



Standard Insurance Company
Educator Options Voluntary Long Term Disability Coverage Highlights
LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voluntary Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance

Long Term Disability insurance is designed to pay a monthly benefit to you in the event you cannot work because of a covered illness or injury. This benefit replaces a portion of your income, thus helping you to meet your financial commitments in a time of need. Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) has developed this document to provide you with information about the optional coverage you may select through LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Eligibility Requirements

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| Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A minimum number of eligible employees must apply and qualify for the proposed plan before Educator Options Voluntary LTD coverage can become effective |
| Employee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A regular employee of LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT• Actively working at least 20 hours each week• A citizen or resident of the United States or Canada• Temporary and seasonal employees, full-time members of the armed forces, leased employees and independent contractors are not eligible |
| Premium | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You pay 100 percent of the premium for this coverage through easy payroll deduction |

Benefit Amount

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| Benefit Amount | You may select a monthly benefit amount in \$100 increments, based on the tables and guidelines presented in the Rates section of these Coverage Highlights. The monthly benefit amount must not exceed 66 2/3 percent of your monthly predisability earnings. The minimum monthly amount you may elect is \$200. |
| Plan Maximum Monthly Benefit | The lesser of \$8,000 or 66 2/3 percent of your predisability earnings |
| Plan Minimum Monthly Benefit | 10 percent of your LTD benefit before reduction by deductible income or \$100 |

Note:

- If you do not apply for this coverage within 31 days after becoming eligible, and later decide to do so, you must wait until your employer holds an annual enrollment.
- Reinstatements are subject to medical underwriting approval. To submit a medical history statement online, visit: http://www.standard.com/mybenefits/mhs_ho.html

Disability Needs Calculator

Your family has a unique set of circumstances and financial demands. To help you figure out the amount of Disability insurance you may need if you become unable to work, The Standard has created a Disability Needs Calculator found at: <http://www.standard.com/calculators/dineeds.html>

Employee Coverage Effective Date

To become insured, you must satisfy the eligibility requirements listed above, serve an eligibility waiting period, receive medical underwriting approval (if applicable), and 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.

Please contact your human resources representative for more information regarding the requirements that must be satisfied for your insurance to become effective.

Understanding Your Plan Design

Benefit Waiting Period

The benefit waiting period is the period of time that you must be continuously disabled before benefits become payable. Benefits are not payable during the benefit waiting period. The benefit waiting period options associated with your plan include:

<u>Accidental Injury</u>	<u>Other Disabilities</u>
0 days	3 days
14 days	14 days
30 days	30 days
60 days	60 days
90 days	90 days
180 days	180 days

Own Occupation Definition of Disability

For the benefit waiting period and the first 24 months for which LTD benefits are paid, you are considered disabled when you are unable as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation **AND** are suffering a loss of at least 20 percent of your indexed predisability earnings when working in your own occupation. You are not disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

Any Occupation Definition of Disability

After the own occupation period of disability, you will be considered disabled if you are unable as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any occupation.

Deductible Income

Deductible income is income you receive or are eligible to receive while LTD benefits are payable. Refer to your group certificate for exceptions during the first 12 months of disability. Deductible income includes, but is not limited to:

- Sick pay, annual or personal leave pay, severance pay or other forms of salary contribution (including donated amounts) paid to you by your Employer, if the amount found in a. exceeds the amount found in b., as determined below:
 - a. Determine the amount of your LTD Benefit as if there were no deductible income, and add your sick pay or other salary continuation to that amount.
 - b. Determine 100 percent of your indexed predisability earnings
 - c. If a. is greater than b., the difference will be deductible income
- 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
- Disability benefits from any other group insurance
- Disability or retirement benefits under your employer's retirement plan
- Benefits under any state disability income benefit law or similar law
- Earnings or compensation included in predisability earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while LTD benefits are payable
- Earnings from work activity while you are disabled, plus the earnings you could receive if you worked as much as your disability allows
- 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

