

Douglas County School District
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Douglas County School District Short Term Disability Plan Summary

June 25, 2024

The information contained in this document is merely a compilation of the Company's short-term disability Plan provisions for use in administering claims and is not intended to be a Plan document on which a participant may rely for benefits. The Company has reviewed and approved the summary of the Plan's provisions contained herein. The Company is the Plan Fiduciary.

The Plan provides short term disability (STD) benefits to eligible participants under the terms and conditions of the Plan. The Plan is a self-funded welfare benefit Plan (Plan). The Plan is administered by Douglas County School District (Company).

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, "Lincoln") (Lincoln) provides non-fiduciary claim processing services to the Plan. The Plan is not insured by Lincoln, and Lincoln has not issued any insurance policy that would fund benefits under the Plan. Lincoln is not responsible to fund the payment of any benefits under the Plan.

This document provides a summarized explanation of the Plan benefits in effect as of the date on the front page of this document. The master Plan, if any, more fully describes the terms and conditions of the Plan. If the terms of this document and the master Plan differ, the master Plan will govern. A complete copy of the master Plan, if any, is in the possession of the Company and is available for your review upon request. In the event of any changes in benefits or Plan provisions, the Company will provide you a new summary Plan description, a statement of material modification, or a supplement that describes any changes.

Possession of this document does not necessarily mean you are a participant under the Plan. This document explains the requirements for becoming a participant under the Plan. The dates on which participation begins or ceases are explained within this document. The description of Eligible Classes, as that term is defined in this document, will help you determine what benefits, if any, may apply to you.

For information, contact Douglas County School District.

THE PLAN MAY BE AMENDED OR TERMINATED BY Douglas County School District AT ANY TIME AND FOR ANY REASON.

SECTION 1 - PLAN SPECIFICATIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

What is the Minimum Hourly Requirement?

Employees working a minimum of 20 regularly scheduled hours per week

Who is Eligible for Short Term Disability Benefits?

Class 1: All Employees with an assignment of at least .5 full-time equivalency (FTE), working for at least 9 months per year

Note: This policy does not cover the following Employees: Temporary and Seasonal Employees, and Employees who are not legal residents working in the United States.

What is the Eligibility Waiting Period?

1. If you are employed by the Company on the Plan effective date -
First of the month following 60 days of continuous, Active Employment
2. If you begin employment for the Company after the Plan effective date -
First of the month following 60 days of continuous, Active Employment

Are Employee Contributions Required?

No*

* Premium is paid through a salary gross-up arrangement

What is the Elimination Period?

The period for which a benefit is payable will commence following any accumulated sick leave and the Elimination Period shown below:

- 14 calendar days for Injury
- 14 calendar days for Sickness

Note: Benefits will begin on the first day following the completion of the Elimination Period.

What is the Amount of Benefits?

70.00% of Basic Weekly Earnings not to exceed a Maximum Weekly Benefit of \$2,500.00 less Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings. The Minimum Weekly Benefit is \$15.00.

What is the Maximum Benefit Period?

Applicable to Injury:

The period for which a benefit is payable, following completion of the Elimination Period, for any one Disability will end on the earliest of:

- a. the end of the Disability; or
- b. the end of the 76th day of Disability for which a benefit is payable.

Applicable to Sickness:

The period for which a benefit is payable, following completion of the Elimination Period, for any one Disability will end on the earliest of:

- a. the end of the Disability; or
- b. the end of the 76th day of Disability for which a benefit is payable.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

In this section the Company defines some basic terms needed to understand this Plan. The male pronoun whenever used in this Plan includes the female.

"Active Employment" means you must be actively at work for the Company:

1. on a full-time or part-time basis and paid regular earnings;
2. for at least the minimum number of hours shown in the Plan Specifications; and either perform such work:
 - a. at the Company's usual place of business; or
 - b. at a location to which the Company's business requires you to travel.

You will be considered actively at work if you were actually at work on the day immediately preceding:

1. a weekend (except where one or both of these days are scheduled work days);
2. holidays (except when the holiday is a scheduled work day);
3. paid vacations;
4. any non-scheduled work day;
5. an excused leave of absence (except medical leave for your own disabling condition and lay-off); and
6. an emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave for your own disabling condition).

