

# DisabilityFLEX® (GROUP VOLUNTARY SHORT-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE) BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



In the U.S., a disabling injury occurs every second.<sup>1</sup>

## TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

A disability can happen to anyone. A back injury, pregnancy, or serious illness can lead to months without a regular paycheck. If you're unable to work for a short period of time due to a non-work-related condition, illness or injury, short-term disability insurance offers financial protection by paying you a portion of your earnings.



To learn more about Short-Term Disability insurance, visit [thehartford.com/employeebenefits](http://thehartford.com/employeebenefits)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

You have a choice of three disability plans, which allows you the flexibility to enroll for the coverage that best meets your needs.

BENEFITS		OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Benefit Amount	You have the choice of electing your weekly benefit. Benefits are in \$100 increments, not to exceed 60% of your weekly earnings.	\$200-\$1,000	\$200-\$1,000	\$200-\$1,000
Benefit Starts	You may choose when you want your benefit to start.	Injury: Day 8 Illness: Day 8	Injury: Day 15 Illness: Day 15	Injury: Day 30 Illness: Day 30
Benefit Duration	You have the choice of how long you want to receive benefits.	26 weeks	26 weeks	26 weeks

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible for this insurance if you are an active part-time or full-time employee who works at least 20 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

You can elect coverage without providing evidence of insurability during your scheduled initial enrollment period or qualified family status change period. You can enroll for coverage and/or increase existing benefits without providing evidence of insurability only during subsequent scheduled enrollment periods occurring annually thereafter or qualified family status change periods.<sup>3</sup>

Electing or changing coverage is only permitted during scheduled annual enrollment periods or qualified family status change periods.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DISABLED?

Typically, disability means that due to accidental bodily injury, sickness, mental illness, substance abuse or pregnancy you are unable to perform the essential duties of your occupation, and as a result, you are earning 60% or less of your pre-disability earnings.

### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period, within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status, or within 31 days of the completion of any eligibility waiting period established by your employer.

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

Subject to any eligibility waiting period established by your employer, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

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 are no longer actively working, you leave your employer, or the coverage is no longer offered.

### WILL MY BENEFIT BE REDUCED FOR ANY REASON?

No, your benefits will not be reduced for reasons such as: Social Security, other employer-based insurance coverage you may have, settlements or judgment for income loss, unemployment benefits, or retirements benefits that your employer fully or partially pays for (such as a pension).

<sup>1</sup>Injury Facts. National Safety Council. 2015 Edition. P. 37. Web. 30 June 2017.

<sup>2</sup>Rates and/or benefits may be changed. Rates are based on the age of the insured person and increase on January 1 of each year as you enter each new age category.

<sup>3</sup>The Short Term Disability policy contains a Pre-Existing Condition Limitation. 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.

## Disability Flex

### 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
  - Sickness or injury for which workers' compensation benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed
  - Sickness or injury sustained as a result of doing any work for pay or profit for another employer, including self-employment

### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Your insurance limits 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 not received treatment for your condition for 3 months after 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
- If you are unable to satisfy one of the requirements above, your coverage will be limited to a maximum of 4 weeks of benefits for that disability.

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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