# GROUP VOLUNTARY LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS





Just over 1 in 4 of today's 20 year-olds will become disabled before they retire (age 67).1

# Saratoga Hospital

A disability can happen to anyone. Long-term disability insurance helps protect your paycheck if you're unable to work for a long period of time after a serious condition, injury or sickness.



To learn more about Long-Term Disability insurance, visit our interactive benefits education tool, **MyTomorrow**® at www.mytomorrowbenefits.com/SaratogaHospital/0028

# COVERAGE INFORMATION

COVERAGE LEVEL	BENEFIT PERCENTAGE (PERCENT OF YOUR EARNINGS)	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM (BASED ON MONTHLY INCOME LOSS BEFORE THE DEDUCTION OF OTHER INCOME BENEFITS)	BENEFIT STARTS (ELIMINATION PERIOD)	BENEFIT DURATION
Option 1	40%				Disabled before: Age 63
Option 2	50%	\$10,000	Greater of \$100 or 10% of the benefit	After disabled	Benefit duration: Age 03 Benefit duration: As long as you are disabled Benefit duration maximum: The greater of your Social Security Normal Retirement Age or 3.5 years
Option 3	60%				

# **ASKED & ANSWERED**

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you are an active full-time non-salaried employee working at least 36 hours per week or non-salaried Physician, Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner with full-time status as defined within your employment agreement.

#### **AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?**

If you elect coverage during your initial enrollment period or if this is the first time you are eligible to elect coverage, evidence of insurability is not required.

Outside your initial enrollment period and during a family status change period, evidence of insurability is required to elect coverage for the first time or make a change to enhance your current coverage.<sup>2</sup>

This coverage is subject to a pre-existing condition exclusion, which is detailed on the Limitations & Exclusions sheet.

# WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll at any time however, Evidence of Insurability may apply.

## WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

Insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (first of the month coinciding with or next following 3 months of employment).

You must be actively at work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect.

#### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE END?

This insurance will end when you no longer satisfy the applicable eligibility conditions, premium is unpaid, you leave your employer, or the coverage is no longer offered.

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DISABLED?

Disability is defined in The Hartford's certificate with your employer.

Typically, disability means that you cannot perform one or more of the essential duties of your occupation due to injury, sickness, pregnancy or other medical condition covered by the insurance, and as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings. Once you have been disabled for 2 years following the elimination period, you must be prevented from performing one or more of the essential duties of any occupation and as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than or equal to 60% of your pre-disability earnings.

Pre-disability earnings is defined within the policy certificate.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Social Security Administration Fact Sheet. Web. 30 June 2017 https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf

<sup>3</sup>The Long Term Disability policy contains a Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. Please refer to the certificate for more information on exclusions and limitations, such as Pre-Existing Conditions.

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# **LIMITATIONS & EXCLUSIONS**



This insurance coverage includes certain limitations and exclusions. The certificate details all provisions, limitations, and exclusions for this insurance coverage, A copy of the certificate can be obtained from your employer.

## **GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE**

# LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

# **GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

- You must be under the regular care of a physician to receive benefits.

  You cannot receive disability insurance benefit payments for disabilities that are caused or contributed to by:
  - War or act of war (declared or not)
  - The commission of, or attempt to commit a felony
  - An intentionally self-inflicted injury
  - Your being engaged in an illegal occupation

#### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Your insurance excludes the benefits you can receive for pre-existing conditions. In general, if you were diagnosed or received care for a condition before the effective date of your certificate, you will be covered for a disability due to that condition only if:

  You have not received treatment for your condition for 3 months before the effective date of your insurance, or
  You have been insured under this coverage for 12 months prior to your disability commencing, so you can receive benefits even if you're receiving treatment, or
  You have already satisfied the pre-existing condition requirement of your previous insurer

#### LIMITATIONS

Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Limitation. If you are disabled because of Mental Illness or because of alcoholism or the use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens or other similar substance, benefits will be payable for a maximum of 24 in your lifetime, unless at the end of that 24, you are confined to a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for your disability.

- **OFFSETS** Your benefit payments will be reduced by other income you receive or are eligible to receive due to your disability, such as:
  - Social Security disability insurance (please see next section for exceptions)
  - Workers' compensation
  - Other employer-based insurance coverage you may have
  - Unemployment benefits
  - Settlements or judgments for income loss
  - Retirement benefits that your employer fully or partially pays for (such as a pension plan)
  - Your benefit payments will not be reduced by certain kinds of other income, such as:
    - Retirement benefits if you were already receiving them before you became disabled
    - Retirement benefits that are funded by your after-tax contributions your personal savings, investments, IRAs or Keoghs profit-sharing

    - Most personal disability policies
      Social Security cost-of-living increases

This example is for purposes of illustrating the effect of the benefit reductions and is not intended to reflect the situation of a particular claimant under the Policy:

Insured's monthly [Pre-Disability Earnings/Basic Monthly Pay] \$3,000 Long term disability benefits percentage x 60% Unreduced maximum benefit \$1,800 Less Social Security disability benefit per month - \$900 Less state disability income benefit per month - \$300 Total amount of long term disability benefit per month \$600

This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York Department of Financial Services.

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