"Appropriate Available Treatment" means care or services which are:

1. generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct, limit, treat or manage the disabling condition;
2. accessible within your geographical region;
3. provided by a Physician who is licensed and qualified in a discipline suitable to treat the disabling Injury or Sickness;
4. in accordance with generally accepted medical standards of practice.

"Basic Weekly Earnings" means your weekly rate of earnings from the Company in effect immediately prior to the date Disability or Partial Disability begins. However, such earnings will not include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay and extra compensation.

"Disability" or **"Disabled"** means you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are unable to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation.

"Eligibility Date" means the date you become eligible to participate in this plan. Eligibility Requirements are shown in the Plan Specifications.

"Eligibility Waiting Period" means the continuous length of time you must be in Active Employment in an eligible class to reach your Eligibility Date.

"Elimination Period" means a period of consecutive days of Disability for which no benefit is payable. The Elimination Period is shown in the Plan Specifications and begins on the first day of Disability.

"Employee" means a person in Active Employment with the Company who is participating in this Plan.

"Enrollment Form" is the document completed by you, if required, when enrolling to participate in the Plan. This form must be satisfactory to the Company or its agent.

"Family and Medical Leave" means a leave of absence for the birth, adoption or foster care of a child, or for the care of your child, spouse or parent or for your own serious health condition as those terms are defined by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and any amendments, or by applicable state law.

"Gross Weekly Benefit" means your Weekly Benefit before any reduction for Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings.

"Hospital" or "Institution" means a facility licensed to provide Treatment for the condition causing your Disability.

"Initial Enrollment Period" means one of the following periods during which you may first enroll to participate in this Plan:

1. if you are eligible on the Plan effective date, a period before the Plan effective date set by the Company.
2. if you become eligible after the Plan effective date, the period which ends 31 days after your Eligibility Date.

"Injury" means bodily impairment resulting directly from an accident and independently of all other causes. For the purpose of determining benefits under this Plan:

1. any Disability which begins more than 60 days after an Injury will be considered a Sickness; and
2. any Injury which occurs before you are a participant under this Plan, but which accounts for a medical condition that arises while you are participating in this Plan will be treated as a Sickness.

"Material and Substantial Duties" means responsibilities that are normally required to perform your Own Occupation and cannot be reasonably eliminated or modified.

"Own Occupation" means your occupation that you were performing when your Disability or Partial Disability began.

"Partial Disability" or "Partially Disabled" means you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are able to:

1. perform one or more, but not all, of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation or another occupation on an Active Employment or a part-time basis; or
2. perform all of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation or another occupation on a part-time basis; and
3. earn between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

"Physician" means a person who:

1. is licensed to practice medicine and is practicing within the terms of his license; or
2. is a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in a category specifically favored under the health coverage laws of the state where the Treatment is received and is practicing within the terms of his license.

It does not include you, any family member or domestic partner.

"Plan Specifications" means the section of this plan which shows, among other things, the Eligibility Requirements, Eligibility Waiting Period, Elimination Period, Amount of Benefits, Minimum Benefit, and Maximum Benefit Period.

"Proof" means the evidence in support of a claim for benefits and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. a claim form completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by you claiming benefits;
2. an attending Physician's statement completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by your attending Physician; and
3. the provision by the attending Physician of standard diagnosis, chart notes, lab findings, test results, x-rays and/or other forms of objective medical evidence in support of a claim for benefits.

Proof must be submitted in a satisfactory form or format.

"Regular Attendance" means your personal visits to a Physician which are medically necessary according to generally accepted medical standards to effectively manage and treat your Disability or Partial Disability.

"Sickness" means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy.

"Treatment" means consulting, receiving care or services provided by or under the direction of a Physician including diagnostic measures, being prescribed drugs and/or medicines, whether you choose to take them or not, and taking drugs and/or medicines.

"Weekly Benefit" means the weekly amount payable by the Plan to you if you are Disabled or Partially Disabled.

SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY

Who is Eligible for Benefits?

The eligibility requirements for participation are shown in the Plan Specifications.

What is Your Eligibility Date for Benefits?

If you are in an eligible class you will qualify for benefits on the later of:

1. this Plan's effective date; or
2. the day after you complete the Eligibility Waiting Period shown in the Plan Specifications.

What Happens to Your Benefits During a Family and Medical Leave?

