

# GROUP VOLUNTARY LONG-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>

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A disability can happen to anyone. Long-term disability insurance helps protect your paycheck if you're unable to work for a long period of time after a serious condition, injury or sickness.



To learn more about Long-Term Disability insurance, visit [thehartford.com/employeebenefits](http://thehartford.com/employeebenefits)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

| COVERAGE LEVEL | BENEFIT PERCENTAGE*<br>(PERCENT OF YOUR EARNINGS) | MAXIMUM | MINIMUM<br>(BASED ON MONTHLY INCOME LOSS BEFORE THE DEDUCTION OF OTHER INCOME BENEFITS) | BENEFIT STARTS<br>(ELIMINATION PERIOD)                  | BENEFIT DURATION                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option 1       | 66.67%                                            | \$5,000 | The greater of \$100 or 0% of the benefit                                               | After Greater of Accrued Sick Leave or 90 days disabled | Disabled before: Age 63<br>Benefit duration: As long as you are disabled<br>Benefit duration maximum: The greater of your Social Security Normal Retirement Age or 4 years |
| Option 2       |                                                   |         |                                                                                         |                                                         | Disabled before: Age 66<br>Benefit duration: As long as you are disabled<br>Benefit duration maximum: 2 years                                                              |

\*After you have been receiving a disability benefit for 24 months, your coverage may be capped at 20% of your pre-disability earnings if you have not been approved for Social Security Disability Insurance or are not currently working under the Return to Work Incentive.

## PREMIUMS

See the Premium Worksheet.<sup>2</sup>

### ASKED & ANSWERED

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you are an active full time teacher who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

#### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

If this is the first time you are eligible to elect coverage, evidence of insurability is not required.

If you did not elect coverage the first time it was offered to you, evidence of insurability is required to elect coverage. Evidence of insurability is also required to make a change to enhance your current coverage.

This coverage is subject to a pre-existing condition exclusion, which is detailed on the Limitations & Exclusions sheet.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE?

Premiums are provided on the Premium Worksheet. You have a choice of coverage amounts.

Premiums will be automatically paid through payroll deduction, as authorized by you during the enrollment process. This ensures you don't have to worry about writing a check or missing a payment.

#### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period, within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status, or within 31 days of the completion of any eligibility waiting period established by your employer.

### **WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?**

Subject to any eligibility waiting period established by your employer, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

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 leave your employer, or the coverage is no longer offered.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE DISABLED?**

Disability is defined in The Hartford's certificate with your employer.

Typically, disability means that you cannot perform one or more of the essential duties of your occupation due to injury, sickness, pregnancy or other medical condition covered by the insurance, and as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than 80% of your pre-disability earnings. Once you have been disabled for 2 years following the elimination period, you must be prevented from performing one or more of the essential duties of any occupation and as a result, your current monthly earnings are less than or equal to 66 2/3% of your pre-disability earnings.

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

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Social Security Administration Fact Sheet. Web. 30 June 2017 <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf>

<sup>2</sup>Rates and/or benefits may be changed.

<sup>3</sup>The Long Term Disability policy contains a Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. Please refer to the certificate for more information on exclusions and limitations, such as Pre-Existing Conditions.

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# VOLUNTARY GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



Approximately 50 million households recognize they need more life insurance (40 percent of households).<sup>1</sup>

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The group term life insurance available through your employer is a smart, affordable way to purchase the extra protection that you and your family may need. Life insurance offers financial protection by providing you coverage in case of an untimely death. Life insurance is disbursed to your beneficiaries in a lump sum in the event of your death.



To learn more about Life insurance, visit [thehartford.com/employeebenefits](https://thehartford.com/employeebenefits)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

| APPLICANT  | LIFE COVERAGE                                                                                                            |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee   | Benefit <sup>2</sup> : Increments of \$25,000<br>Maximum: \$500,000                                                      |
| Spouse     | Benefit <sup>2</sup> : Increments of \$25,000.<br>Maximum: the lesser of 100% of your supplemental coverage or \$250,000 |
| Child(ren) | Benefit: Increments of \$5,000<br>Maximum: \$10,000                                                                      |

## PREMIUMS

See the Life Premium Worksheet.<sup>3</sup>

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you are an active full time teacher who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

Your spouse and child(ren) are also eligible for coverage. Any child(ren) must be under age 19 (or under age 25 if a full-time student).

### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

If you are newly eligible and elect an amount that exceeds the guaranteed issue amount of \$100,000, you will need to provide evidence of insurability that is satisfactory to The Hartford before the excess can become effective. If you were previously eligible and are electing coverage for the first time or electing to increase your current coverage, you will need to provide evidence of insurability that is satisfactory to The Hartford before coverage can become effective.

If you are newly eligible and elect an amount that exceeds the guaranteed issue amount of \$25,000, your spouse will need to provide evidence of insurability that is satisfactory to The Hartford before the excess can become effective. If you were previously eligible and are electing coverage for the first time or electing to increase your current coverage, you will need to provide evidence of insurability that is satisfactory to The Hartford before coverage can become effective.

This insurance is guaranteed issue coverage – it is available without having to provide information about your child(ren)'s health.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE?

