



Group Long Term Disability Insurance

Group Long Term Disability insurance from Standard Insurance Company helps provide financial protection for insured members by promising to pay a monthly benefit in the event of a covered disability.

The cost of this insurance is paid by Carroll County Government.

Eligibility

Definition of a Member	You are a member if you are an active County Commissioner or employee of Carroll County Government (other than a Library employee) and regularly working at least 30 hours per week. You are not a member if you are a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces, a leased employee or an independent contractor.
Eligibility Waiting Period	If you are a Member hired on the 1st through the 15th of the calendar month, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member. If you are a member hired on the 16th through the last day of the calendar month, you are eligible on the first day of the second calendar month following the date you become a Member.

Benefits

Monthly Benefit	60 percent of the first \$12,500 of monthly predisability earnings, reduced by deductible income (e.g., work earnings, workers' compensation, state disability, etc.)
Maximum Monthly Benefit	\$7,500
Minimum Monthly Benefit	\$100
Benefit Waiting Period	180 days

Definition of Disability

For the benefit waiting period and the first 24 months that Long Term Disability benefits are payable, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder:

- You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation, or
- You suffer a loss of at least 20 percent of your predisability earnings when working in your own occupation.

You are not considered disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

After the own occupation period of disability, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of a physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any gainful occupation OR you are working and unable to earn 60 percent of your indexed predisability earnings in that occupation or any other occupation for which you are reasonably fitted.

Maximum Benefit Period

If you become disabled before age 62, Long Term Disability benefits may continue during disability until age 65 or to the Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) or 3 years 6 months, whichever is longest. If you become disabled at age 62 or older, the benefit duration is determined by the age when disability begins:

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
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

Other Features and Services

- 24 hour coverage, including coverage for work-related disabilities
- Conversion of Insurance Provision
- Employee Assistance Program
- Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit
- Return to Work Incentive
- Survivors Benefit
- Temporary Recovery Provision
- Waiver of Premium while Long Term Disability benefits are payable

This information is only a brief description of the group Long Term Disability insurance policy sponsored by Carroll County Government. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy issued by The Standard. The group policy contains a detailed description of the limitations, reduction in benefits, exclusions and when The Standard and Carroll County Government may increase the cost of coverage, amend or cancel the policy. A group certificate of insurance that describes the terms and conditions of the group policy is available for those who become insured according to its terms. For more complete details of coverage, contact your human resources representative.

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