

## Short term disability

## Your guide for a seamless process



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Are you filing your claim for maternity? Once you have delivered, contact Guardian to report your date and type of delivery. Please inform us if you are taking baby bonding time following your recovery.



We may need medical information to review your claim. Included is an authorization form. Please provide the authorization form to your physician(s) currently treating you for this condition. Your physician may require an alternate form.



To ensure timely payments, please keep Guardian and your employer informed of updates to your leave. If you are not able to return to work as planned, contact Guardian so that we can reach out to your physician(s) for updated information.



It's important your work state is indicated on the claim form. If you work from home and are unsure of your work state, please consult with your employer. If Guardian administers your State Paid Leave policy, you do not need to file a separate claim. We'll take care of that for you.



We will contact you, your employer or physician if any additional information is needed to make a claim decision. Claim reviews are generally completed within 10 business days, and you will be contacted when a decision is made.\*

Questions after submitting your claim? Contact Guardian at 800-268-2525. A Guardian representative is available to help you Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm EST.



Documents can be returned electronically at <a href="www.guardianlife.com/forms">www.guardianlife.com/forms</a>. Select the "Benefits through work" option and click the "Secure Channel" link to send your private information.

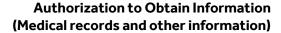
Or, you may complete the form and submit by fax to (610) 807-8270 or email to group\_std\_claims@glic.com
You may also send to: Group STD Claims, P.O. Box 14331, Lexington, KY 40512