Premiums are provided on the Life Premium Worksheet. You have a choice of coverage amounts. You may elect insurance for you only, or for you and your dependent(s).

<sup>2</sup>Your benefit will be reduced by 35% at age 65 and 50% at age 70. Reductions will be applied to the original amount.

Premiums will be automatically paid through payroll deduction, as authorized by you during the enrollment process. This ensures you don't have to worry about writing a check or missing a payment.

**WHEN CAN I ENROLL?**

You may enroll during any scheduled enrollment period within 31 days of the date you have a change in family status, or within 31 days of the completion of any eligibility waiting period established by your employer.

**WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?**

Subject to any eligibility waiting period established by your employer, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

You must be actively at work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect.

Your spouse and child(ren) must be performing normal activities and not be confined (at home or in a hospital/care facility).

**WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE END?**

This insurance will end when you (or your dependent(s)) no longer satisfy the applicable eligibility conditions, premium is unpaid, or the coverage is no longer offered.

**CAN I KEEP THIS INSURANCE IF I LEAVE MY EMPLOYER OR AM NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP?**

Yes, you can take this life coverage with you. Coverage may be continued for you and your dependent(s) under an individual conversion life certificate. Your spouse may also continue insurance in certain circumstances. The specific terms and qualifying events for conversion are described in the certificate.

<sup>1</sup>LIMRA, Facts About Life 2016. Web. 30 June 2017. <[https://www.limra.com/uploadedFiles/limra.com/LIMRA\\_Root/Posts/PR/\\_Media/PDFs/Facts-of-Life-2016.pdf](https://www.limra.com/uploadedFiles/limra.com/LIMRA_Root/Posts/PR/_Media/PDFs/Facts-of-Life-2016.pdf)>

<sup>3</sup>Rates and/or benefits may be changed. Rates are based on the age of the insured person and increase on the policy anniversary date on or following your birthday as you enter each new age category.

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# GROUP VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS



In the U.S., a disabling injury occurs every second, and an accidental death occurs every 4 minutes.<sup>1</sup>

## Education Association of Charles County

Group Voluntary Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance pays your beneficiary a death benefit if you die due to a covered accident or pays you if you are unexpectedly injured in a covered accident. The benefits are paid in lump sum amounts to you (or your beneficiary), and can be used to pay for health care expenses not covered by your major medical insurance, help replace income lost while not working, funeral expenses, or however you choose. Accidental death benefits are paid in addition to any life insurance.



To learn more about AD&D insurance, visit [thehartford.com/employeebenefits](https://thehartford.com/employeebenefits)

## COVERAGE INFORMATION

You (the primary insured) may enroll for one of the following AD&D coverage amounts<sup>2</sup>: or 10x earnings. The maximum amount you can elect is the lesser of 10 x earnings or \$250,000.

You may also enroll your dependent(s) for AD&D coverage. Your dependent(s) will be covered at a percentage of your coverage amount.<sup>2</sup>

| COVERAGE TIER       | SPOUSE PERCENTAGE | CHILD(REN) PERCENTAGE |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Spouse              | 50%               | 0%                    |
| Child(ren)          | 0%                | 15%                   |
| Spouse & Child(ren) | 40%               | 10%                   |

### AD&D BENEFITS – PERCENT OF COVERAGE AMOUNT PER ACCIDENT

Covered accidents or death can occur up to 365 days after the accident. The total benefit for all losses due to the same accident will not exceed 100% of your coverage amount.

| LOSS FROM ACCIDENT                                                         | COVERAGE AMOUNT |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Life                                                                       | 100%            |
| Both Hands or Both Feet or Sight of Both Eyes                              | 100%            |
| One Hand and One Foot                                                      | 100%            |
| Speech and Hearing in Both Ears                                            | 100%            |
| Either Hand or Foot and Sight of One Eye                                   | 100%            |
| Movement of Both Upper and Lower Limbs (Quadriplegia)                      | 100%            |
| Movement of Both Lower Limbs (Paraplegia)                                  | 75%             |
| Movement of Three Limbs (Triplegia)                                        | 75%             |
| Movement of the Upper and Lower Limbs of One Side of the Body (Hemiplegia) | 50%             |
| Either Hand or Foot                                                        | 50%             |
| Sight of One Eye                                                           | 50%             |
| Speech or Hearing in Both Ears                                             | 50%             |
| Movement of One Limb (Uniplegia)                                           | 25%             |
| Thumb and Index Finger of Either Hand                                      | 25%             |

## PREMIUMS

See the AD&D Premium Worksheet.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>The benefit will be reduced by 35% at age 65 and 50% at age 70. Reductions will be applied to the original amount.

## ASKED & ANSWERED

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you are an active full time teacher who works at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

Your spouse and child(ren) are also eligible for coverage. Any child(ren) must be under age 19 (or under age 25 if a full-time student).

### AM I GUARANTEED COVERAGE?

This insurance is guaranteed issue coverage – it is available without having to provide information about your or your family's health.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY FOR THIS INSURANCE?

