Frequently asked questions





What is disability insurance?

Disability policies pay you part of your paycheck if you are hurt or sick and can't work for a short or long period of time.

What's the difference between short & long-term disability insurance?

It's all in the name! Both policies pay you part of your paycheck if you can't work. Short-term policies can pay you for covered disabilities that last for a shorter amount of time, usually several weeks or months. Long-term disability usually begins after your short-term benefits end and can last until you reach retirement age, depending on your policy.

What can disability be used for?

Anything! The money from your disability policy can be used to help pay the mortgage, rent, utilities, childcare, medical bills, credit card balances, car loans, or to buy groceries. It's up to you.

How do I know if I need disability insurance?

If your paycheck went away, how long would you be able to pay for the things that you care about? How much do you have in savings? Would it be hard to pay your bills? These are all great questions to think about as you make your choices.

Why should I choose disability insurance through my employer?

You'll get affordable group rates when you buy through your employer. You can buy disability insurance without answering any questions about your health when you're a new hire. And it's very easy to pay for – the cost is taken directly from your paycheck.

What if I leave my job, can I take this coverage with me?

Policies may include options for portability, which means that you can take your disability insurance with you if you leave your job. Please check your policy for more details.

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