Policyholder: HI-TECH TOWERS, INC.

Group voluntary short-term disability insurance
Benefit summary for active members

Your coverage renews every January 1.
This summary was created on 12/18/2025 and shows benefits available at that time.

Eligibility	
Eligible employees	All active, full-time employees working at least 40 hours a week
Benefits payable	
Primary weekly benefit	60% of your earnings up to $1,000
Benefit amount	Your primary weekly benefit minus other income sources
Elimination period	Benefits begin on the 1st day for accidents and 8th day for sickness
Benefit payment period	Up to 13 weeks
Maternity	Pregnancy and childbirth are treated the same as any other disability
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?

Help protect one of your most valuable assets - the ability to earn an income. If you're temporarily disabled and can't work for a short amount of time, you can rely on short-term disability insurance to replace a portion of your weekly income.

Your primary weekly benefit is 60% of your earnings prior to your disability up to $1,000 minus other income sources. Other income sources could include but aren't limited to Social Security, other earnings, worker's compensation and state disability (if applicable), income from Paid Family and/or Medical Leave.

Your benefits are determined by your W2 - 1 year average. 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 can buy coverage?

- You may buy coverage if you're an active, full-time employee working at least 40 hours a week. Seasonal, temporary, or contract employees can't purchase.
  - 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 may enroll for coverage if it's more than 31 days after becoming eligible for coverage only during the open enrollment period.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

When do I begin receiving disability benefits?

Your elimination period is completed and benefits begin on the 1st day for accidents and the 8th day for sickness. The elimination period is the amount of time before you start receiving benefits.

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

Short-term disability benefits can continue up to 13 weeks.

What types of conditions may qualify as a disability?

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

During your elimination period and your benefit payment period (how long benefit is paid), one of the following must apply:

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

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.

Additional benefits:

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.

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

In the event an investigation is necessary to determine if a disability is preexisting, benefits may be payable for up to six weeks while The Principal is conducting its preexisting condition investigation. Once the investigation is complete and if the disability is deemed to be a preexisting condition, no further benefits will be payable. Benefits will not be paid beyond the date six weeks following the date of disability 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. No benefits will be paid for a subsequent claim subject to a preexisting condition investigation for the same condition.

No benefits will be paid for any disability that is caused by, a complication of, or resulting from the same preexisting condition that you had previously received benefits for.

Preexisting condition limitations also apply to benefit increases due to amendments, annual open enrollment, changes due to the member's family status, or changes in earnings of 25% or greater.

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