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Workplace benefits

Everyone deserves a Guardian

Every day, Guardian gives 26 million Americans the security they deserve through our insurance and wealth management products and services.

We've partnered with your organization to offer you a range of employee benefits. Inside this pack, you'll find the plans your employer thinks you might benefit from.

Your coverage options



Disability insurance

Coverage if you're temporarily unable to work



Critical illness insurance

Taking care of the expenses if you're critically ill



Accident insurance

Helping you cover expenses after an accident



Hospital indemnity insurance

Covering some of your hospital stay costs

Know your benefits

Your benefits support your physical and financial wellbeing, to help keep you and your loved ones protected.

With Guardian, you're in good hands. We've been delivering on our promises for over 150 years, and we're looking forward to doing the same for you too.

1 Read through this information.

2 Find out more about your benefits.

3 Talk to your employer if you need help or have any questions.

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Disability insurance

Short term disability

Disability insurance covers a part of your income, so you can pay your bills if you're injured or sick and can't work.

Disability may be more common than you might realize, and people can be unable to work for all sorts of different reasons. There are times when many disabilities can be caused by illness, including common conditions like heart disease and arthritis. However, many disabilities aren't covered by workers' compensation.

Who is it for?

If you rely on your income to pay for everyday expenses, then you should probably consider disability insurance. It helps ensure that you'll receive a partial income if you're injured or too sick to work.

What does it cover?

Many disability insurance plans pay out a portion or percentage of your income if you're diagnosed with a serious illness or experience an injury that prevents you from doing your job.

Why should I consider it?

Accidents happen, and you can't always anticipate if or when you'll become sick or injured. That's why it's important to have a disability policy that helps you pay your bills in the event of being unable to collect your normal paycheck.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Partial income replacement

Mike injures his back in a bicycle accident and can't work for 13 weeks.

Unpaid time off work: **13 weeks**

Elimination period: **1 week**

After a 1-week elimination period following his accident, Mike's Guardian Short Term Disability policy kicks in and replaces **\$400** of his weekly income for the remaining **12 weeks** of his rehabilitation.

This gives him a total of **\$4,800** to cover his expenses while he's unable to work.

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Disability insurance

Long term disability

Disability insurance covers a part of your income, so you can pay your bills if you're injured or sick and can't work.

Disability may be more common than you might realize, and people can be unable to work for all sorts of different reasons. There are times when many disabilities can be caused by illness, including common conditions like heart disease and arthritis. However, many disabilities aren't covered by workers' compensation.

Who is it for?

If you rely on your income to pay for everyday expenses, then you should probably consider disability insurance. It helps ensure that you'll receive a partial income if you're injured or too sick to work.

What does it cover?

Many disability insurance plans pay out a portion or percentage of your income if you're diagnosed with a serious illness or experience an injury that prevents you from doing your job.

Why should I consider it?

Accidents happen, and you can't always anticipate if or when you'll become sick or injured. That's why it's important to have a disability policy that helps you pay your bills in the event of being unable to collect your normal paycheck.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Partial income replacement

Jim suffers a heart attack that leaves him unable to work for two years.

Unpaid time off work: **24 months**

Elimination period: **6 months**

After a 6 month elimination period, Jim's Guardian Long Term Disability policy kicks in and replaces **\$2,000** of his monthly income for the remaining **18 months** of his disability or illness.

This gives him a total of **\$36,000** to cover his expenses while he's unable to work.

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Your disability coverage

	Short-Term Disability		Long-Term Disability
	Option 1	Option 2	
Coverage amount	40% of salary to maximum \$1500/week	60% of salary to maximum \$1500/week	60% of salary to maximum \$8000/month
Maximum payment period: Maximum length of time you can receive disability benefits.	26 weeks	26 weeks	Social Security Normal Retirement Age
Accident benefits begin: The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 1	Day 1	Day 181
Illness benefits begin: The length of time you must be disabled before benefits begin.	Day 8	Day 8	Day 181
Evidence of Insurability: A health statement requiring you to answer a few medical history questions.	Health Statement not required	Health Statement not required	Health Statement not required
Guarantee Issue: The 'guarantee' means you are not required to answer health questions to qualify for coverage up to and including the specified amount, when applicant signs up for coverage during the initial enrollment period.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	We Guarantee Issue \$8000 in coverage
Minimum work hours/week: Minimum number of hours you must regularly work each week to be eligible for coverage.	Planholder Determines	Planholder Determines	Planholder Determines
Pre-existing conditions: A pre-existing condition includes any condition/symptom for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	3 months look back; 12 months after 2 week limitation	3 months look back; 12 months after 2 week limitation	3 months look back; 12 months after exclusion
Premium waived if disabled: Premium will not need to be paid when you are receiving benefits.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survivor benefit: Additional benefit payable to your family if you die while disabled.	No	No	3 months