Your participation may be continued under this Plan for an approved family or medical leave of absence for up to 12 weeks following the date participation would have terminated, subject to the following:

1. the authorized leave is in writing;
2. the required contribution is made;
3. your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which your benefit may be based, will be that in effect on the date before said leave begins; and
4. continuation of participation will cease immediately if any one of the following events should occur:
 - a. you return to work;
 - b. this group benefit Plan terminates;
 - c. you are no longer in an eligible class;
 - d. fails to make the required contribution when due to the Company;
 - e. your employment terminates.

SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS

Disability Benefit

When is Your Disability Benefit Payable?

When the Plan receives Proof that you are Disabled due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, you may be eligible to receive a Weekly Benefit after the end of the Elimination Period, subject to any other provisions of this Plan. The benefit will be paid for the period of Disability if you give to the Plan Proof of continued:

1. Disability;
2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon the Plan's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Disabled, the Plan will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Disability, the Injury must occur and Disability must begin while you are a participant of this Plan.

The Weekly Benefit will not:

1. exceed your Amount of Benefits; or
2. be paid for longer than the Maximum Benefit Period.

The Amount of Benefits and the Maximum Benefit Period are shown in the Plan Specifications.

How is the Amount of Your Disability Weekly Benefit Figured?

To figure the amount of Weekly Benefit:

1. Take the lesser of:
 - a. your Basic Weekly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Plan Specifications; or
 - b. the Maximum Weekly Benefit shown in the Plan Specifications; and then
2. Deduct Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings, (shown in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this Plan), from this amount.

Partial Disability

When is Your Partial Disability Benefit Payable?

When the Plan receives Proof that you are Partially Disabled and have experienced a loss of earnings due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, you may be eligible to receive a loss of earnings Weekly Benefit, subject to any other provisions of this Plan. To be eligible to receive Partial Disability benefits, you may be employed in your Own Occupation or another occupation, must satisfy the Elimination Period, and must be earning between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

A Weekly Benefit will be paid for the period of Partial Disability if you give to the Plan Proof of continued:

1. Partial Disability;
2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon the Plan's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Partially Disabled, the Plan will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Partial Disability, the Injury must occur and Partial Disability must begin while you are a participant of this Plan.

How is Your Loss of Earnings Partial Disability Benefit Figured using the Work Incentive Calculation?

The work incentive benefit will be an amount equal to your Basic Weekly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Plan Specifications, without any reductions from earnings.

The work incentive benefit will only be reduced, if the Weekly Benefit payable plus any earnings exceed 100% of your Basic Weekly Earnings. If the combined total is more, the Weekly Benefit will be reduced by the excess amount so that the Weekly Benefit plus your earnings does not exceed 100% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

The Weekly Benefit payable will not be more than the Disability benefit otherwise payable under this Plan.

When is Your Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit Payable?

An increased Weekly Benefit will be paid while you are fully participating in a Rehabilitation Program. The Plan must first approve the Rehabilitation Program in writing before you can be considered for this benefit. If the Plan does not approve a Rehabilitation Program, the regular Disability benefit will be payable provided you are Disabled under the terms of this Plan. To be eligible for a Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit, you must:

1. be Disabled and receiving benefits under this Plan; and
2. be fully participating in a Rehabilitation Program approved by the Plan.

What is Your Increased Weekly Benefit?

If you are eligible for a Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit, the benefit percentage shown in the Plan Specifications, will be increased by 0.00%. The increased benefit will begin on the first day of the month after the Plan receives written Proof of your full participation in the Rehabilitation Program.

When will Your Disability Benefits Terminate?

If you, at any time, decline to fully participate in an approved Rehabilitation Program recommended by the Plan your Disability benefits will terminate on the first day of the month following your declination to fully participate in the approved Rehabilitation Program. If the Plan recommends rehabilitation, no benefit will be paid from the date recommendation is made until the Plan receives your written agreement to fully participate in the Rehabilitation Program.

When will Your Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit be Discontinued?

The Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit will cease:

1. when you are no longer fully participating in a Rehabilitation Program approved by the Plan;
2. in accordance with the provision[s] entitled "Discontinuation of the Short Term Disability Benefit"; or
3. when the Rehabilitation Program ends.

