



## Enrollment Kit

Upper Merion ASD Voluntary Long Term Disability Insurance Enrollment  
Administrators and Superintendents



## Long Term Disability Insurance Provides Income Replacement Should You Become Disabled

Most people insure their car, their health and their life. However, almost everything you own is based on your ability to earn an income. Disability insurance allows you to receive a portion of your lost earning should you become disabled.

### Just Over 1 in 4 of Today's 20-Year Olds Will Experience a Long Term Disability Before They Retire.<sup>1</sup>

Nobody wants to think about a tragic, long term disability. Your employer understands the importance of Long Term Disability insurance, which is why this benefit is being made available to you. Disability benefits can help pay your mortgage, college tuition, medical insurance payments, or more.

In 2019, less than 1% of Americans missed work because of a work-related illness or injury. The most common reasons for disability claims include pregnancy, musculoskeletal disorders, cancer, and injuries such as fractures, sprains, and strains of muscles and ligaments.

More than half a million American families file for bankruptcy every year because they can't pay their medical debt.<sup>3</sup>

The risk of long term disability during a worker's career is greater than the risk of premature death. Yet most workers would never think of going without life insurance protection for their families.<sup>4</sup>

### What about Social Security Disability, Workers' Compensation, and Other Insurance?

- The average national rate of approval for those who applied for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits is 36%.<sup>5</sup>
- Workers' Compensation provides benefits ONLY if a disability is a result of an on-the-job accident, injury, or occupational disease. Less than 1% of workers miss work because of a work related illness or injury.<sup>1</sup>
- Unemployment compensation is only for those who are physically and mentally able to work.

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*This brochure is not the insurance contract. It is a brief description of disability insurance.*

### Are There Any Medical Questions or Tests Needed to Qualify for Disability Insurance?

Individual insurance carriers often require medical questions, blood tests and/or a visit with a nurse or physician. With group insurance, the insurance company's risk is lower because it is based on the claims history of the entire group, rather than your personal health history. Therefore, the insurance company is often able to offer a period of time where you can purchase disability insurance without medical questions or tests. Certain conditions may apply.

### What Is an "Elimination Period"?

An Elimination Period is the time between when your disability begins and the time you are eligible to receive benefits. No benefits are paid during the Elimination Period.

### Your Premiums Are Waived When You Begin to Receive Benefits

While you are disabled, you don't want to worry about paying for your coverage. The Waiver of Premium feature waives your disability insurance premium. This begins as soon as you start receiving disability benefits and continues while you are disabled.

### How Is This Plan Different than Short Term Disability Insurance or Sick-Leave Pay?

Short Term Disability insurance and sick-leave plans pay for a specified period of time – typically 6-52 weeks. After the Elimination Period (see above), your Long Term Disability plan will pay benefits for a specified number of months or years if you are unable to work in your current occupation. If you are unable to work in any occupation, you will usually receive benefits to age 65 or later (depending upon the age when you became disabled).

### Does Disability Insurance Cover Pregnancy?

Pregnancy, child-birth, and related medical conditions are covered the same as any illness.

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## Group Voluntary Disability Insurance Plan — FAQs

### Can I count on sick leave pay and sick leave banks instead of purchasing disability insurance?

Sick leave pay and sick leave banks can be used during a disability, but there are many limitations.

- Younger workers generally have not accumulated enough days to cover an average disability such as a health condition, accident, or pregnancy-related disability.
- On average, more than one in eight disabled employees are out of work for more than five years.<sup>1</sup>
- Typically, there are limits on the number of days members can draw from sick leave banks.
- Receiving days from sick leave banks are subject to employer approval, not based on a physician's diagnosis.

### What about PSERs disability insurance plan?

PSERs is the Public School Employees Retirement System that has a disability insurance component. You must be working for 5 years before becoming eligible for coverage under this plan. Once covered, the plan has limited benefits.

### Could I just take a sabbatical if I became disabled?

Yes, however similar to the sick banks, your leave must be board approved, rather than approved by a physician. You also must be working for 7 years to be eligible, which may not include newer employees. Also, the sabbatical requires you to return to work, which means if you were permanently disabled, you could not use a sabbatical.