Maximum Benefit Period

The maximum period for which benefits are payable is shown in the table below:
If you become disabled before age 62, LTD benefits may continue during disability until age 65 or to the Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) or 3 years 6 months, whichever is longer. If you become disabled at age 62 or older, the benefit duration is determined by the age when disability begins:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Maximum Benefit Period</u>
62	To SSNRA, or 3 years 6 months, whichever is longer
63	To SSNRA, or 3 years, whichever is longer
64	To SSNRA, or 2 years 6 months, whichever is longer
65	2 years
66	1 year 9 months
67	1 year 6 months
68	1 year 3 months
69+	1 year

Benefit Calculation

Example

You select the amount of your LTD benefit when you enroll for coverage in the plan. The dollar amount selected must be a multiple of \$100, from a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of the lesser of \$8,000 or 60 percent of your predisability earnings. This amount is then reduced by deductible income you receive, or are eligible to receive, while LTD benefits are payable. As an example, if your monthly predisability earnings are \$4,500, you may select any dollar amount (in \$100 increments) between \$200 and \$2,700 (60 percent of predisability earnings). In the example below, assume you elected the maximum benefit amount of \$2,700, and you now receive a monthly Social Security disability benefit of \$1,200 and a monthly retirement benefit of \$900. Your monthly LTD benefit would be calculated as follows:

Insured predisability earnings	\$4,500
Maximum benefit percentage	X 60%
Maximum benefit amount	<u>\$2,700</u>
Less Social Security disability benefit	-\$1,200
Less retirement benefit	<u>-\$900</u>
Amount of LTD benefit	\$600

Additional Features

Please see your human resources representative for additional information about the features and benefits below.

24 Hour Coverage

24-hour LTD plans provide coverage for disabilities occurring on or off the job.

Rehabilitation Plan

If you are participating in an approved Rehabilitation Plan, The Standard may include payment of some of the expenses you incur in connection with the plan including but not limited to: training and education expenses, family (child and elder) care expenses, job related expenses and job search expenses.

Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit

If your employer makes an approved work-site modification that enables you to return to work while disabled, The Standard will reimburse your employer up to a pre-approved amount for some or all of the cost of the modification.

Employee Assistance Program

Includes an Employee Assistance Program and WorkLife Services to offer support, guidance and resources to help you and your household members resolve personal issues.

Survivors Benefit

If you die while LTD benefits are payable, and on the date you die you have been continuously disabled for at least 180 days, a survivors benefit equal to three time your unreduced LTD benefit may be payable (any survivors benefit payable will first be applied to any overpayment of your claim due to The Standard).

First Day Hospital Benefit

If you are hospital confined for at least 4 hours during the benefit waiting period, the following will apply; the remainder of your benefit waiting period will be waived, LTD benefits will become payable on the first day you are hospital confined, and your maximum benefit period will begin on the date your LTD benefits are payable. You are eligible for this benefit only if your elected benefit waiting period is less than 30 days.

Family Care Expense Benefit	Applies when a disabled employee has returned to work and continues to receive LTD benefits. For 12 months, a portion of expenses (up to \$250 per dependent or \$500 per family, per month) is deducted from the amount of your work earnings.
Lifetime Security Benefit	Your LTD benefit (amount in effect when the claim closes) payments will continue beyond the regular plan Maximum Benefit Period if you are unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living or are suffering severe cognitive impairment.

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
- 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
- If applicable, with respect to insurance increases, you are not covered for the insurance increase if your disability is caused or contributed by 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 specified exclusion and limitation period, and you have been actively at work for at least one full day after the end of the specified exclusion and limitation period

Preexisting Condition Provision

Preexisting Condition For the first 90 days of disability, we will pay benefits even if you have a condition subject to the preexisting condition limitation. After 90 days, we will continue benefits only for conditions for which the preexisting condition exclusion or limitation does not apply. Benefit amounts subject to the preexisting condition exclusion will be excluded from payment.

A preexisting condition is a mental or physical condition:

- 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

Preexisting Condition Period The 90-day period just before your insurance becomes effective or any insurance increases become effective

Specified Exclusion and Limitation Period 12 months

Limitations

LTD 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 and earn at least 20 percent of your indexed predisability earnings, but you elect not to work; during the first 24 months after the end of the benefit waiting 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, payment of LTD benefits is limited in duration:

- If you reside outside the United States or Canada
- If applicable, if your disability is caused or contributed by 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 specified exclusion and limitation period, and you have been actively at work for at least one full day after the end of the specified exclusion and limitation period