



**Long-Term Disability
Income Insurance**
Mississippi State Educational Employees

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*This brochure highlights important features of the policy.
Please refer to your certificate for complete details.*



Long-Term Disability Income Insurance

Disability income insurance is here for you.

- **Salary Protection for You and Your Loved Ones**
Provides a steady benefit to cover expenses while you are unable to work. The plan makes it easy to help protect your future income in case of a sudden injury or sickness.
- **Several Elimination Periods Available**
Based on your individual need, there are various elimination periods for you to choose from. The plan pays a percentage of your gross monthly income once you have satisfied the elimination period.
- **Benefit Payments Made Directly to You**
Your monthly benefit payments may be deposited directly into your bank account. This gives you the freedom to pay your living expenses and make other purchases as you see fit.
- **Social Security Filing Assistance**
If we determine you are a likely candidate for social security disability benefits, we can assist you with the application and appeal process.

Choose the Right Plan for You

Benefits Begin

- Plan I -** On the 15th day of Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness.
- Plan II -** On the 31st day of Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness.
- Plan III -** On the 61st day of Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness.
- Plan IV -** On the 91st day of Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness.
- Plan V -** On the 151st day of Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness.

Injury means physical harm or damage to the body you sustained which results directly from an accidental bodily injury, is independent of disease or bodily infirmity; and takes place while your coverage is in force.

Sickness means a disease or illness (including pregnancy). Disability must begin while your coverage is in force.

Hospital means the term "Hospital" shall not include an institution used by you as a place for rehabilitation; a place for rest or for the aged; a nursing or convalescent home; a long-term nursing unit or geriatrics ward; or an extended care facility for the care of convalescent, rehabilitative, or ambulatory patients.

Eligibility

All active full-time employees in covered group working 20 hours or more per week. Regarding your eligibility, we may require proof of good health and will rely on answers given on your application to determine if coverage can be issued. Regardless of your health at the time of application, if coverage is approved and issued, claims incurred while coverage is in force will be subject to all terms of the Policy including any Pre-Existing Condition limitation.

Benefits Are Payable

Benefits are payable to the period of time shown in the chart below, based on your age as of the date Disability due to a covered Injury or Sickness begins.

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
Less than age 60	To Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA)*
60	60 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
61	48 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
62	42 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
63	36 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
64	30 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
65	24 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
66	21 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
67	18 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
68	15 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 69 or older	12 months, or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater

When Coverage Begins

Certificates will become effective on the requested effective date following the date we approve the application, provided you are on active employment and premium has been paid.

Physician Expense Benefit

Injury - \$100.00 per Injury
Sickness - \$25.00

If you need personal treatment by a Physician due to an Injury or Sickness, we will pay the amount shown above provided no other claim has been paid under the Policy. This benefit will be paid for Sickness only if the treatment is received during one full day of Disability during which you missed one full day of work. To be eligible for more than one payment for the same or related condition due to Sickness, you must have returned to work for at least 14 consecutive scheduled workdays. You are not required to miss one full day of work in order to receive the Injury benefit.

Accidental Death Benefit

A lump sum of \$20,000 will be paid to your designated beneficiary if you die as the direct result of an injury within 90 days after the injury.

Donor Benefit

If you are disabled as a result of being an organ or tissue donor, we will pay your benefit as any other sickness under the terms of the plan.

*Age at which you are entitled to unreduced Social Security benefits based on current Social Security Amendments.

Policy Provisions and Plan Features

Hospital Confinement Benefit

A Hospital Confinement Benefit will be paid each day you are confined as a patient in a Hospital due to an Injury or Sickness, for up to 60 days. The amount payable is 1 times the Disability Benefit which will be pro-rated on a daily basis. This benefit will not be reduced by Deductible Sources of Income. The Hospital confinement must be at least 18 continuous hours in duration. This benefit will begin after your satisfaction of the elimination period.

Waiver of Premium

No premium payments are required while you are receiving payments under the plan after disability payments have been received for 180 consecutive days. We will require proof annually that you remain disabled during that time.

Minimum Disability Benefit

The minimum Monthly Disability Benefit is 10% of the Monthly Disability Benefit or \$100.00, whichever is greater.

Mental Illness Limited Benefit

If you are disabled due to a mental illness, benefits will be provided for up to 2 years, not to exceed the maximum disability period.

Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Limited Benefit

If you are disabled due to alcoholism or drug addiction, a limited benefit of up to 15 days for each disability will be paid. Benefits will not be paid beyond the maximum benefit period. If drug addiction is sustained at the hands of, or while under the regular and appropriate care of a physician in the course of treatment for injury or sickness, it will be covered the same as any other sickness.