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EMPLOYEE SECTION	ON - PLEAS	SE PRINT AND COMPI	LETE <u>IN FU</u>	LL TO PR	REVENT DELA	AY IN P	ROCESSING			
1. EMPLOYEE NAME				:	2. PLAN NUMBE		3. EMPLOYER NAME			
4. EMPLOYEE HOME MAILIN	IG ADDRESS		(	CITY		STATE	ZIP	5. EMPLOYE	EE TELEPHONE NUMBER	
6. WORK STATE		7. EMPLOYEE EMAIL ADDR	RESS							
8. MEMBER ID	9. DATE OF	BIRTH	SECURITY N	ITY NUMBER				11. MALE		
1 1					FEMALE					
12. IS DISABILITY DUE TO YOUR EMPLOYMENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO IF "YES", HAVE YOU FILED A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM? ☐ YES ☐ N				NO	13. IS DISABILITY DUE TO AN ACCIDENT? YES NO IF "YES", DO YOU INTEND TO FILE SUIT? YES NO					
14. IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION (12) AND/OR (13), PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOR ACCIDENT / / TIME PLACE ACCIDENT DETAILS					G IS DISABILITY DUE TO SERVICE IN THE MILITARY?					
	ISABILITY PLAI	NS AND SALARY CONTINUA	TION AND/OR S	SICK LEAVE	BENEFITS, PTO,	ETC.)?	YES NO	IF "YES", ATTA	PLOYMENT, PENSION, NO-FAULT ACH A COPY OF THE AWARD E PAPER IF NEEDED)	
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5. DATE SYMPTOMS FIRST	APPEARED	6. DATE OF FIRST VISIT	T FOR THIS CO	NDITION	7. A) DATES OF	TREATM	ENT FOR THIS CO	NDITION	8.	
1 1	1 1				7. B) DATE OF PATIENT'S NEXT APPOINTMEN			MENT	HEIGHT	
9. DATE PATIENT WAS TOTALLY DISABLED (UNABLE TO WORK)					/ / WEIGHT LBS					
FROM / /	THRO	UGH / /								
10. IF PATIENT STILL DISABLED, GIVE DATE FOR ANTICIPATED RELEASE TO RETURN TO WORK / /					11. DATES PATIENT WAS HOSPITALIZED (IF APPLICABLE)  FROM / / THROUGH / /					
12. SURGICAL DATE(S): CPT(S)/PROCEDURE(S)										
13. A) WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE PATIENTS RETURN TO WORK ON A LIMITED BASIS?  YES NO IF "YES", PLEASE PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS THAT WOULD BE IN					14. A) WAS PATIENT REFERRED TO YOU BY ANOTHER PHYSICIAN? YES NO IF "YES", PLEASE GIVE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN					
13. B) DURATION OF ABOVE RESTRICTIONS:					14. B) DID YOU REFER PATIENT TO ANOTHER PHYSICIAN? ☐ YES ☐ NO IF "YES", PLEASE GIVE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN					
15. DO YOU BELIEVE THE PA PROCEEDS THEREOF?			CKS AND DIREC	CT THE						
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EMPLOYER SECTION - PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE IN FULL (QUESTIONS 1-25) TO PREVENT DELAY IN PROCESSING											
1. EMPLOYER NAME 2. PLAN NUMBER	2. PLAN NUMBER										
3. EMPLOYER ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP											
4.1 F BRANCH OR AFFILIATE, PLEASE PROVIDE NAME OF PARENT EMPLOYER SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAX ID  5.DATE EMPLOYEE TERMINATED/RESIGNED  / /											
6. EMPLOYEE NAME  7. EMPLOYEE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER BIRTH / /											
9. EMPLOYEE JOB TITLE  10. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT  11. DATE EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE FOR STD  12. EMPLOYEE INSUR  / / / CLASS	NCE										
13. CLAIMAN'TS PHONE NUMBER  14. NORMAL WORK  SCHEDULE:  MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT SUN HOURS/WEEK  HOURS/DAY											
15. REASON FOR LEAVING WORK: 16. ACTUAL LAST DAY WORKED / / 17. HOURS WORKED ON LAST DAY											
□ DISABILITY □ MATERNITY □ OTHER											
17. CAN THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB BE MODIFIED TO ALLOW FOR RETURN TO WORK?  18. DATE EMPLOYEE RETURNED TO WORK  PART TIME											
☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ MAYBE, DEPENDING ON RESTRICTIONS / / ☐ FULL TIME											
19. SALARY – (PER THE COMPANY SETUP) PLEASE PROVIDE:											
☐ SEMI-MONTHLY ☐ MONTHLY ☐ YEARLY  EMPLOYEE'S BASE SALARY ( <u>DO NOT I</u> NCLUDE BONUS, OVERTIME OR COMMISSIONS) \$ (PLEASE CHECK FREQUENCY ABOVE)											
EMPLOYEE'S TOTAL BONUS AND COMMISSIONS OVER LAST 24 MONTHS (IF APPLICABLE) \$ FROM / / TO / /											
EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYEE'S LAST SALARY CHANGE:											
<u>IF EARNINGS DEFINITION BASES SALARY ON PRIOR YEAR W-2</u> , PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE PRIOR YEAR W-2 (IF EMPLOYED IN PRIOR YEAR) <u>OR</u> PROVIDE YEAR-TO-DATE SALARY: \$ FROM / / TO / /											
20. DOES THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF THEIR SHORT-TERM DISABILITY  10. DOES THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COST OF THEIR SHORT-TERM DISABILITY  11. FOR ASSISTANCE WITH JOB ACCOMMOCATION STAY AT WORK OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT  12. OUR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPT. AT 800-233-0691, OR, TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM OUR											
IF "YES", PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ACCURATELY AND FULLY  VOC REHAB DEPT., PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE US TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ACCURATELY AND FULLY	ONTACT:										
% PAID BY EMPLOYEE,  PRE-TAX PLEASE NOTE: SELF FUNDED DISABILITY PLAN BENEFITS ARE CONSIDERED SUPPLEMENTAL WAGES BY THE IRS (SEE IRS PUBLICATION 15A). IF YOUR DISABILITY PLAN IS SELF FUNDED, GUARDIAN WILL DEDUCT A MANDATORY 22% FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING FROM THE DISABILITY BENEFIT CHECKS THAT ARE ISSUED.											
22. A) DID THIS DISABILITY ARISE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT?											
B) HAS A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM BEEN FILED? YES NO											
23. DOES THIS EMPLOYEE HAVE OTHER GROUP COVERAGE THROUGH GUARDIAN?   LTD   LIFE   FML   STATE DISABILITY/PAID LEAVE   STATE PLAN #											
23(B) WHAT IS THE EMPLOYEE'S WORK STATE?											
24. Job description - Please fully complete the following details about the physical aspects of the claimant's job as performed in an 8-hour wo Please also attach a description of job duties, if available.	rk day.										
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20-50 LBS	]										
50-100 LBS											
OVER 100 LBS											
25. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND THAT THE EMPLOYEE NAMED ABOVE HAS BEEN A FULL-TIME ACTIVE EMPLOYEE FOR WHOM PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN PAID.  AUTHORIZED EMPLOYER SIGNATURE											





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The information obtained with this authorization may be used by Guardian to determine eligibility for benefits under The Insured's policy.

