% of the Long Term Disability benefit, whichever is greater</p>	<p>Options 2 and 3: Buy-up coverage you can purchase, paid for by you</p> <p>An additional 6 2/3% for a total of 66 2/3% of your eligible earnings</p> <p>Plan maximum per month: \$9,200</p> <p>Plan minimum per month: \$100 or 10% of the Long Term Disability benefit, whichever is greater</p>
<p>Benefit Waiting Period</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Option 1: 180 days</p>	<p>Option 2: 180 days</p> <p>Option 3: 120 days</p>
<p>How Long Your Benefits Last</p> <p>This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive disability benefits for a continuous disability.</p>	<p>Until age 65</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Until age 65</p>

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

Additional Features

<p>24-Hour Coverage</p>	<p>24-hour LTD plans provide coverage for disabilities occurring on or off the job.</p>
<p>Help With Returning To Work</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>If a worksite modification would enable you to return to work, the coverage can help your employer make approved modifications.</p>
<p>Survivors Benefit</p>	<p>If you die while receiving benefits, your survivors may be eligible to receive a one-time additional payment.</p>

How Much Your Coverage Costs

Your base policy is paid for by the Montana University System and costs you nothing. If you choose to purchase buy-up coverage, 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.

Your Option	Monthly Premium
1	\$5.40
2	\$10.78
3	\$13.46

As you consider whether to apply for Buy-Up 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.

Your employer provides you with a basic level of disability insurance. Will that be enough for you? If not, you have the option to enroll in an enhanced level of disability insurance.

To estimate your insurance needs, you'll need to consider your unique circumstances. Use our online calculator at [standard.com/disability/needs](https://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 enrolled in the Montana University System's medical plan, a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada and one of the following:

- An academic and professional employee with an individual contract under the authority of the Board of Regents which provides for eligibility
- A permanent full-time employee of the Montana University System scheduled to work more than six months in any twelve month period who is actively working at least 20 hours each week
- A permanent part-time or job-share employee of the Montana University System scheduled to work more than six months in any twelve month period who is actively working at least 20 hours each week
- A temporary employee who is one of the following:
 - Regularly scheduled to be actively working 20 hours or more per week for more than six months within a year
 - Actively working at least 20 hours each week for a continuous period of more than six months although not regularly scheduled to do so
 - Covered under a labor union contract which provides for eligibility

Substitute, intermittent and student 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
- Apply for buy-up 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.

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) 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.

If you elect coverage that requires medical underwriting approval, you will receive an invitation to apply message from The Standard at the email address we have on record. There will be a link and log on instructions within the email.

Note: If your family status changes, you may have the ability to apply for coverage or increase your coverage for a limited time without having to submit a Medical History Statement online.

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.

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
- 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 60, Long Term Disability benefits may continue during disability until age 65. If you become disabled at age 60 or older, the benefit duration is determined by the age when disability begins:

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
60	5 years
61	4 years
62	3 years, 6 months
63	3 years
64	2 years, 6 months
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:

- Your disability is caused or contributed to by mental disorders

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 long term 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 insurance benefits. [Deductible income includes:](#)

- Sick pay, annual or personal leave pay, severance pay or other forms of salary continuation (including donated amounts) paid 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 retirement or service retirement benefits you 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 your employer ends participation in 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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