For the purpose of this provision, "**Rehabilitation Program**" means a comprehensive individually tailored, goal oriented program to return a you, if you are Disabled to gainful employment. The services offered may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. physical therapy;
2. occupational therapy;
3. work hardening programs;
4. functional capacity evaluations;
5. psychological and vocational counseling;
6. rehabilitative employment; and
7. vocational rehabilitation services.

Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings

What are Your Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings?

Other Income Benefits means:

1. The amount for which you are eligible under:
 - a. any work loss provision in mandatory "No-Fault" auto coverage; or
 - b. any governmental program or coverage required or provided by statute (including any amount attributable to your family).
2. any amount you receive from any unemployment benefits; or
3. any amount of Disability and/or Retirement Benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, or any similar Plan or act, which you receive or are eligible to receive.

Other Income Earnings means:

1. any amount you receive from any formal or informal sick leave or salary continuation Plan(s); and
2. the amount of earnings you earn or receive from any form of employment.

Other Income Benefits, except Retirement Benefits, must be payable as a result of the same Disability for which Lincoln, on behalf of the Company, pays a benefit. The sum of Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings will be deducted in accordance with the provisions of this Plan.

Estimation of Benefits

How will Your Benefits be Estimated?

Your Disability or Partial Disability benefits will be reduced by the amount of Other Income Benefits that the Plan estimates is payable to you.

Your Disability benefit will not be reduced by the estimated amount of Other Income Benefits if you:

1. provide satisfactory proof of application for Other Income Benefits;
2. sign a reimbursement agreement under which, in part, you agree to repay the Plan for any overpayment resulting from the award or receipt of Other Income Benefits;
3. if applicable, provide satisfactory proof that all appeals for Other Income Benefits have been made on a timely basis to the highest administrative level unless the Plan determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed; and
4. if applicable, submit satisfactory proof that Other Income Benefits have been denied at the highest administrative level unless the Plan determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed.

In the event that the Plan overestimates the amount payable to you from any Plans referred to in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this Plan, the Plan will reimburse you for such amount upon receipt of written proof of the amount of Other Income Benefits awarded (whether by compromise, settlement, award or judgement) or denied (after appeal through the highest administrative level).

What Happens if You Receive a Lump Sum Payment?

Other Income Benefits from a compromise, settlement, award or judgement which are paid to you in a lump sum and meant to compensate you for any one or more of the following:

1. loss of past or future wages;
2. impaired earnings capacity;
3. lessened ability to compete in the open labor market;
4. any degree of permanent impairment; and
5. any degree of loss of bodily function or capacity;

will be prorated on a weekly basis as follows:

1. over the period of time such benefits would have been paid if not in a lump sum; or
2. if such period of time cannot be determined, over a period of 260 weeks.

What Happens when Your Benefit Period is Less than a Week?

For any period for which a Short Term Disability benefit is payable that does not extend through a full week, the benefit will be paid on a prorated basis. The rate will be 1/5th for each day for such period of Disability.

When will Your Short Term Disability Benefit be Discontinued?

The Weekly Benefit will cease on the earliest of:

1. the date you fail to provide Proof of continued Disability or Partial Disability and Regular Attendance of a Physician;

2. the date you fail to cooperate in the administration of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.
3. the date you refuse to be examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals;
4. the date you refuse to receive Appropriate Available Treatment;
5. the date you refuse a job with the Company where workplace modifications or accommodations were made to allow you to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of the job;
6. the date you are able to work in your Own Occupation on a part-time basis, but choose not to;
7. on the first day of the month following the date you refuse to fully participate in a Rehabilitation Program recommended by the Plan according to the individually written Rehabilitation Program;
8. the date your current Partial Disability earnings exceed 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings; Because your current earnings may fluctuate, earnings will be averaged over three consecutive weeks rather than immediately terminating your benefit once 80.00% of Basic Weekly Earnings has been exceeded.
9. the date you are no longer Disabled according to this Plan;
10. the end of the Maximum Benefit Period; or
11. the date you die.

Successive Periods of Disability

What Happens if You Return to Work and Become Disabled Again?

With respect to this Plan, "**Successive Periods of Disability**" means a Disability which is related or due to the same cause(s) as a prior Disability for which a Weekly Benefit was payable.

A Successive Period of Disability will be treated as part of the prior Disability if, after receiving Disability benefits under this Plan, you:

1. return to your Own Occupation on an Active Employment basis for less than ninety continuous days; and
2. perform all the Material and Substantial duties of your Own Occupation.