I, the undersigned, **AUTHORIZE** and request any physician, medical or mental health professional, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, healthcare or other medical or medically related facility, healthcare provider, pharmacy, pharmacy benefit manager, therapist, benefit plan administrator, business associate, insurer or reinsurer, consumer reporting agency subject to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, insurance support organization, insurance agent, employer, payroll processor, employer service provider, financial institution, Governmental Agency including The Social Security Administration, The Veteran's Administration or any other organization or person having any knowledge of The Insured to give The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America ("Guardian") or its employees and agents, or its authorized representatives, or third parties, any information in its possession about The Insured. This information includes, but is not limited to, medical information as to cause, treatment, diagnoses, prognoses, consultations, examinations, tests or prescriptions with respect to The Insured's physical or mental condition or treatment of The Insured. This may include (but is not limited to) HIV infection, any disorder of the immune system, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases, mental illness or use of alcohol or drugs, unless otherwise restricted by state law. This information also includes non-medical information concerning The Insured, The Insured's occupation, driving history, employment history, earnings or finances or information otherwise needed to determine policy claim benefits that may be due The Insured.

I, the undersigned, **UNDERSTAND** that this authorization is part of the policy's Proof of Loss requirement and if I revoke or fail to sign this authorization or alter its content in any way, it may affect the handling of The Insured's claim, including the denial of benefits under The Insured's policy. Any information obtained will not be released by Guardian to any person or organization except to: affiliates (including but not limited to Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America); reinsuring companies; other persons (including but not limited to The Insured's attending medical provider), or insurance support organizations performing business or legal services in connection with The Insured's claim or application for insurance, or as may be otherwise lawfully required, or as I may further authorize. Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization is no longer covered by federal privacy rules and may be redisclosed pursuant to this authorization or as otherwise permitted or required by law. In the event that my coverage with Guardian requires me to pursue benefits available from the Social Security Administration, I further authorize Guardian to disclose information contained in my claim file with third parties specializing in social security disability claims.

I, the undersigned, **UNDERSTAND** that I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing at any time by sending a written request for revocation to Guardian at P.O. Box 14333, Lexington KY 40512. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that Guardian has already relied on this authorization, or to the extent that the company has a legal right to contest a claim under an insurance policy or to contest the policy itself.

I, the undersigned, **AGREE**. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original, and I may request one. I agree this authorization extends to all future requests, including records, past the date of the signature below. This form is valid up to 24 months (12 months in Kansas) from the date shown below.

I, the undersigned, **AUTHORIZE** the Social Security Administration to release information or records about (The Insured) to Guardian or its authorized representative or third parties. This information is to be released in order to properly adjudicate The Insured's claim or continue The Insured's eligibility for benefits. Please release detailed earnings for up to the last ten years and/or summary record of total earnings and/or information from master benefit records regarding award, denial or continuing benefits.

Signature of Insured (or Authoriz	zed Representative)	Date
Name and Phone # of Authorized	d Representative	Relationship of Authorized Representative
Name of Insured:		Date of Birth:
Address:		Phone #:
Claim #:	Policy #:	

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## The laws of several states require the following statements to appear on the claim form:

**Alabama:** For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: The falsity of any statement in the application shall not bar the right to recovery under the policy unless such false statement was made with actual intent to deceive or unless it materially affected either the acceptance of the risk or the hazard assumed by the insurer.

**Arizona:** For your protection Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**California:** For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: The falsity of any statement in the application shall not bar the right to recovery under the policy unless such false statement was made with actual intent to deceive or unless it materially affected either the acceptance of the risk or the hazard assumed by the insurer.

**Colorado:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

**Connecticut, Iowa, Nebraska and Oregon:** Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application of insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime, and may also be subject to civil penalties.

**Delaware, Indiana and Oklahoma:** WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

**District of Columbia:** WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits, if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

**Florida:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**Kansas:** Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application of insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of insurance fraud as determined by a court of law.

**Kentucky:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

**Louisiana and Texas:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit is quilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinements in state prison.

**New Mexico:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment or a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties or denial of insurance benefits.

**Maine, Tennessee and Washington:** It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines or a denial of insurance benefit.

**Maryland:** Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**Minnesota:** A person who files a claim with intent to defraud or helps commit a fraud against an insurer is guilty of a crime.



**New Hampshire:** Any person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 638:20.

**New Jersey:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Ohio:** Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

**Pennsylvania:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**Rhode Island:** Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**Vermont:** It is a crime for any person knowingly to provide material false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company, for any person knowingly to provide material false, incomplete, or misleading information concerning the sale of