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS—DISABILITY (Some information may vary by state)

- **Disability (long-term):** For first two years of disability, you will receive benefit payments while you are unable to work in your own occupation. After two years, you will continue to receive benefits if you cannot work in any occupation based on training, experience and education.
- **Earnings definition:** Your covered salary excludes bonuses and commissions.
- **Special limitations:** Provides a 24-month benefit limit for mental health and substance abuse.



Your disability coverage

- **Work incentive:** Plan benefit will not be reduced for a specified amount of months so that you have part-time earnings while you remain disabled, unless the combined benefit and earnings exceed 100% of your previous earnings.

A SUMMARY OF DISABILITY PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

- Evidence of Insurability may be required on all late enrollees. This coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. This proposal is hedged subject to satisfactory financial evaluation. Please refer to certificate of coverage for full plan description.
- You must be working full-time on the effective date of your coverage; otherwise, your coverage becomes effective after you have completed a specific waiting period.
- Employees must be legally working in the United States in order to be eligible for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding one year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State. Subject to state specific variations.
- For Long-Term Disability coverage, we pay no benefits for a disability caused or contributed to by a pre-existing condition unless the disability starts after you have been insured under this plan for a specified period of time. We limit the duration of payments for long term disabilities caused by mental or emotional conditions, or alcohol or drug abuse.
- For Short-Term Disability coverage, benefits for a disability caused or contributed to by a pre-existing condition are limited, unless the disability starts after you have been insured under this plan for a specified period of time. We do not pay short term disability benefits for any job-related or on-the-job injury, or conditions for which Workers' Compensation benefits are payable.
- We do not pay benefits for charges relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces) committing a felony or taking part in any riot or other civil disorder or intentionally injuring themselves or attempting suicide while sane or insane. We do not pay benefits for charges relating to legal intoxication, including but not limited to the operation of a motor vehicle, and for the voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and is used as prescribed. We limit the duration of payments for long term disabilities caused by mental or emotional conditions, or alcohol or drug abuse. We do not pay benefits during any period in which a covered person is confined to a correctional facility, an employee is not under the care of a doctor, an employee is receiving treatment outside of the US or Canada, and the employee's loss of earnings is not solely due to disability.
- This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does not provide "basic hospital", "basic medical", or "medical" insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department.
- If this plan is transferred from another insurance carrier, the time an insured is covered under that plan will count toward satisfying Guardian's pre-existing condition limitation period. State variations may apply.
- When applicable, this coverage will integrate with NJ TDB, NY DBL, CA SDI, RI TDI, Hawaii TDI and Puerto Rico DBA, DC PFML and WA PFML.
Contract #s GP-I-STD94-1.0 et al; GP-I-STD2K-1.0 et al; GP-I-STD07-1.0 et al; GP-I-STD-15-1.0 et al. Contract #s GP-I-LTD94-A,B,C-1.0 et al.; GP-I-LTD2K-1.0 et al; GP-I-LTD07-1.0 et al; GP-I-LTD-15-1.0 et al.

Guardian's Group Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability Insurance are underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. 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 State Department of Financial Services. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Policy Form #GP-1-STD07-1.0, et al, GP-1-STD-15, #GP-1-LTD07-1.0, et al, GP-1-LTD-15



Critical illness insurance

Critical illness insurance may help you cover expenses not covered by your health insurance.

It's a cash payment you receive if you ever experience a serious illness like cancer, a heart attack, or a stroke, giving you the financial support to focus on recovery.

Who is it for?

Critical illness insurance is a supplemental policy for people who already have health insurance. It provides you with an additional payment to cover expenses like deductibles, treatments, and living costs.

What does it cover?

Critical illnesses include strokes, heart attacks, Parkinson's disease and cancer. Our policies can cover over 30 major illnesses, helping you stay financially stable by paying you a lump sum if you're diagnosed with one of them.