Offsets With Other Sources of Income

Deductible Sources of Income include:

- Other group disability income.
- Governmental or other retirement system, whether due to disability, normal retirement or voluntary election of retirement benefits.
- United States Social Security Act or similar plan or act, including any amounts due your dependent(s) on account of your disability.
- State Disability.
- Unemployment compensation.
- Sick leave or other salary or wage continuance plans provided by the Employer which extend beyond 60 (Plans I, II, and III), 90 (Plan IV), and 150 (Plan V) calendar days from the date of disability.

We reserve the right to estimate these Deductible Sources of Income that you may receive as defined in your Certificate.

If You Are Disabled Due to a Covered Disability and Not Working

Your disability payment will be the disability benefit described in the benefit schedule less any deductible sources of income you receive or are entitled to receive. No disability payment will be provided for any period in which you are not under the regular and appropriate care of a physician.

Disability or disabled for the first 12 months of disability means that you are unable to perform the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation. After that, disability means you are unable to perform the material and substantial duties of any gainful occupation for wage or profit for which you are reasonably qualified by training, education, or experience.

Return To Work Incentives: Disabled and Working

If you are disabled and working, you may be eligible to continue to receive a percentage of your disability payment in addition to your disability earnings. If your disability earnings exceed 80% of your monthly compensation, payments will stop and your claim will end.

• Family Care Benefit

If you are disabled and working and have one or more eligible family members, you may be eligible for a family care benefit. This benefit is for expenses incurred up to 25% of your monthly disability benefit. Your disability earnings, gross disability benefit, and family care benefit cannot exceed 100% of your monthly compensation. Payment of this benefit ends when you cease to be eligible for benefits under the Disabled and Working provision of the policy.

• Worksite Accommodation

As a part of our claims evaluation process, if worksite modifications may assist your return to work, we will evaluate your claim for appropriate action.

Pre-Existing Condition Limitation

A limited benefit up to {1 month's} Disability Benefit will be payable for Disability due to a Pre-Existing Condition. This provision will not apply if you have: gone treatment-free; incurred no expense; taken no medication; and received no diagnosis or advice from a Physician, for 12 consecutive months for such condition(s).

This limitation will not apply to a Disability resulting from a Pre-Existing Condition that begins after you have been continuously covered under the Policy for 12 months.

Any increase in benefits will be subject to this pre-existing condition limitation. A new pre-existing condition period must be satisfied with respect to any increase applied for and approved by us.

Pre-existing condition means a disease, Injury, Sickness, physical condition or mental illness for which you: had treatment; incurred expense; took medication; received care or services including diagnostic testing or related measures; or received a diagnosis or advice from a physician, during the 12 month period immediately before your effective date of coverage. The term pre-existing condition will also include conditions which are related to such disease, injury, sickness, physical condition, or mental illness.

Exclusions

The Policy does not cover any loss, fatal or non-fatal, resulting from:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injury while sane or insane.
- An act of war, declared or undeclared.
- Injury sustained or Sickness contracted while in the service of the armed forces of any country.
- Committing a felony.
- Penal incarceration. We will not pay benefits for Disability or any other loss during any period for which you are incarcerated in a penal or correctional institution for a period of 30 consecutive days or longer.
- Injury or Sickness arising out of and in the course of any occupation for wage or profit or for which you are entitled to Workers' Compensation.

The term "entitled to Workers' Compensation" shall also include Workers' Compensation claim settlements that occur via compromise and release. Further, no benefits will be paid under this Policy for any period during which you are entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits.

Your coverage may be continued for up to 1 year during a leave of absence approved in writing by your employer. Coverage will continue as long as the group policy remains in force, the premiums are paid and you remain eligible for the coverage under the policy. Your coverage will end when you no longer qualify as an insured, you retire, you are not on active employment, or your employment terminates. Your coverage can be terminated or premiums may be increased on any premium due date with 31 days advance notice.

Several benefit options are available to you. You may participate in the Plan under any one of the benefit levels outlined below, provided the Monthly Disability Benefit level selected does not exceed 70% of your Monthly Compensation.

