MESSA Group LTD Plan Benefit Highlights

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Account: East Lansing Public Schools

Employee Group: All Staff

Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance provides benefits at a percentage of a member's salary in the event of total disability. Benefits begin after the satisfaction of a waiting period and continue as long as the member remains totally disabled as described under "Maximum Benefit Period" in the LTD certificate booklet.
This is a brief summary of your coverage available under MESSA's Group LTD insurance. Refer to the actual certificate booklet for complete information.

Plan Features	Definition	Your Coverage
Pre-Existing Conditions	Medical conditions for which the advice or treatment was received prior to effective date of coverage are included. However, doctor-verified disabilities in effect prior to the effective date would be excluded.	Waived
Waiting Period	*Calendar Day (CD):* The waiting period is based on actual calendar days. *Work Day (WD):* The waiting period is based on the consecutive number of contracted work days. *Modified Fill (MF):* Benefits begin on the latter of exhaustion of sick time/ bank or the specified number of calendar/work day waiting period. *Straight Wait (SW):* Benefits begin after the specified number of calendar/ work day waiting period.	90 CDMF
Benefit Level	Percent of covered salary.	60%
Maximum Benefit Level	Monthly benefit up to the maximum amount bargained.	$5,000
Minimum Maximum Benefit	There is a minimum monthly benefit of 5% of the gross monthly benefit or $50, whichever is greater, after all offsets are applied, not to exceed the maximum monthly benefit.	5%
Offsets	Benefits are reduced by any income the employee receives or is entitled to receive such as vacation pay, salary continuation, workers' compensation, full auto wage loss benefit, any employer-paid group plan, retirement benefits you receive from your employer's retirement or pension plan, including Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS), short-term disability, and others.	
Social Security Offsets	*Primary*: Social security retirement and social security disability are offsets. *Family:* Any social security disability benefits received by the employee's family due to the employee's disability is an offset.	Primary
Freeze on Offsets	Monthly disability benefits will not be reduced because of automatic, statutory or general cost of living increases in income from other sources after MESSA's initial benefit determination for each specified offset has been made. The exception to this is an unsuccessful return to work with increased salary, social security and retirement cost of living.	Yes
COLA	An employee's benefit may be increased while on claim due to increase in the cost of living. The increase is based on changes in the Consumer Price Index as of January 1 each year and is payable on the anniversary of the commencement of benefit payment. There is a maximum annual increase of 3%.	No
Own Occupation Maximum Benefit Period	Disability benefits may be payable during continuous disability. After the own occupation period, a member must be unable to perform any occupation for which he/she is qualified by training, experience or education. Benefits may be payable up to age 65. For benefits commencing at or after age 60, please see your benefit schedule.	2 Years
Mental / Nervous Conditions	These conditions are covered as any other illness unless you have a 2-year aggregate limitation.	Same as any other illness
Alcoholism / Drug Abuse	These conditions are covered as any other illness unless you have a 2-year aggregate limitation.	Same as any other illness

For additional information please call MESSA's Disability Department at 800-247-6951.