Policyholder: LEITERS



Group voluntary short-term disability insurance Benefit summary for colorado members

Effective date: 01/01/2021

Eligibility					
Eligible employees	All active, full-time employees working at least 30 hours a week				
Benefits					
Primary weekly benefit	60% of your earnings up to \$2,000				
Benefit amount	Your primary weekly benefit minus other income sources				
Elimination period	8th day for accidents and 8th day for sickness				
Benefit payment period	Up to 12 weeks				
Maternity	Pregnancy and childbirth are treated the same as any other disability				
Limitations & exclusions					
Pre-existing conditions	3 months prior / 12 months insured				
Other limitations	A complete list is included in your booklet				

What's available to me?

Help protect one of your most valuable assets - the ability to earn an income. If you're temporarily disabled and can't work for a short amount of time, you can rely on short-term disability insurance to replace a portion of your weekly income.

Your primary weekly benefit is 60% of your earnings prior to your disability up to \$2,000 minus other income sources. Other income sources could include but aren't limited to Social Security, other earnings, worker's compensation, state disability (if applicable), and salary continuance.

Your benefits are determined by your base wage. This is your definition of earnings and is outlined further in the booklet you'll receive following enrollment.

Compensation for business owners covers business profits plus salaries averaged over the prior two years.

Who can buy coverage?

- You may buy coverage if you're an active, full-time employee working at least 30 hours a week. Seasonal, temporary, or contract employees can't purchase.
 - o If you're on regularly scheduled day off, holiday, vacation day, jury duty, funeral leave, or personal time off, you're still considered actively at work, as long as you're fulfilling your regular duties and were working the day immediately prior to your time off.
 - o You must enroll within 31 days of being eligible. If you don't, you'll need to provide health information for us to review for approval, or if you have a qualifying event.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

When do I begin receiving disability benefits?

Your elimination period is completed on the 8th day for accidents and the 8th day for sickness. The elimination period is the amount of time before you start receiving benefits.

Once I start receiving benefits, how long will they continue?

Short-term disability benefits can continue up to 12 weeks.

What types of conditions may qualify as a disability?

You'll be considered disabled due to sickness or injury, or pregnancy.

During your elimination period and your benefit payment period (how long benefit is paid), one of the following must apply:

- You're unable to perform the majority of substantial duties of your own job; or
- You're unable to earn 80% of your income prior to your disability while working in a modified capacity.

Do I qualify if I have a preexisting condition?

You may. If you haven't been seen by a doctor or prescribed medication for an injury or sickness in the last 3 months or if your disability happens after 12 consecutive months of coverage, you may qualify.

Additional benefits:

Work incentive benefit	If you're working on a limited or part-time basis, you can keep your work earnings and may still receive your disability benefit. You can't receive more than 100% of your earnings prior to your disability.
Rehabilitation plan	If you're disabled, our staff may work with you, your physician and employer to create an individual rehabilitation plan to help you return to work. You may also receive this benefit if you're not disabled but have a condition that prevents you from working.
Rehabilitation incentive benefit Survivor benefit	If you're totally disabled and satisfy the requirements of an individual rehabilitation plan, your benefit percentage may increase by 5%. Your survivors will receive 3 times your primary weekly benefit.

What are the limitations and exclusions of my coverage?

Preexisting conditions

A preexisting condition is any sickness or injury for which you:

- Received medical treatment, care or services for a diagnosed condition in the three month period before you became insured under this policy; or
- Took prescribed medications for a diagnosed condition in the three month period before you became insured under this policy; or
- Suffered from a physical or mental condition, whether diagnosed or undiagnosed, which was misrepresented or not disclosed in your application:
 - o for which you received a physician's advice or treatment within 24 months before you became insured under this policy; or
 - o which caused symptoms within 12 months before you became insured under this policy for which a prudent person would usually seek medical advice or treatment; and

Benefits will not be paid for a disability that is caused or substantially contributed by a preexisting condition unless, on the date you became disabled, you were actively at work for one full day after completing 12 consecutive months during which you were insured under this policy.



This is a summary of short-term disability coverage insured by or with administrative services provided by Principal Life Insurance Company. This outline is a brief description of your coverage. It is not an insurance contract or a complete statement of the rights, benefits, limitations and exclusions of the coverage. If there is a discrepancy between the policy and this document, the actual policy provision prevails. For complete coverage details, refer to the booklet.

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