Faculty and University Staff

As a Faculty or University Staff member, you have short-term and long-term disability insurance options. These benefits are administered by The Standard Insurance Company.

**Short-term disability:** Your enrollment is optional, you pay for premiums. The monthly cost to participate in the plan. Typically, it is shared between the employee and the employer. Premiums are deducted from your monthly paycheck. and the income benefit is not taxed if you file a claim. If you do not enroll in short-term disability during your initial enrollment period and enroll at a later date, you will be subject to the Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP). A penalty imposed by the insurer to employees who do not apply during their initial enrollment period (their new hire enrollment). The penalty is incurred if you enroll in Short-Term Disability at any time other than your new hire enrollment. In this case, if you file a claim for anything other than an accidental injury during the first 12 months after your coverage becomes effective, Short-Term Disability benefits will be subject to a 60-day waiting period, rather than the regular 29-day waiting period.

**Long-term disability:** LTD is provided to eligible employees. CU will automatically enroll you after one year of continuous employment in an eligible position. Premiums are paid by CU, and the income benefit is taxable if you file a claim. A written request such as a reimbursement of a health care expense made by you or your health care provider to the plan administrator whether is medical, dental, vision or a flexible spending account.

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60% of your weekly pre-disability earnings to a maximum weekly benefit of $1,500.* Please see rates [5] for premium 
The monthly cost to participate in the plan. Typically, it is shared between the employee and the employer. 
Premiums are deducted from your monthly paycheck. [2] 

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Premiums are deducted from your monthly paycheck. [2] caps at $12 due to the benefit cap of $1,500 per week.

60% of pre-disability earnings, not to exceed a benefit of $23,625 per month, less income from other sources (i.e., Social Security).

If disabled at age:
59 or younger
60 through 64
65 through 68
69 or older

Benefits continue:
age 65
5 years to age 70
1 year


22 weeks 

Premiums are the monthly cost to participate in the plan. Typically, it is shared between the employee and the employer. Premiums are deducted from your monthly paycheck. [2] paid by employee. To calculate your monthly coverage cost:

1. Multiple your gross monthly salary by 0.60. This is the percentage of your monthly salary you'll receive while on short-term disability.

2. Divide that number by 100.

3. Multiple this final amount by the option rate 0.1846. This is the amount of money that will be deducted from your pay each month for this coverage.

4. Salaries of $130,000 or more, the premium caps at $13.46 due to the benefit cap of $1,500/week.
Enrollment process

Employee may enroll only during the first 31 days of initial eligibility, during Open Enrollment period.

Open Enrollment Period: The period during which an eligible employee may enroll in, change or cancel CU benefits plans. This event is held every spring, with an effective date of July 1. [8]

and when changing classification (Qualifying Life Change). Qualifying Life Change is a family status change or change in eligibility that allows you to make certain changes in your benefits (e.g., birth, marriage, gain in eligibility, loss of eligibility). Also called a qualified life event. [9] from Classified Staff to Faculty/University Staff.
For employees who enroll during the "initial enrollment period" (as a new hire or newly eligible employee), the effective date

The date on which an employee's coverage is officially active. [10]

is immediately if your hire date/eligibility date is the first of the month. If your hire date/eligibility date is any other day of the month, your coverage will be effective the first of the following month.

For employees who enroll during CU Annual Open Enrollment PeriodThe period during which an eligible employee may enroll in, change or cancel CU benefits plans. This event is held every spring, with an effective date of July 1. [8], the effective date

Effective Date The date on which an employee’s coverage is officially active. [10] is July 1 of that plan year.

First day of the month following your one-year anniversary of employment in a benefits-eligible position.

For employees who enroll when changing classification, effective date

The date on which an employee’s coverage is officially active. [10] is the first of the month following this Qualifying Life Change. Qualifying Life Change A family status change or change in eligibility that allows you to make certain changes in your benefits (e.g., birth, marriage, gain in
Late enrollment penalty (LEP)

Late Enrollment Period (LEP)

A penalty imposed by the insurer to employees who do not apply during their initial enrollment period (their new hire enrollment). The penalty is incurred if you enroll in Short-Term Disability at any time other than your new hire enrollment. In this case, if you file a claim for anything other than an accidental injury during the first 12 months after your coverage becomes effective, short-term disability benefits will be subject to a 60-day waiting period, rather than the regular 29-day waiting period.

Employees who do not apply during their "initial enrollment period" are subject to the LEP, which means if you file a claim for anything other than an accidental injury during the first 12 months after your coverage becomes effective, short-term disability benefits will be subject to a 60-day waiting period, rather than the regular 29-day waiting period.
Benefit Waiting Period

The period that you must be continuously disabled before benefits become payable.

Benefits Waiting Period is 29 days from the date of disability or when sick leave is exhausted, whichever is later.

Benefits Waiting Period is 6 months from the date of disability or when sick leave is exhausted, whichever is later.

Income benefit taxability

Benefit is not taxable income.

Benefits is taxable income.

Benefit claim process

Contact your campus Human Resources department and Employee Services within 30 days of disability.

Contact your campus Human Resources department and Employee Services 3 - 4 months following disability.

*Subject to "active work provisions": You must be capable of active work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance.

Plan details

- CU Faculty and University Staff Short-Term Disability Insurance Certificate [6] (20 pages)
- CU Faculty and University Staff Long-Term Disability Insurance Certificate [7] (23 pages)
- CU Short Term Disability: Amendment No. 10 [12] (1 page)
- How to File a Short-Term Disability Claim [13] (2 pages)

You know it's important, but how much insurance do you need?

The Standard can help! Their decision tool and calculator can help you determine whether you need more of a given type of insurance. This newfound knowledge can guide your decisions.

Get started [14]