Why should I consider it?

Health coverage is becoming more expensive, with higher co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. Critical illness insurance is an affordable way to supplement and pay for additional expenses that your health insurance doesn't cover. Our policies typically provide payments for the first and second time you're diagnosed with a covered illness.

Plus, critical illness insurance is portable and payments are made directly to you.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Critical costs

John is hospitalized after a heart attack, and has to cover the cost of five days as an inpatient.

Average heart attack hospitalization expense: **\$53,000**

Average Major Medical deductible: **\$1,500**

Major Medical covers 80% of the cost after the deductible is met, but John's still responsible for 20%: **\$10,300**.

Total out-of-pocket amount for John (deductible + coinsurance): **\$11,800**.

John has a **\$10,000** Guardian Critical Illness policy, which covers the majority of these out-of-pocket expenses.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



Your critical illness coverage

CRITICAL ILLNESS

Benefit Amount(s)

Employee may choose a lump sum benefit up to \$30,000. Please see your cost illustration for a full list of available benefit amounts.

CONDITIONS

Cancer

	1st OCCURRENCE	2nd OCCURRENCE
Invasive Cancer	100%	100%
Carcinoma In Situ	30%	0%
Benign Brain Tumor	75%	0%
Skin Cancer	\$250 per lifetime	Not Covered

Vascular

Heart Attack	100%	100%
Stroke	100%	100%
Heart Failure	100%	100%
Coronary Arteriosclerosis	30%	0%

Other

Organ Failure	100%	100%
Kidney Failure	100%	100%
Infectious Contagious Disease	30%	0%

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

1st OCCURRENCE ONLY

Addison's Disease	30%
ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)	100%
Alzheimer's Disease	50%
Coma	100%
Huntington's Disease	30%
Loss of Hearing	100%
Loss of Sight	100%
Loss of Speech	100%
Multiple Sclerosis	30%
Parkinson's Disease	100%
Permanent Paralysis	50% for 1 limb, 100% for 2 limbs
Severe Burns	100%

Childhood Conditions

1st OCCURRENCE ONLY

Cerebral Palsy	100%
Cleft Lip/Palate	100%
Club Foot	100%
Cystic Fibrosis	100%
Down's Syndrome	100%
Muscular Dystrophy	100%
Spina Bifida	100%



Your critical illness coverage

CRITICAL ILLNESS

Type I Diabetes	100%
Spouse Benefit	100% of employee's lump sum benefit
Child Benefit- children age Birth to 26 years	50% of employee's lump sum benefit
Guarantee Issue: The 'guarantee' means you are not required to answer health questions to qualify for coverage up to and including the specified amount, when you sign up for coverage during the initial enrollment period or the annual open enrollment period.	<p>We Guarantee Issue up to: \$30,000</p> <p>For a spouse: \$30,000</p> <p>For a child: All Amounts</p> <p>Health questions are required if the elected amount exceeds the Guarantee Issue.</p>
Portability: Allows you to take your Critical Illness coverage with you if you terminate employment.	Included
Pre-Existing Condition Limitation: A pre-existing condition includes any condition for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	Not Applicable

WELLNESS BENEFIT

Employee Per Year Limit	\$50
Spouse Per Year Limit	\$50
Child Per Year Limit	\$50

Condition Definitions

- **Stroke:** Stroke must be severe enough to cause neurological deficits at least 30 days after the event.
- **Heart Failure:** An insured must be placed on an organ transplant list in order to be eligible for the Heart failure benefits.
- **Coronary Arteriosclerosis:** Coronary Arteriosclerosis must be severe enough to require a coronary artery bypass graft.
- **Organ Failure:** Organ failure includes both lungs, liver, pancreas or bone marrow and requires the insured to be placed on an organ transplant list.
- **Kidney Failure:** An insured must be placed on an organ transplant list in order to be eligible for the Kidney failure benefits.
- **Infectious Contagious Disease benefit** is only payable if: 1) the insured is diagnosed with a covered infectious or contagious disease by a doctor while insured by Guardian and 2) the insured is hospital confined due to the infectious or contagious disease for 5 or more consecutive days. The Infectious Contagious Disease benefit covers Antibiotic resistant bacteria (including MRSA), Coronavirus (including Covid-19), Diphtheria, Encephalitis, Legionnaire's Disease, Lyme Disease, Malaria, Meningitis, Necrotizing fasciitis (flesh eating bacteria), Osteomyelitis, Rabies and Tuberculosis. This benefit will pay for only one Infectious Contagious Disease, once per lifetime.