### What about Social Security, Workers Comp and other insurance plans?

- Only 36% of the 2.8 million workers who applied for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits in 2021 were approved.<sup>2</sup>
- Workers' Compensation provides benefits ONLY if a disability is a result of an on-the-job accident, injury or occupational disease. Close to 90% of disabling accidents and illnesses are not work related.<sup>3</sup>
- Health Insurance covers medical services and prescriptions, but it doesn't help you cover your standard expenses if you cannot work.
- Unemployment Compensation is for those who are physically and mentally able to work.

### Am I eligible for this coverage?

You are eligible for this plan if you are an active employee of Upper Merion School District working a minimum of 600 hours per year.

<sup>1</sup> [www.protectyoubetter.org/Research-Center/Disability-Insurance.aspx](http://www.protectyoubetter.org/Research-Center/Disability-Insurance.aspx)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ssdrc.com/5-72.html>

<sup>3</sup> Council for Disability Awareness, [www.disabilitycanhappen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DIAM2019\\_Facts.pdf](http://www.disabilitycanhappen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DIAM2019_Facts.pdf)



## Rates and Cost Calculation

### Your Plan Benefits

Class	Elimination Period	Percent of Salary	Maximum Monthly Benefit	Benefit Duration	Rate
Administrators	Greater of 180 consecutive calendar days or end of accumulated sick pay	60% of salary covered	\$10,000	To age 65 with a reducing benefit duration	\$0.00335
Superintendent	Greater of 180 consecutive calendar days or end of accumulated sick pay	60% of salary covered	\$12,250	To age 65 with a reducing benefit duration	\$0.00335

### Calculate Your Monthly Cost



To calculate your monthly payment, take your annual salary amount and multiply it by the rate. That will give you your annual cost.



Then, divide that number by 12. This gives you your initial cost per month.



After that, multiply that number by your employee contribution (80% Employer Paid; 20% Employee Paid). The resulting number is your total cost per month.

### Benefit Duration

Age at Disablement	Benefit Duration (in years)
61 or younger	To age 65
62	3.5
63	3
64	2.5
65	2
66	1.75
67	1.5
68	1.25
69 and over	1

This policy will not cover any amount of salary that exceeds \$200,000 for Administrators and \$210,000 for Superintendent. If your annual salary exceeds this amount, do not enter your full salary. Instead, use \$200,000 or \$210,000 (depending on your class) as your salary amount on this line. Please note: rates are subject to change.



## Upper Merion Voluntary Disability Plan Highlights

- Covers pregnancy & mental illness
- No medical questions if enrolled during initial offering and participation levels are met
- Voluntary, member-paid, group rates
- Statewide plan: Rates pooled with other Pennsylvania school entities
- Flat rates – do not increase with age

### Group Voluntary Disability Plan Options:

#1	<b>14</b> calendar days before benefits kick in	<b>60%</b> of salary covered	<b>-Sick Leave</b> benefits reduced by sick leave pay	<b>SSNRA*</b> Max benefit period	<b>\$100,000</b> Max annual salary	<b>\$5,000</b> Max monthly benefit
#2	<b>30</b> calendar days before benefits kick in	<b>60%</b> of salary covered	<b>-Sick Leave</b> benefits reduced by sick leave pay	<b>SSNRA*</b> Max benefit period	<b>\$100,000</b> Max annual salary	<b>\$5,000</b> Max monthly benefit
#3	<b>60</b> calendar days before benefits kick in	<b>60%</b> of salary covered	<b>-Sick Leave</b> benefits reduced by sick leave pay	<b>SSNRA*</b> Max benefit period	<b>\$100,000</b> Max annual salary	<b>\$5,000</b> Max monthly benefit
#4	<b>90</b> calendar days before benefits kick in	<b>60%</b> of salary covered	<b>-Sick Leave</b> benefits reduced by sick leave pay	<b>SSNRA*</b> Max benefit period	<b>\$100,000</b> Max annual salary	<b>\$5,000</b> Max monthly benefit
#5	<b>180</b> calendar days before benefits kick in	<b>60%</b> of salary covered	<b>-Sick Leave</b> benefits reduced by sick leave pay	<b>SSNRA*</b> Max benefit period	<b>\$100,000</b> Max annual salary	<b>\$5,000</b> Max monthly benefit