To qualify for the Successive Periods of Disability benefit, you must experience more than a 20% loss of Basic Weekly Earnings.

Benefit payments will be subject to the terms of this Plan for the prior Disability.

If you return to your Own Occupation on an Active Employment basis for ninety continuous days or more, the Successive Period of Disability will be treated as a new period of Disability. You must complete another Elimination Period.

If you become eligible for benefits under any other group short term disability Plan, this Successive Periods of Disability provision will cease to apply to you.

SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

What Disabilities are Not Covered?

This Plan will not provide benefits for any Disability due to:

1. war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war;
2. intentionally self-inflicted injuries, while sane or insane;
3. active Participation in a Riot;
4. the committing of or attempting to commit an indictable offense;
5. cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is in connection with an Injury or Sickness sustained while the individual is an Employee;

No benefit will be payable during any period of incarceration.

With respect to this provision, **Participation** shall include promoting, inciting, conspiring to promote or incite, aiding, abetting, and all forms of taking part in, but shall not include actions taken in defense of public or private property, or actions taken in defense of you, if such actions of defense are not taken against persons seeking to maintain or restore law and order including, but not limited to police officers and fire fighters.

With respect to this provision, **Riot** shall include all forms of public violence, disorder or disturbance of the public peace, by three or more persons assembled together, whether or not acting with a common intent and whether or not damage to persons or property or unlawful act or acts is the intent or the consequence of such disorder.

Disability Benefit Exclusions

What Disabilities are Not Covered?

A Weekly Benefit will not be payable if you become Disabled due to:

1. Injury that arises out of or in the course of employment; or
2. Sickness when a benefit is payable under a Workers' Compensation Law, or any other act or law of like intent.

These exceptions will not apply to partners or proprietors who elect not to be covered under such laws.

SECTION 6 - TERMINATION

When will Your Benefits End?

You will cease to be covered on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date this Plan terminates, but without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the time of termination;
2. the date you are no longer in an eligible class;
3. the date your class is no longer included for benefits;
4. the date employment terminates. Cessation of Active Employment will be deemed termination of employment, except the insurance will be continued for an Employee absent due to Disability during the Elimination Period.
5. the date you cease active work due to a labor dispute, including any strike, work slowdown, or lockout.

SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Is Assignment Allowed?

No assignment of any present or future right or benefit under this Plan will be allowed.

What are the Examination Rights?

The Plan may have the right and opportunity to have you, whose Injury or Sickness is the basis of a claim, examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals deemed necessary by the Plan. This right may be used as often as reasonably required.

When can Legal Proceedings Begin?

A claimant or the claimant's authorized representative cannot start any legal action:

1. until 60 days after Proof of claim has been given; or
2. more than one year after the time Proof of claim is required.

When Must Lincoln be Notified of a Claim?

- a. Notice of claim must be given to the Plan within 30 days of the date of the loss on which the claim is based. If that is not possible, Lincoln, on behalf of the Company, must be notified as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so. Such notice of claim must be received in a form or format satisfactory to the Plan.
- b. When written notice of claim is applicable and has been received by the Plan you will be sent claim forms. If the forms are not received within 15 days after written notice of claim is sent, you can send to the Plan written Proof of claim without waiting for the forms.

When Must Lincoln Receive Proof of Claim?

- a. Satisfactory Proof of loss must be given to the Plan, no later than 30 days after the end of the Elimination Period.
- b. Failure to furnish such Proof within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish such Proof within such time. Such Proof must be furnished as soon as reasonably possible, and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the claimant, later than one year from the time Proof is otherwise required.
- c. Proof of continued loss, continued Disability or Partial Disability, when applicable, and Regular Attendance of a Physician must be given to the Plan within 30 days of the request for such Proof.

The Plan reserves the right to determine if your Proof of loss is satisfactory.

What are the Rights of Recovery?

The Plan has the right to recover any overpayment of benefits caused by, but not limited to, the following:

1. fraud;
2. any error made by the Plan in processing a claim; or
3. your receipt of any Other Income Benefits.