Your critical illness coverage

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

A SUMMARY OF PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS:

We will not pay benefits for the First Occurrence of a Critical Illness if it occurs less than 3 months after the First Occurrence of a related Critical Illness for which this Plan paid benefits. By related we mean either: (a) both Critical Illnesses are contained within the Cancer Related Conditions category; or (b) both Critical Illnesses are contained within the Vascular Conditions category. We will not pay benefits for a Second occurrence (recurrence) of a Critical Illness unless the Covered Person has not exhibited symptoms or received care or treatment for that Critical Illness for at least 12 months in a row prior to the recurrence. For purposes of this exclusion, care or treatment does not include: (1) preventive medications in the absence of disease; and (2) routine scheduled follow-up visits to a Doctor.

We do not pay benefits for claims relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces) committing a felony or taking part in any riot or other civil disorder or intentionally injuring themselves or attempting suicide while sane or insane.

Employees must be legally working in the United States in order to be eligible

for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding 1 year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State, subject to state specific variations.

Guardian's Critical Illness plan does not provide comprehensive medical coverage. It is a basic or limited benefit and is not intended to cover all medical expenses. It does not provide "basic hospital," "basic medical," or "medical" insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department.

Health questions are required on late enrollees. This coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter.

The policy has exclusions and limitations that may impact the eligibility for or entitlement to benefits under each covered condition. See your certificate booklet for a full listing of exclusions & limitations..

If Critical Illness insurance premium is paid for on a pre tax basis, the benefit may be taxable. Please contact your tax or legal advisor regarding the tax treatment of your policy benefits..

Contract # GP-1-CI-14

Guardian's Critical Illness Insurance is underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. This policy provides limited benefits health 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. Policy Form # GP-1-LAH-12R; GP-1-CI-14



Accident insurance

Accidents happen. With accident insurance, you can help them hurt a bit less.

Accident insurance is an extra layer of protection that gives you a cash payment to help cover out-of-pocket expenses when you suffer an unexpected, qualifying accident.

Who is it for?

Nobody can predict when an accident might happen. That's why accident insurance is an important add-on policy for people who want to supplement the health and disability insurance coverage they already have individually or through an employer.

What does it cover?

Accident Insurance pays you lump sum of benefits after you suffer an accident. This could be more than 40 different circumstances, including: emergency treatment, ambulance, burns, dislocations, fractures, hospital confinement, and surgery.

Why should I consider it?

Health coverage may become more expensive, with higher co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. Accident insurance can be a simple, affordable way to help supplement and cover additional expenses your health and disability insurance may not cover, including x-rays, ambulance services, deductibles, and even things like rent or groceries.

Plus, accident insurance is portable and payments are made directly to you.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Added support during recovery

Amanda breaks her leg falling off her bike and needs emergency treatment.

Average non-surgical broken leg treatment expense: **\$2,500**

Average Major Medical deductible: **\$1,500**

Major Medical covers 80% of the surgical cost after the deductible is met, but Amanda's still responsible for 20%: **\$200**

Total out-of-pocket amount for Amanda (deductible + coinsurance): **\$1,700**

Amanda's Guardian Accident policy pays her a benefit of **\$1,700**, which covers all of her out-of-pocket expenses.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



