



Group Short Term Disability Insurance

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

The cost of this insurance is paid by Northwestern University Postdoctoral Benefit Program.

Eligibility

Definition of a Member	You are a member if you are a regular NRSA and Direct-Pay Postdoctoral Trainee of Northwestern University Postdoctoral Benefit Program, actively working at least 30 hours per week, and a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada. 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	You are eligible on the date you become a member.

Benefits

Weekly Benefit	60 percent of the first \$2,500 of weekly predisability earnings as of the date of disability, reduced by deductible income (e.g., work earnings, workers' compensation, state disability, etc.)
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$1,500
Minimum Weekly Benefit	\$15
Benefit Waiting Period	Your weekly benefit becomes payable after you have been continuously disabled for 7 days for disability caused by accidental injury and after 7 days for disability caused by physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder.

Definition of Disability

For the benefit waiting period and while the Short Term Disability benefits are payable, you are 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 your own occupation, and
- 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.

You will no longer be considered disabled when your earnings from any occupation meet or exceed 80 percent of your predisability earnings.

Maximum Benefit Period

180 days

Other Features and Services

- Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit
- Return to Work Incentive
- Temporary Recovery Provision

This information is only a brief description of the group Short Term Disability insurance policy sponsored by Northwestern University Postdoctoral Benefit Program. 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 Northwestern University Postdoctoral Benefit Program 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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