The Plan may recover an overpayment by, but not limited to, the following:

1. requesting a lump sum payment of the overpaid amount;
2. reducing any benefits payable under this Plan;
3. taking any appropriate collection activity available including any legal action needed; and
4. placing a lien, if not prohibited by law, in the amount of the overpayment on the proceeds of any Other Income Benefits, whether on a periodic or lump sum basis.

It is required that full reimbursement be made to the Plan.

What are the Rights of Subrogation and Reimbursement?

When your Injury or Sickness appears to be someone else's fault, benefits otherwise payable under this Plan for loss of time as a result of that Injury or Sickness will not be paid unless you or your legal representative agree(s):

1. to repay the Plan, for such benefits to the extent they are for losses for which compensation is paid to you by or on behalf of the person at fault;
2. to allow the Plan, a lien on such compensation and to hold such compensation in trust for the Plan; and
3. to execute and give to the Plan, any instruments needed to secure the rights under 1. and 2. above.

Further, when the Plan has paid benefits to or on behalf of the injured Covered Person, the Plan will be subrogated to all rights of recovery that you have against the person at fault. These subrogation rights will extend only to recovery of the amount the Plan has paid. You must execute and deliver any instruments needed and do whatever else is necessary to secure those rights to the Plan.

How does the Contract Affect Workers' Compensation?

This Plan and the benefits provided are not in lieu of, nor will they affect any requirements for coverage under any Workers' Compensation Law or other similar law.



What Does Lincoln Financial Group Do with Your Personal Information?

The Lincoln Financial Group companies* are committed to protecting your privacy. To provide the products and services you expect from a financial services leader, we must collect personal information about you. We do not sell your personal information to third parties. This Notice describes our current privacy practices. While your relationship with us continues, we will update and send our Privacy Practices Notice as required by law. Even after that relationship ends, we will continue to protect your personal information. You do not need to take any action because of this Notice, but you do have certain rights as described below.

We are committed to the responsible use of information and protecting individual privacy rights. As such, we look to leading data protection standards to guide our privacy program. These standards include collecting data through fair and lawful means, such as obtaining your consent when appropriate.

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal and state law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this carefully to understand what we do.

Information We May Collect and Use

We collect personal information about you:

- to help us identify you as a consumer, our customer or our former customer;
- to process your requests and transactions;
- to offer investment, insurance, retirement and other financial services to you;
- to pay your claim;
- to analyze in order to enhance our products and services;
- to tell you about our products or services we believe you may want and use; and
- as otherwise permitted by law.

The types of personal information we collect depend on your relationship and on the products or services you request and may include the following:

- **Information from you:** When you submit your application or other forms, you give us information such as your name; address; Social Security number; your financial health; and employment history. We may also collect voice recordings or biometric data for use in accordance with applicable law.
- **Information about your transactions:** We maintain information about your transactions with us, such as the products you buy from us; the amount you paid for those products; your account balances; payment details and your payment and claims history.
- **Information from outside our family of companies:** If you are applying for or purchasing insurance products, we may collect information from consumer reporting agencies, such as your credit history; credit scores; and driving and employment records. With your authorization, we may also collect information (such as medical information, retirement information, and information related to Social Security benefits), from other individuals or businesses.
- **Information from your employer:** If your employer applies for or purchases group products from us, we may obtain information about you from your employer or group representative in order to enroll you in the plan.

When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

How We Share and Use Your Personal Information

We may share your personal information within our companies and with certain service providers. They may use this information:

- to process transactions you, your employer, or your group representative have requested;
- to provide customer service;
- to analyze in order to evaluate or enhance our products and services;
- to gain customer insight; to provide education and training to our workforce and customers; and/or
- to inform you of products or services we offer that you may find useful.

Our service providers may or may not be affiliated with us. Affiliates are companies related by common ownership or control. Nonaffiliates are companies not related by common ownership or control. They include:

- Financial service providers: third party administrators; broker-dealers; insurance agents and brokers; registered representatives; reinsurers and other financial services companies with which we have joint marketing agreements. A joint marketing agreement is a formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you. Our joint marketing partners include, but are not limited to, insurance providers and financial technology solutions.
- Non-financial companies and individuals: consultants; vendors; and companies that perform marketing services on our behalf.

Information we obtain from a report prepared by a service provider may be kept by the service provider and shared with other persons; however, we require our service providers to protect your personal information and to use or disclose it only for the work they are performing for us, or as permitted by law. We may execute agreements with our service providers that permit the service provider to process your personal information outside of the United States, when not prohibited by our contracts and permitted by applicable law.