Your accident coverage

ACCIDENT	
COVERAGE - DETAILS	
Accident Coverage Type	On and Off Job
Portability - Allows you to take your Accident coverage with you if you terminate employment.	Included
ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT	
Benefit Amount(s)	Employee \$50,000 Spouse \$50,000 Child \$25,000
Catastrophic Loss	Quadriplegia, Loss of speech & hearing (both ears), Loss of Cognitive function: 100% of AD&D Hemiplegia & Paraplegia: 50% of AD&D
Common Carrier	200% of AD&D benefit
Common Disaster	200% of Spouse AD&D benefit
Dismemberment - Hand, Foot, Sight	Single: 50% of AD&D benefit Multiple: 100% of AD&D benefit
Dismemberment - Thumb/Index Finger Same Hand, Four Fingers Same Hand, All Toes Same Foot	25% of AD&D benefit
Seatbelts and Airbags	Seatbelts: \$10,000 & Airbags: \$15,000
Reasonable Accommodation to Home or Vehicle	\$2,500
WELLNESS BENEFIT - Per Year Limit	\$50
Child(ren) Age Limits	Children age birth to 26 years
FEATURES	
Air Ambulance	\$2,000
Ambulance	\$300
Blood/Plasma/Platelets	\$300
Burns (2nd Degree/3rd Degree)	9 sq inches To 18 sq inches: \$0/\$2,000 18 sq inches To 35 sq inches: \$1,000/\$4,000 Over 35 sq inches: \$3,000/\$12,000
Burns - Skin Graft	50% of burn benefit
Child Organized Sport - Benefit is paid if the covered accident occurred while your covered child, age 18 years or younger, is participating in an organized sport that is governed by an organization and requires formal registration to participate.	25% increase to child benefits
Chiropractic Visits	\$50/visit, up to 6 visits
Coma	\$12,500
Concussion Baseline Study	\$25
Concussions	\$300
Diagnostic Exam (Major)	\$300
Dislocations	Schedule up to \$8,000



Your accident coverage

FEATURES (Cont.)

Doctor Follow-Up Visits	\$75, up to 6 treatments
Emergency Dental Work	\$400/Crown, \$100/Extraction
Emergency Room Treatment	\$200
Epidural Anesthesia Pain Management	\$100, 2 times per accident
Eye Injury	\$300
Family Care—Benefit is payable for each child attending a Child Care center while the insured is confined to a hospital, ICU or Alternate Care or Rehabilitative facility due to injuries sustained in a covered accident.	\$30/day, up to 30 days
Fractures	Schedule up to \$10,000
Hospital Admission	\$1,500
Hospital Confinement	\$325/day - up to 1 year
Hospital ICU Admission	\$3,000
Hospital ICU Confinement	\$650/day - up to 15 days
Initial Dr. Office/Urgent Care Facility Treatment	\$150
Joint Replacement (Hip/Knee/Shoulder)	\$3,500/\$1,750/\$1,750
Knee Cartilage	\$750
Laceration	Schedule up to \$600
Lodging - The hospital stay must be more than 50 miles from the insured's residence.	\$150/day, up to 30 days for companion hotel stay
Medical Appliance—Wheelchair, motorized scooter, leg or back brace, cane, crutches, walker, walking boot that extends above the ankle or brace for the neck.	Schedule up to \$600
Outpatient Therapies	\$50/day, up to 10 days
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder	\$500
Prosthetic Device/Artificial Limb	1: \$1,000 2 or more: \$2,000
Rehabilitation Unit Confinement	\$150/day, up to 15 days
Ruptured Disc With Surgical Repair	\$750
Surgery (Cranial, Open Abdominal, Thoracic, Hernia) Max	Schedule up to \$1,500 Hernia: \$300
Surgery (Exploratory or Arthroscopic)	\$500
Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff	1: \$750 2 or more: \$1,500
Transportation - Benefit is paid if you have to travel more than 50 miles one way to receive special treatment at a hospital or facility due to a covered accident.	\$0.50 per mile, limited to \$600/round trip, up to 3 times per accident
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS:

- **Common Carrier** – Benefit is paid if an insured's death occurs due to an accident while riding as a fare-paying passenger in a public conveyance. If this is paid, we do not pay the Accidental Death benefit.
- **Common Disaster** – Benefit is paid if both you & your spouse die in a covered accident or separate covered accidents within the same 24 hour period.
- **Reasonable Accommodation** – Benefit is payable if a modification is required to an insured's place of residence or vehicle due to an Accidental Dismemberment or Catastrophic loss.

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Your accident coverage

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS (Cont.):

- **Emergency Room Treatment** – Benefit is paid only when an insured is examined or treated within 72 hours of a covered accident.

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

A SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

Employees must be working in the United States in order to be eligible for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding 1 year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State, subject to state specific variations.

This proposal summarizes the major features of the Guardian Accident benefit plan. It is not intended to be a complete representation of the proposed plan. For full plan features, including exclusions and limitations, please refer to your Policy.

This proposal is hedged subject to satisfactory financial evaluation.