Premiums are provided on the AD&D Premium Worksheet. You have a choice of coverage amounts. You may elect insurance for you only, or for you and your dependent(s), by choosing the applicable coverage tier.

Premiums will be automatically paid through payroll deduction, as authorized by you during the enrollment process. This ensures you don't have to worry about writing a check or missing a payment.

### WHEN CAN I ENROLL?

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### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE BEGIN?

Subject to any eligibility waiting period established by your employer, insurance will become effective in accordance with the terms of the certificate (usually the first day of the month following the date you elect coverage).

You must be actively at work with your employer on the day your coverage takes effect. Your spouse and child(ren) must be performing normal activities and not be confined (at home or in a hospital/care facility).

### WHEN DOES THIS INSURANCE END?

This insurance will end when you (or your dependent(s)) 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.

### CAN I KEEP THIS INSURANCE IF I LEAVE MY EMPLOYER OR AM NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP?

Yes, you can take this coverage with you. Coverage may be continued for you and your dependent(s) under an individual conversion certificate. Your spouse may also continue insurance in certain circumstances. The specific terms and qualifying events for conversion are described in the certificate.

<sup>1</sup>Injury Facts. National Safety Council. 2015 Edition. P. 37. Web. 30 June 2017.

<sup>3</sup>Rates and/or benefits may be changed.

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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.

## GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

### GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Your benefit will be reduced by 35% at age 65 and 50% at age 70. Reductions will be applied to the original amount.
- A benefit will not be paid if death occurs by suicide within two years (or as allowed by state law) of purchasing this coverage.
- You and your dependent(s) must be citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates.

### DEPENDENT LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Coverage may only be elected for dependents when you elect and are approved for coverage for yourself.
- Coverage may not be elected for a dependent who has employee coverage under this certificate.
- Coverage may not be elected for a dependent who is in active full-time military service.
- Child(ren) may only be covered as a dependent of one employee.
- Infants may receive a reduced benefit prior to the age of six months.

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## GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

### GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Your benefit will be reduced by 35% at age 65 and 50% at age 70. Reductions will be applied to the original amount.
- This insurance does not cover losses caused by:
  - Sickness; disease; or any treatment for either
  - Any infection, except certain ones caused by an accidental cut or wound
  - Intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or suicide attempt
  - War or act of war, whether declared or not
  - Injury sustained while in the armed forces of any country or international authority
  - Injury sustained on aircraft in certain circumstances
  - Taking prescription or illegal drugs unless prescribed by or administered by a licensed physician
  - Injury sustained while riding, driving, or testing any motor vehicle for racing
  - Injury sustained while committing or attempting to commit a felony
  - Injury sustained while driving while intoxicated
- You and your dependent(s) must be citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates.

### DEPENDENT LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Coverage may only be elected for dependents when you elect and are approved for coverage for yourself.
- Coverage may not be elected for a dependent who has employee coverage under this certificate.
- Child(ren) may only be covered as a dependent of one employee.

### DEFINITIONS

- Loss means, with regard to hands and feet, actual severance through or above wrist or ankle joints; with regard to sight, speech or hearing, entire and irrecoverable loss thereof; with regard to thumb and index finger, actual severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joints; with regard to movement, complete and irreversible paralysis of such limbs.
- Injury means bodily injury resulting directly from an accident, independent of all other causes, which occurs while you or your dependent(s) have coverage.

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## GROUP LONG 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

#### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Your insurance excludes 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 6 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 12 months prior to your disability commencing, so you can receive benefits even if you're receiving treatment, or
  - You have already satisfied the pre-existing condition requirement of your previous insurer

#### LIMITATIONS

- **Mental Illness Limitation.** If you are disabled because of Mental Illness, benefits will be payable for a maximum of 24 months in your lifetime, unless at the end of that 24 months, you are confined to a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for your disability.
- **Substance Abuse Limitation.** If you are disabled because of alcoholism or use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens or other similar substance, benefits will be payable for a maximum of 24 months in your lifetime, unless at the end of that 24 months, you are confined to a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for your disability.

#### OFFSETS

- Your benefit payments will be reduced by other income you receive or are eligible to receive due to your disability, such as:
  - Social Security disability insurance (please see next section for exceptions)
  - Workers' compensation
  - Other employer-based insurance coverage you may have
  - Unemployment benefits
  - Settlements or judgments for income loss
  - Retirement benefits that your employer fully or partially pays for (such as a pension plan)
- Your benefit payments will not be reduced by certain kinds of other income, such as:
  - Retirement benefits if you were already receiving them before you became disabled
  - Retirement benefits that are funded by your after-tax contributions your personal savings, investments, IRAs or Keoghs profit-sharing
  - Most personal disability policies

- Social Security cost-of-living increases

This example is for purposes of illustrating the effect of the benefit reductions and is not intended to reflect the situation of a particular claimant under the Policy:

Insured's monthly [Pre-Disability Earnings/Basic Monthly Pay] \$3,000  
Long term disability benefits percentage x 60%  
Unreduced maximum benefit \$1,800  
Less Social Security disability benefit per month - \$900  
Less state disability income benefit per month - \$300  
Total amount of long term disability benefit per month \$600

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

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