

> Voluntary Short-Term Disability Insurance



How Would You Pay Your Bills if You Were Sick or Injured Temporarily?

Even a short illness or injury could seriously impact your paycheck. Sick time will get you by while it lasts, but what happens when your sick days run out? A short-term disability policy provides you with cash benefits when you need it.

We've Got You Covered

As an active employee of Merkel Independent School District, you have access to a disability income insurance policy from United of Omaha Life Insurance Company.

A disability income insurance policy can help provide security when you need it, plus give you peace of mind so you can recover faster and get back on the job sooner.

Coverage guidelines and benefits are outlined below.



ELIGIBILITY - ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Eligibility Requirement	You must be actively working a minimum of 20 hours per week to be eligible for coverage.
Premium Payment	The premiums for this insurance are paid in full by you.

BENEFITS

Elimination Period	If you become disabled, there is an elimination period before benefits are payable. Your benefits begin: • On the 15th day of your disabling injury. • On the 15th day of your disabling illness.
Weekly Benefit	Your benefit is equivalent to 60% of your before-tax weekly earnings, not to exceed the plan's maximum weekly benefit amount less other income sources. The premium for your short-term disability coverage is waived while you are receiving benefits.
Maximum Benefit Period	Up to 13 weeks
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$1,500
Minimum Weekly Benefit	\$25

Partial Disability Benefits	If you become disabled and can work part-time (but not full-time), you may be eligible for partial disability benefits, which will help supplement your income until you are able to return to work full-time.
DEFINITIONS	
Definition of Disability	Disability and disabled mean that because of an injury or illness, a significant change in your mental or functional abilities has occurred, for which you are prevented from performing at least one of the material duties of your regular job and are unable to generate current earnings which exceed 99% of your weekly earnings from your regular job. You can be totally or partially disabled during the elimination period.
Definition of Weekly Earnings	Weekly earnings for salaried employees is the gross annual salary in effect immediately prior to the date disability begins, divided by 52. Weekly earnings for hourly employees is the hourly rate of pay multiplied by the average number of hours worked per week during the 6 month period immediately prior to the date disability begins. If employed for part of the prior 6 month period, weekly earnings is the hourly rate of pay multiplied by the average number of hours worked.
FEATURES	
Vocational Rehabilitation Benefit	If you become disabled and participate in the vocational rehabilitation program, you will be eligible for a weekly benefit increase of 5%.
First Day Hospitalization/ Outpatient	The elimination period for this coverage is waived if you are admitted as an in-patient in a hospital at the onset of disability (when your disability begins). If you receive outpatient surgery and you are disabled for at least 5 days during your recovery, benefits begin on the day of the surgery.
Reasonable Accommodation	Provides a benefit to the employer to assist in covering costs incurred to make workplace modifications for you to return to work.
SERVICES	
Hearing Discount Program	The Hearing Discount Program provides you and your family discounted hearing products, including hearing aids and batteries. Call 1-888-534-1747 or visit www.amplifonusa.com/mutualofomaha to learn more.

> Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for this insurance?

You must be actively working (performing all normal duties of your job) at least 20 hours per week.

How long will my benefits be paid?

Benefits begin after the end of the elimination period and can be payable up to the maximum benefit period as long as you remain disabled.

Will my benefits be reduced by other sources of income?

Yes, depending on the type of income you receive. Your benefit amount may be reduced by other sources of income such as retirement/government plans, other group disability plans, paid family leave, salary continuance/sick leave, settlements on payments received and no-fault benefits.

Does this plan cover me if I become disabled due to an injury at work?

No, your STD insurance only provides benefits for off-the-job coverage for disabilities due to injury or sickness.

Are there any limitations or exclusions?

The benefits payable are subject to the following:

- Your plan is subject to a pre-existing condition limitation. A pre-existing condition is one for which you have received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or if you were prescribed or took prescription medications in the predetermined time frame prior to your effective date of coverage. The pre-existing condition under this plan is 3/6 which means any condition that you receive medical attention for in the 3 months prior to your effective date of coverage that results in a disability during the first 6 months of coverage, would not be covered.

Benefits are not payable for any disability or loss that:

- Results from an act of declared or undeclared war or armed aggression
- Results from participation in a riot or commission of or attempt to commit a felony
- Results from elective or cosmetic surgery or procedure, or resulting complications, unless such surgery or procedure is medically necessary for the appropriate diagnosis and treatment of your injury or illness
- Arises out of or in the course of employment with the policyholder for benefits under any workers' compensation or occupational disease law, or receives any settlement from the workers' compensation carrier
- Results, whether the insured person is sane or insane, from an intentionally self-inflicted injury or illness, or attempted suicide
- Occurs while incarcerated or imprisoned for any period exceeding 31 days
- Is solely a result of a failed drug test
- Is solely a result of a loss of a professional license, occupation license or certification

All exclusions may not be applicable, or may be adjusted, as required by state regulations.

This information describes some of the features of the benefits plan. Benefits may not be available in all states. Please refer to the certificate booklet for a full explanation of the plan's benefits, exclusions, limitations and reductions. Should there be any discrepancy between the certificate booklet and this summary, the certificate booklet will prevail. Benefits availability is subject to final acceptance and approval of the group application by the underwriting company. Disability income insurance is underwritten by United of Omaha Life Insurance Company, 3300 Mutual of Omaha Plaza, Omaha, NE 68175, 1-800-769-7159. United of Omaha Life Insurance Company is licensed nationwide, except in New York. Policy form number G2018MP.