We don't pay benefits for any Injury caused by or related to directly or indirectly: Sickness, disease, mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment; the covered person being legally intoxicated; declared or undeclared war, act of war, or armed aggression; service in the armed forces, National Guard, or military reserves of any state or country; taking part in a riot or civil disorder; commission of, or attempt to commit a felony; intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane; suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane; travel or flight in any kind of aircraft, including any aircraft owned by or for the

policyholder, except as a fare-paying passenger on a common carrier; participation in any kind of sporting activity for compensation or profit, including coaching or officiating; riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test; participation in hang gliding, bungee jumping, sail gliding, parasailing, parakiting, ballooning, parachuting, zorbing or skydiving; an accident that occurred before the covered person is covered by this plan; injuries to a dependent child received during birth; voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless: (1) it was prescribed for a covered person by a doctor, and (2) it was used as prescribed. In the case of a non-prescription drug, this Plan does not pay for any Accident resulting from or contributed to by use in a manner inconsistent with package instructions. "Controlled substance" means anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time. Job related or on the job injuries for the employee are excluded if Accident coverage is off job only.

Contract # GP-I-ACC-18

If Accident insurance premium is paid for on a pre tax basis, the benefit may be taxable. Please contact your tax or legal advisor regarding the tax treatment of your policy benefits.

Guardian's Accident Insurance is underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. This policy provides Accident 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – THIS POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SICKNESS.

Policy Form # GP-1-AC-BEN-12, et al., GP-1-LAH-12R; GP-1-ACC-18



Hospital indemnity insurance

Hospital indemnity insurance can cover some of the cost associated with a hospital stay, letting you focus on recovery.

Being hospitalized for illness or injury can happen to anyone, at any time. While medical insurance may cover hospital bills, it may not cover all the costs associated with a hospital stay. That's where hospital indemnity coverage can help.

Who is it for?

Hospital indemnity insurance is for people who need help covering the costs associated with a hospital stay if they suddenly become sick or injured.

What does it cover?

If you are admitted to a hospital for a covered sickness or injury, you'll receive payments that can be used to cover all sorts of costs, including:

- Deductibles and co-pays.
- Travel to and from the hospital for treatment.
- Childcare service assistance while recovering.

Why should I consider it?

Health coverage is becoming more expensive, with higher co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. Hospital indemnity insurance can help pay for out-of-pocket costs associated with being hospitalized, giving you more of a financial safety net for unplanned expenses brought on by a hospital stay.

Plus, hospital indemnity insurance is portable and payments are made directly to you – even if you didn't incur any out-of-pocket expenses.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.



Be prepared

John is hospitalized after a heart attack, and has to cover the cost of five days as an inpatient.

Average heart attack hospitalization expense: **\$53,000**

Average Major Medical deductible: **\$1,500**

Major Medical covers 80% of the cost after the deductible is met, but John's still responsible for 20%: **\$10,300**.

Total out-of-pocket amount for John (deductible + coinsurance): **\$11,800**.

John's Guardian Hospital Indemnity policy pays him **\$1,000** for hospital admission.

The policy gives him a total payment of **\$1,000** to help cover the out-of-pocket amount.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.



Your hospital indemnity coverage

Hospital Indemnity		
	Option 1	Option 2
Coverage Details		
Benefits		
Hospital/ICU Admission	\$1,000/\$2,000 per admission, limited to 2 admission(s) per insured and 3 admission(s) per covered family per benefit year.	\$2,000/\$3,000 per admission, limited to 2 admission(s) per insured and 3 admission(s) per covered family per benefit year.
Hospital/ICU Confinement	\$200/\$400 per day, limited to 30 day(s) per insured per benefit year.	\$300/\$600 per day, limited to 30 day(s) per insured per benefit year.
Health Screening	\$50 per day, limited to 1 day(s) per insured per benefit year.	\$50 per day, limited to 1 day(s) per insured per benefit year.
Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation - A pre-existing condition includes any condition for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Portability - Allows you to take your Hospital Indemnity coverage with you if you terminate employment.	Included	Included
Child(ren) Age Limits	Children age birth to 26 years	Children age birth to 26 years

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS – HOSPITAL INDEMNITY

Hospital Admission & Hospital ICU Admission benefits are not payable on the same day.

Premium will be waived if you are hospitalized for more than 30 days.

Hospital admission or confinement benefits are not payable for a newborn unless the child is admitted to the Neonatal ICU.

Hospital/ICU confinement benefits are not payable on the same day as Hospital/ICU admission benefit.

