

Policyholder: COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC CO OF THE MIDWEST



Group long-term disability insurance Benefit summary for all other eligible members

Effective date: 01/01/2023

Eligibility	
Eligible employees	All active, full-time employees working at least 30 hours a week
Benefits payable	
Primary monthly benefit	60% of your earnings up to \$6,000
Benefit amount	Your primary monthly benefit minus other income sources
Elimination period	Benefits begin after 90 days
Own occupation period	2 year
Benefit payment period	Varies based on your age when you become disabled, see chart below
Limitations & exclusions	
Pre-existing conditions	3 months prior / 12 months insured
Other limitations	A complete list is included in your booklet

What's available to me?

Your income is important - you depend on it for almost everything. If you're too sick or hurt to work for a long period of time, you can rely on long-term disability insurance to replace a portion of your monthly income.

Your primary monthly benefit is 60% of your earnings prior to your disability up to \$6,000 minus other income sources. Other income sources could include but aren't limited to Social Security for you and your dependents, other earnings, worker's compensation, state disability (if applicable) and salary continuance.

Your benefits are determined by your base wage. This is your definition of earnings and is outlined further in the booklet you'll receive following enrollment.

Compensation for business owners covers business profits plus salaries averaged over the prior two years.

Who receives coverage?

- You'll receive coverage if you're an active, full-time employee working at least 30 hours a week. Seasonal, temporary, or contract employees aren't eligible.
 - If you're on regularly scheduled day off, holiday, vacation day, jury duty, funeral leave, or personal time off, you're still considered actively at work, as long as you're fulfilling your regular duties and were working the day immediately prior to your time off.
 - You must enroll within 31 days of being eligible. If you don't, you'll need to provide health information for us to review for approval.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

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When do I begin receiving disability benefits?

Your elimination period is 90 days. The elimination period is the amount of time before you start receiving benefits.

If you recover and return to work during your elimination period and become disabled again, you may not have to satisfy a new elimination period. If you qualify for this, your elimination period will pick up at the point where it was left off when you recovered.

Once I start receiving benefits, how long will they continue?

Age disability occurs	Benefits are payable until the later of:
Under age 65	Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) or 36 months
Age 65-67	SSNRA or 24 months
Age 68-69	SSNRA or 18 months
Age 70-71	SSNRA or 15 months
Age 72 and over	SSNRA or 12 months

What types of conditions may qualify as a disability?

You'll be considered disabled due to sickness or injury, or pregnancy.

During the first 2 years of receiving benefits, your disability is based on your own occupation, known as the own occupation period. This is the occupation you're routinely performing at the time of disability. After 2 years, we'll evaluate for any occupation based on education, training or experience.

During your elimination period and your own occupation period, one of the following must apply:

- You're unable to perform the majority of the substantial and material duties of your own occupation; or
- You're unable to earn 80% of your indexed income prior to your disability while working in a modified capacity.

After completing the own occupation period, one of the following must apply:

- You're unable to perform the majority of the substantial and material duties of any occupation for which you are or may reasonably become qualified based on education, training, or experience.
- You're performing the substantial and material duties of your own occupation or any occupation on a modified basis and are unable to earn more than 60% of your indexed income prior to your disability.

Do I qualify if I have a preexisting condition?

- You may. If you haven't been seen by a doctor or prescribed medication for an injury or sickness in the last 3 months or if your disability happens after 12 consecutive months of coverage, you may qualify.

Are mental nervous, drug/alcohol and special conditions covered?

- It'll be considered a disability if it's caused by:
 - A mental health condition for up to a lifetime maximum of 24 months
 - Abuse, dependency, or addiction to alcohol, drug, or chemicals for up to a lifetime maximum of 24 months
 - A special condition such as (but not limited to) chronic fatigue syndrome, musculoskeletal or connective tissue disorders for up to a lifetime maximum of 24 months
- The amount of time you receive benefits for these covered conditions will be limited to a combined lifetime maximum of 24 months.

Additional benefits:

Work incentive benefit	If you're working on a limited or part-time basis, you can keep your work earnings and may still receive your disability benefit for 12 months. You can't receive more than 100% of your earnings prior to your disability. You must work to your full medical and vocational capacity. If you don't, your benefits will be paid as if you are working at your full capacity.
Rehabilitation plan	If you're disabled, our staff may work with you, your physician and employer to create an individual rehabilitation plan to help you return to work. You may also receive this benefit if you're not disabled but have a condition that prevents you from working.
Rehabilitation incentive benefit	If you're totally disabled and satisfy the requirements of an individual rehabilitation plan, your benefit percentage may increase by 5%.
Mandatory rehabilitation	You may be paid for any expenses associated with an approved rehabilitation plan.
Accelerated survivor benefit	If you're terminally ill with a life expectancy of 12 months or less, you're eligible to receive a lump-sum payment of 3 times your primary monthly benefit.
Survivor benefit	If you haven't been paid an accelerated survivor benefit, your survivors will receive 3 times your primary monthly benefit minus other income sources, which includes but is not limited to Social Security.

What are the limitations and exclusions of my coverage?

Preexisting conditions

A preexisting condition is an injury or sickness (including pregnancy) and all related conditions and complications, in the three months prior to your effective date under this policy, for which you:

- Received medical treatment, consultation, care or service; or
- Were prescribed or took prescription medications

Benefits will not be paid for disabilities resulting from preexisting conditions unless, when you become disabled, you have been actively at work for one full day after being covered under the policy for 12 consecutive months.

Preexisting condition exclusions also apply to benefit increases due to policy amendments and changes in earnings of 25% or greater.

Treatment of mental health conditions, drug and alcohol abuse conditions and special conditions

A disability is considered due to alcohol, drug or chemical abuse, dependency or addiction or a mental health condition or a special condition if the disability is caused by one of these condition(s) and not by other disabling conditions.

Maximum benefit payment periods for:

Mental health conditions – 24 months

Alcohol, drug or chemical abuse conditions – 24 months

Special conditions – 24 months

The benefit payment period listed above is a lifetime maximum for all periods of disability. All disabilities from conditions with the same maximum benefit payment period contribute towards one lifetime maximum.

However, if at the end of the benefit payment period, you are confined in a hospital or any other type of facility providing treatment for any of these conditions, the benefit payment period may be extended to include the time period you are confined for treatment.

Special conditions are considered to be Thoracic outlet syndrome / Headaches, such as functional, migraine, organic, sinus and tension / Chronic fatigue syndrome / Fibromyalgia/ Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) / Cumulative trauma disorder, overuse syndrome, or repetitive stress disorder including carpal tunnel and ulnar tunnel syndrome/ Environmental allergies and multiple chemical sensitivity / Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders of the neck and back, including any disease or disorder of the cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral back and surrounding soft tissue, including sprains and strains of joints and adjacent muscles.



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This is a summary of long-term disability coverage insured by or with administrative services provided by Principal Life Insurance Company. This outline is a brief description of your coverage. It is not an insurance contract or a complete statement of the rights, benefits, limitations and exclusions of the coverage. If there is a discrepancy between the policy and this document, the actual policy provision prevails. For complete coverage details, refer to the booklet.

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