When you apply for one of our products:

- We may share information about your application with credit bureaus.
- We may provide information to group policy owners or their designees (for example, to your employer for employer-sponsored plans and their authorized service providers).
- We may provide information to regulatory authorities, law enforcement officials, and to other nonaffiliated or affiliated parties as permitted by law.
- In the event of a sale of all or part of our businesses, we may share customer information as part of the sale.
- **We do not sell or release your information to outside marketers who may want to offer you their own products and services unless we receive your express consent; nor do we release information we receive about you from a consumer reporting agency.**

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Lincoln chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Lincoln share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes —such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes —to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	Yes	Yes

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Lincoln share?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness	No	We Don't Share
For our affiliates to market to you	Yes	Yes
For nonaffiliates to market to you	Yes	Yes

Federal law gives you the right to limit only:

- sharing for our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness;
- sharing for our affiliates to market to you; and
- sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you.

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. California residents can review our CCPA Privacy Notice located at <https://www.lincolnfinancial.com/public/general/privacy/californiaprivacynotice>.

Security of Information

We have an important responsibility to keep your information safe. We use safeguards to protect your information from unauthorized disclosure. To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. Our employees are authorized to access your information only when they need it to perform their job responsibilities. Employees who have access to your personal information are required to keep it confidential. Employees are required to complete privacy training annually.

Your Rights Regarding Your Personal Information

This Privacy Notice describes how you can exercise your rights regarding your personal information. Lincoln complies with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the provision of personal information. The rights provided to you in this Privacy Notice will be administered in accordance with your state's specific laws and regulations.

Access to personal information: You must submit a written request to receive a copy of your personal information. You may see your personal information in person, or you may ask us to send you a copy of your personal information by mail or electronically, whichever you prefer. We will need to verify your identity before we process the request. Within 30 business days of receiving your request, we will, depending on the specific request you make, (1) inform you of the nature and substance of the recorded personal information we have about you; (2) permit you to obtain a copy of your personal information; and (3) provide the identity (if recorded) of persons to whom we disclosed your personal information within two years prior to the request (if this information is not recorded, we will provide you with the names of those insurance institutions, agents, insurance support organizations or other persons to whom such information is normally disclosed). If you request a copy of your information by mail, we may charge you a fee for copying and mailing costs.

Changes to personal information: If you believe that your personal information is inaccurate or incomplete, you may ask us to correct, amend, or delete the information. Your request must be in writing and must include the reason you are requesting the change. We will respond within 30 business days from the date we receive your request.

If we make changes to your records as a result of your request, we will notify you in writing and we will send the updated information, at your request, to any person who may have received your personal information within the past two years. We will also send the updated information to any insurance support organization that gave us the information and any insurance support organization that systematically received personal information from us within the prior 7 years unless that support organization no longer maintains your personal information.

If we deny your request to correct, amend or delete your information, we will provide you with the reasons for the denial. You may write to us and concisely describe what you believe our records should say and why you disagree with our denial of your request to correct, amend, or delete that information. We will file this communication from you with the disputed information, identify the disputed information if it is disclosed, and provide notice of the disagreement to the persons and in the manner described in the paragraph above.

Basis for adverse underwriting decision: You may ask in writing for the specific reasons for an adverse underwriting decision. An adverse underwriting decision is where we decline your application for insurance, offer to insure you at a higher than standard rate, or terminate your coverage.

Your state may provide for additional privacy protections under applicable laws. We will protect your information in accordance with these additional protections.

If you would like to act upon your rights regarding your personal information, please provide your full name, address and telephone number and either email your inquiry to our Data Subject Access Request Team at DSAR@lfg.com or mail to: Lincoln Financial Group, Attn: Corporate Privacy Office, 1301 South Harrison St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802. The DSAR@lfg.com email address should only be used for inquiries related to this Privacy Notice. For general account service requests or inquiries, please call 1-877-ASK-LINC.

*This information applies to the following Lincoln Financial Group companies:

First Penn-Pacific Life Insurance Company
Lincoln Financial Distributors, Inc.
Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company
Lincoln Investment Advisors Corporation

Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York
Lincoln Life Assurance Company of Boston
Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC
Lincoln Variable Insurance Products Trust
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company