After initial enrollment, Hospital Indemnity coverage will continue as long as an insured is actively at work.

The Health screening benefit is paid for the completion of specified routine wellness screenings such as annual well visits, immunizations, mammography, chest x-ray, and many more.



Your hospital indemnity coverage

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

In order to be eligible for coverage: Employees must be legally working: (a) in the United States or (b) outside the United States, for a US based employer, in a country or region approved by Guardian.

An applicant must enroll within 31 days of the coverage effective date. An open enrollment will occur each year during a 30 day time period specified by the policyholder. If an applicant does not enroll during their initial enrollment period, he/she may not enroll until the next open enrollment period.

This Plan will not pay benefits for:

- Treatment relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces), commission of or attempt to commit a felony, an act of terrorism, or participating in an illegal occupation, riot or insurrection.

- Suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury

Elective surgery;

Surgery to correct vision or hearing, unless medically necessary surgery for glaucoma, cataracts or other sickness or injury;

Dental care, dental xrays, or dental treatment;

Gastric or intestinal bypass services including lap banding, gastric stapling, and other similar procedures to facilitate weight loss; the reversal, or revision of such procedures; or services required for the treatment of complications from such procedures. This exclusion does not apply to completion of a weight reduction program that may be payable under the Health Screening benefit ;

Rest cures or custodial care, or treatment of sleep disorders;

Cosmetic surgery. This Exclusion does not apply to reconstructive surgery:

(a) on an injured part of the body following infection or disease of the involved part;

(b) of a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent newborn or adopted infant; or

(c) on a nondiseased breast to restore and achieve symmetry between two breasts following a covered Mastectomy;

Treatment or removal of warts, moles, boils, skin blemishes or birthmarks, bunions, acne, corns, calluses, the cutting and trimming of toenails, care for flat feet, fallen arches or chronic foot strain;

Service, treatment or loss related to alcoholism or drug addiction, except for drugs prescribed by the Covered Person's Doctor and taken as prescribed;

Care or treatment for mental or nervous disorders;

Services, treatment or loss rendered in any Veterans Administration or Federal Hospital, except if there is a legal obligation to pay;

Services or treatment Provided by a Doctor, Nurse or any other person who is employed or retained by a Covered Person or who is a Covered Person's Spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, Domestic Partner or partner in a civil union.

Surgery and treatment, procedures, products or services that are experimental or investigative.

Treatment of a Covered Dependent Child's Children;

Sickness or Injury sustained while on active duty in the armed forces of any country. This does not include Reserve or National Guard duty for training.

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Electronic Evidence of Insurability (EOI)

Our online EOI forms are an easier, quicker alternative to traditional paper forms, helping you get covered when you need to provide additional information.

There are a few situations where you need to answer health questions, enroll for higher amounts of coverage, or request coverage after the initial eligibility period. In all of these situations, our online EOI form keeps things simple.

Electronic EOI keeps things simple

With Guardian's electronic EOI forms, your data is kept secure at every stage of the process. And with fewer errors than hand-written forms, and faster submission digitally, it's easier than ever to complete it and get covered.

Electronic EOI can be used for*:

- Basic life
- Voluntary life
- Short term disability
- Long term disability

*Applicable to coverage requiring full Evidence of Insurability (not applicable to conditional issue amounts). Electronic EOI is available using most internet browsers.



How it works

You will receive a letter or email from your employer or Guardian with instructions and a unique link to submit your EOI form online.

First register and create an account on Guardian Anytime. Then simply fill out the form, electronically sign it, and click 'Submit.'

Once we receive the form, we'll contact you with any questions, before notifying you (and your employer if the coverage amount changes).



Our commitment to you

Please read the documentation referenced below carefully. The notices are intended to provide you important information about our insurance offerings and to protect your interests. Certain ones are required by law.

Important information



Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Guardian notice stating that it complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, or actual or perceived gender identity. The notice provides contact information for filing a nondiscrimination grievance. It also provides contact information for access to free aids and services by disabled people to assist in communications with Guardian.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice48> to read more.

No Cost Language Services

Guardian provides language assistance in multiple languages for members who have limited English proficiency.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice46> to read more.

Disability insurance



Disability Offset Notice

Offsets are provisions in your disability coverage that allow the insurer to deduct from your regular benefit other types of income you receive or are eligible to receive from other sources due to your disability.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice51> to read more.