



# Long term disability insurance

Disability insurance covers a part of your income, so you can pay your bills if you're injured or sick and can't work.

Disability may be more common than you might realize, and people can be unable to work for all sorts of different reasons. There are times when many disabilities can be caused by illness, including common conditions like heart disease and arthritis. However, many disabilities aren't covered by workers' compensation.

## Who is it for?

If you rely on your income to pay for everyday expenses, then you should probably consider disability insurance. It helps ensure that you'll receive a partial income if you're injured or too sick to work.

## What does it cover?

Many disability insurance plans pay out a portion or percentage of your income if you're diagnosed with a serious illness or experience an injury that prevents you from doing your job.

## Why should I consider it?

Accidents happen, and you can't always anticipate if or when you'll become sick or injured. That's why it's important to have a disability policy that helps you pay your bills in the event of being unable to collect your normal paycheck.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



## Partial income replacement

Jim suffers a heart attack that leaves him unable to work for two years.

Unpaid time off work: **24 months**

Elimination period: **6 months**

After a 6 month elimination period, Jim's Guardian Long Term Disability policy kicks in and replaces **\$2,000** of his monthly income for the remaining **18 months** of his disability or illness.

This gives him a total of **\$36,000** to cover his expenses while he's unable to work.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



# Your long term disability coverage

## Long-Term Disability

<b>Coverage amount</b>	60% of salary to maximum \$15000/month
<b>Maximum payment period:</b> Maximum length of time you can receive disability benefits.	Social Security Normal Retirement Age
<b>Accident benefits begin:</b> The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 91
<b>Illness benefits begin:</b> The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 91
<b>Evidence of Insurability:</b> A health statement requiring you to answer a few medical history questions.	Health Statement may be required
<b>Guarantee Issue:</b> The 'guarantee' means you are not required to answer health questions to qualify for coverage up to and including the specified amount, when applicant signs up for coverage during the initial enrollment period.	We Guarantee Issue \$15000 in coverage
<b>Minimum work hours/week:</b> Minimum number of hours you must regularly work each week to be eligible for coverage.	Planholder Determines
<b>Pre-existing conditions:</b> A pre-existing condition includes any condition/symptom for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	3 months look back; 12 months after exclusion
<b>Survivor benefit:</b> Additional benefit payable to your family if you die while disabled.	3 months

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS—DISABILITY (Some information may vary by state)

- **Disability (long-term):** For first two years of disability, you will receive benefit payments while you are unable to work in your own occupation. After two years, you will continue to receive benefits if you cannot work in any occupation based on training, experience and education.
- **Earnings definition:** Your covered salary is based on your previous year's W2 statement.
- **Special limitations:** Provides a 24-month benefit limit for mental health and substance abuse.
- **Work incentive:** Plan benefit will not be reduced for a specified amount of months so that you have part-time earnings while you remain disabled, unless the combined benefit and earnings exceed 100% of your previous earnings.



# Your long term disability coverage

## A SUMMARY OF DISABILITY PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Evidence of Insurability may be required on all late enrollees. This coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. This proposal is hedged subject to satisfactory financial evaluation. Please refer to certificate of coverage for full plan description.
- You must be working full-time on the effective date of your coverage; otherwise, your coverage becomes effective after you have completed a specific waiting period.
- Employees must be legally working in the United States in order to be eligible for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding one year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State. Subject to state specific variations.
- For Long-Term Disability coverage, we pay no benefits for a disability caused or contributed to by a pre-existing condition unless the disability starts after you have been insured under this plan for a specified period of time. We limit the duration of payments for long term disabilities caused by mental or emotional conditions, or alcohol or drug abuse.
- We do not pay benefits for charges relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces) committing a felony or taking part in any riot or other civil disorder or intentionally injuring themselves or attempting suicide while sane or insane. We do not pay benefits for charges relating to legal intoxication, including but not limited to the operation of a motor vehicle, and for the voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and is used as prescribed. We limit the duration of payments for long term disabilities caused by mental or emotional conditions, or alcohol or drug abuse. We do not pay benefits during any period in which a covered person is confined to a correctional facility, an employee is not under the care of a doctor, an employee is receiving treatment outside of the US or Canada, and the employee's loss of earnings is not solely due to disability.
- This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does not provide "basic hospital", "basic medical", or "medical" insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department.
- If this plan is transferred from another insurance carrier, the time an insured is covered under that plan will count toward satisfying Guardian's pre-existing condition limitation period. State variations may apply.
- When applicable, this coverage will integrate with NJ TDB, NY DBL, CA SDI, RI TDI, Hawaii TDI and Puerto Rico DBA, DC PFML and WA PFML. Contract # GP-1-LTD-15-1.0 et al.

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# Caregiving service

Comprehensive support for every stage of life.

Employees like you juggle complex responsibilities both at work and at home. The caregiving support offered through Guardian + Wellthy is tailored to your individual needs. From navigating parenthood to arranging in-home care for a loved one, you're covered with this service that's integrated directly into your Guardian disability benefit.

**Access support that's truly personalized, to help assist you in your caregiving journey. Including if you're in need of:**



**Help managing a health condition**



**Childcare and teen support**



**Caring for an aging loved one**



**Mental health and well-being**



**End of life and loss**



**Financial hardships**

With the help of Guardian + Wellthy caregiving support services, you can plan for future care responsibilities, get guidance for your current needs, or connect with others who are navigating care for similar situations. You will have access to self-serve tools, resources, and dedicated support.

**This service is only available if you have qualifying lines of coverage. See your plan administrator for more details.**

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## How to access

### Visit

[guardian-well.com](https://guardian-well.com)

Look for the Guardian + Wellthy page to learn how to access your caregiving benefits.

Note: First-time GuardianWell users will need to register.

# Cancer support service

Personalized, empathetic support to help you navigate a cancer diagnosis.

With cancer cases in the United States continuing to rise and remaining a leading cause of long-term disability, employees may be looking for improved benefits that can support them to a better quality of life. That's why Guardian partnered with Osara Health to bring our members facing a cancer diagnosis the support services that can help you focus on your holistic well-being throughout your treatment. Because you have Guardian Long-Term Disability Insurance as a benefit through your employer, you have access to this unique 6 to 12 week program.

## A comprehensive solution to help cancer patients navigate their diagnosis



### Dedicated health coach

One-on-one coaching for holistic support, education and guidance with scheduled calls over 6-12 weeks that works around your schedule.



### Digital resource modules

Weekly resources sent directly to you, covering the key areas of cancer self-management as developed by Osara Health's clinical research team.



### Tailored well-being information

Access to the Osara Health app to track symptoms and access tailored and verified well being content.

**"My health coach understood exactly what I was going through and provided a wealth of resources on how to manage my stress, as well as other tips on food and exercise that I wouldn't have otherwise."** - Osara Health Cancer Coach Program Participant

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## How to access

As part of the Guardian disability claims process, you will be proactively provided with the details on how to access this valuable benefit.