

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



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

## Barton County Community College

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 DisabilityFLEX insurance, visit [thehartford.com/employee-benefits/employees](https://thehartford.com/employee-benefits/employees)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

BENEFITS	
Benefit Amount	You may choose your weekly benefit. Benefits are in \$100 increments.
Benefit Maximum	The lesser of 60% of your weekly earnings or \$2,000
Benefit Starts	Day 8
Benefit Duration	26 weeks

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you are an active full time employee who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis. Employees working in California, Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island or Puerto Rico are not eligible for coverage.

### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

You may elect coverage without providing evidence of insurability during your scheduled initial enrollment period or during subsequent scheduled enrollment periods occurring annually thereafter. You may also increase or change existing benefits without providing evidence of insurability during subsequent scheduled enrollment periods or during qualified family status change periods.

You may also elect coverage during a qualified family status change period by providing evidence of insurability. Coverage would become effective if your application is approved.

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

This coverage is subject to a pre-existing condition limitation, which is detailed on the Limitations & Exclusions sheet.<sup>3</sup>

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DISABLED?

Disability is defined in The Hartford's certificate with your employer. Before benefits start, disabled means, 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 20% or less of your pre-disability weekly earnings. After benefits start, if you are disabled and working, you must earn more than 20% but less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings to receive benefits.

Pre-disability earnings is your regular monthly rate of pay, not counting commissions, bonuses, overtime pay or any other fringe benefit or extra compensation.

### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period, or within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status.

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

The effective date of this coverage is 05/01/2022.

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?

Your benefits are not reduced by any benefit for loss of income received as a result of a disability 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).

If you are disabled and working, your benefit amount may be reduced.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Social Security Administration Fact Sheet: <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf>, as viewed on October 14, 2020.

<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.

## **DisabilityFLEX® (GROUP SHORT 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
  - 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 12 months before the effective date of your insurance, or
  - You have not received treatment for your condition for 6 months after the effective date of your insurance, or
  - You have been insured under this coverage for 6 months prior to your disability commencing, so you can receive benefits even if you're receiving treatment
- 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 LIMITED BENEFITS.**

This limited benefit plan (1) does not constitute major medical coverage, and (2) does not satisfy the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) because the coverage does not meet the requirements of minimum essential coverage.

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

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