Monthly Salary	Monthly Disability Benefit	Accidental Death Benefit	Monthly Premiums				
			Plan I (15th)	Plan II (31st)	Plan III (61st)	Plan IV (91st)	Plan V (151st)
\$286.00 - \$428.99	\$200.00	\$20,000.00	\$5.60	\$4.50	\$3.80	\$3.20	\$2.40
\$429.00 - \$571.99	\$300.00	\$20,000.00	\$8.40	\$6.75	\$5.70	\$4.80	\$3.60
\$572.00 - \$714.99	\$400.00	\$20,000.00	\$11.20	\$9.00	\$7.60	\$6.40	\$4.80
\$715.00 - \$857.99	\$500.00	\$20,000.00	\$14.00	\$11.25	\$9.50	\$8.00	\$6.00
\$858.00 - \$999.99	\$600.00	\$20,000.00	\$16.80	\$13.50	\$11.40	\$9.60	\$7.20
\$1,000.00 - \$1,142.99	\$700.00	\$20,000.00	\$19.60	\$15.75	\$13.30	\$11.20	\$8.40
\$1,143.00 - \$1,285.99	\$800.00	\$20,000.00	\$22.40	\$18.00	\$15.20	\$12.80	\$9.60
\$1,286.00 - \$1,428.99	\$900.00	\$20,000.00	\$25.20	\$20.25	\$17.10	\$14.40	\$10.80
\$1,429.00 - \$1,571.99	\$1,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$28.00	\$22.50	\$19.00	\$16.00	\$12.00
\$1,572.00 - \$1,714.99	\$1,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$30.80	\$24.75	\$20.90	\$17.60	\$13.20
\$1,715.00 - \$1,857.99	\$1,200.00	\$20,000.00	\$33.60	\$27.00	\$22.80	\$19.20	\$14.40
\$1,858.00 - \$1,999.99	\$1,300.00	\$20,000.00	\$36.40	\$29.25	\$24.70	\$20.80	\$15.60
\$2,000.00 - \$2,142.99	\$1,400.00	\$20,000.00	\$39.20	\$31.50	\$26.60	\$22.40	\$16.80
\$2,143.00 - \$2,285.99	\$1,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$42.00	\$33.75	\$28.50	\$24.00	\$18.00
\$2,286.00 - \$2,428.99	\$1,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$44.80	\$36.00	\$30.40	\$25.60	\$19.20
\$2,429.00 - \$2,571.99	\$1,700.00	\$20,000.00	\$47.60	\$38.25	\$32.30	\$27.20	\$20.40
\$2,572.00 - \$2,714.99	\$1,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$50.40	\$40.50	\$34.20	\$28.80	\$21.60
\$2,715.00 - \$2,857.99	\$1,900.00	\$20,000.00	\$53.20	\$42.75	\$36.10	\$30.40	\$22.80
\$2,858.00 - \$2,999.99	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$56.00	\$45.00	\$38.00	\$32.00	\$24.00
\$3,000.00 - \$3,142.99	\$2,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$58.80	\$47.25	\$39.90	\$33.60	\$25.20
\$3,143.00 - \$3,285.99	\$2,200.00	\$20,000.00	\$61.60	\$49.50	\$41.80	\$35.20	\$26.40
\$3,286.00 - \$3,428.99	\$2,300.00	\$20,000.00	\$64.40	\$51.75	\$43.70	\$36.80	\$27.60
\$3,429.00 - \$3,571.99	\$2,400.00	\$20,000.00	\$67.20	\$54.00	\$45.60	\$38.40	\$28.80
\$3,572.00 - \$3,714.99	\$2,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$70.00	\$56.25	\$47.50	\$40.00	\$30.00
\$3,715.00 - \$3,857.99	\$2,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$72.80	\$58.50	\$49.40	\$41.60	\$31.20
\$3,858.00 - \$3,999.99	\$2,700.00	\$20,000.00	\$75.60	\$60.75	\$51.30	\$43.20	\$32.40
\$4,000.00 - \$4,142.99	\$2,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$78.40	\$63.00	\$53.20	\$44.80	\$33.60
\$4,143.00 - \$4,285.99	\$2,900.00	\$20,000.00	\$81.20	\$65.25	\$55.10	\$46.40	\$34.80
\$4,286.00 - \$4,428.99	\$3,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$84.00	\$67.50	\$57.00	\$48.00	\$36.00
\$4,429.00 - \$4,571.99	\$3,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$86.80	\$69.75	\$58.90	\$49.60	\$37.20
\$4,572.00 - \$4,714.99	\$3,200.00	\$20,000.00	\$89.60	\$72.00	\$60.80	\$51.20	\$38.40
\$4,715.00 - \$4,857.99	\$3,300.00	\$20,000.00	\$92.40	\$74.25	\$62.70	\$52.80	\$39.60
\$4,858.00 - \$4,999.99	\$3,400.00	\$20,000.00	\$95.20	\$76.50	\$64.60	\$54.40	\$40.80
\$5,000.00 - \$5,142.99	\$3,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$98.00	\$78.75	\$66.50	\$56.00	\$42.00
\$5,143.00 - \$5,285.99	\$3,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$100.80	\$81.00	\$68.40	\$57.60	\$43.20
\$5,286.00 - \$5,428.99	\$3,700.00	\$20,000.00	\$103.60	\$83.25	\$70.30	\$59.20	\$44.40
\$5,429.00 - \$5,571.99	\$3,800.00 *	\$20,000.00	\$106.40	\$85.50	\$72.20	\$60.80	\$45.60

* Higher Monthly Disability Benefit amounts available up to \$7,500.00 based on your Monthly Salary. Benefits cannot exceed 70% of your Monthly Salary.