*\*The maximum benefit period is the later of age 65 or the day before attaining the Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) as stated in the 1983 revision or any later revision of the United States Social Security Act. The maximum benefit period does reduce according to a standard reduction schedule, if the onset of disability occurs at age 60 or later.*



## Exclusions and Limitations

- The policy will not cover any disability: caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from a pre-existing condition which begins in the first 12 months after your effective date. "Pre-existing condition" means a mental or physical condition whether or not diagnosed or misdiagnosed for which you have consulted a Physician or other licensed medical professional, received medical treatment, services or advice, undergone diagnostic procedures, including self-administered procedures, or taken prescribed drugs or medications at any time during the 3 months prior to your effective date. If you are: disabled due to a pre-existing condition on the day which is 12 months after your effective date; and after that day, return to active service for at least 5 days in a row; and again become disabled due to the same pre-existing condition; then this pre-existing condition exclusion shall not apply to the new period of total disability.
- The policy does not cover any disability:
  - a. due to war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war,
  - b. due to any act of international armed conflict or conflict involving the armed forces of any country,
  - c. due to your attempted suicide or as a result of your intentionally self-inflicted injuries while sane or insane,
  - d. due to your imprisonment while confined in a penal or correctional institution or under house arrest,
  - e. as a result of your committing of or attempting to commit a felony,
  - f. as a result of your engaging in an illegal activity or actively participating in a violent disorder or riot.
- Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse
  - a. LTD Benefit payments based on a Mental Disorder or Substance Abuse are limited to 24 months for each period of continuous Disability unless institutionalized.
  - b. If the Insured Person's Disability is caused by Substance Abuse, he or she must be participating in an available rehabilitative program recommended by a Physician.
- Foreign Residency. Payment of LTD Benefits is limited to 6 months for each period of continuous Disability while the Insured Person resides outside of the United States or Canada.
- Payment Limit. In no event will the LTD Benefit plus Deductive Income plus Work Earnings exceed 100% of Predictability Earnings.

**Return Forms to:** Human Resources

**Address Questions to:** Joe Walsh, Hillendale Associates, 610-416-3944

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Offices Nationwide: 800.627.3660 [www.NISBenefits.com](http://www.NISBenefits.com)

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This is a brief description of disability insurance. For complete details, including all benefits, exclusions, and limitations, refer to the Certificate form number GLDI-C200-(12/06) as issued to your employer.

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# Insurance Benefit Enrollment Form

**Return to:** National Insurance Services, Attn: Billing Department  
250 S. Executive Drive, Suite 300 Brookfield, WI 53005-4273  
Phone 1.800.627.3660 Fax 262.785.9269



## Administrators and Superintendent

### Enter your information:

Employer Name: <b>Upper Merion Area School District</b>			NIS Group Number: <b>012665</b>		
Full Name (Last name, First name, Middle Initial):			Date of Hire:		
Home Address:		City:		State:	Zip:
Social Security Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married	U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No*	Date of Birth:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Occupation/Title:	Date Benefit Eligible:		Hours worked per week:		Annual Salary:

\*If you are not a U.S. Citizen, please provide a copy of your Visa.

### Insurance benefits:

#### Optional Insurance Benefits:

<input type="checkbox"/> Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline	<b>Long-Term Disability Insurance</b>
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### Sign here (required whether electing or declining any coverage):

I have been given the opportunity to apply for group insurance and agree to accept or decline coverage(s) as noted above. If I am declining coverage(s), I understand that if my dependents or I decide to apply for coverage at a later date, Evidence of Insurability (medical questions) may be required at my own expense and the insurance company must approve coverage. If I have elected any coverage(s) above, I authorize my employer to make any required deductions, if any, from my salary to pay my portion of the insurance premium when my insurance becomes effective.

**Warning:** Any person who knowingly presents false information on an application for insurance may be guilty of a crime and subject to fines, confinement in prison, and/or denial of insurance benefits.

Signature:	Date:
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**Instructions for the employee:** Complete, make a copy and return the original form to your benefits administrator

**Instructions for the Benefits Administrator:** Retain a copy of this form for your records. Mail original to National Insurance Services at the address above.

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