
Group Number: 00574868

Northwest ISD

ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Here you'll find information about your following employee benefit(s). Be sure to review the enclosed - it provides everything you need to sign up for your Guardian benefits.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- Cancer

Questions? Concerns?

Helpline (888) 600-1600

Call weekdays, 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM, EST.

And refer to your plan number: 00574868

Welcome

Dear Northwest ISD Employee,

We are happy to have been chosen by Northwest ISD to be the provider of your employee benefits this year. For over 150 years, we have helped millions of people plan, secure and look after their families. We believe that life's unexpected surprises should be met with the support, guidance and understanding of someone who truly cares. And, we understand the power of help. It's why we go above and beyond to do what's right for you.

With Guardian® coverage you get:

- Affordable group rates
- Convenient payroll deduction
- Benefits for your unique needs

Take advantage of the benefits offered to you at work. Feel secure knowing that you have the coverage you need from a trusted provider and that it's there when you need it most.

Guardian

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Cancer Benefit Summary

A Cancer insurance plan through Guardian provides:

- Lump-sum cash payments for certain procedures, screenings and treatments related to a covered cancer diagnosis, in addition to whatever your medical plan covers
- Payments are made directly to you and can be used for any purpose
- Ability to take the coverage with you if you change jobs or retire
- Affordable group rates

About Your Benefits:

CANCER		
COVERAGE - DETAILS	Option 1: Advantage Plan	Option 2: Premier Plan
Your Monthly premium	\$16.22	\$24.89
You and Spouse	\$29.79	\$45.91
You and Child(ren)	\$20.09	\$31.54
You, Spouse and Child(ren)	\$33.66	\$52.56
INITIAL DIAGNOSIS BENEFIT - Benefit is paid when you are diagnosed with Internal cancer for the first time while insured under this Plan.		
Benefit Amount(s)	Employee \$5,000 Spouse \$5,000 Child \$5,000	Employee \$5,000 Spouse \$5,000 Child \$5,000
Benefit Waiting Period - A specified period of time after your effective date during which the Initial Diagnosis benefits will not be payable.	30 Days	30 Days
CANCER SCREENING		
Benefit Amount	\$50; \$50 for Follow-Up screening	\$100; \$100 for Follow-Up screening
RADIATION THERAPY OR CHEMOTHERAPY		
Benefit	Schedule amounts up to a \$5,000 benefit year maximum.	Schedule amounts up to a \$10,000 benefit year maximum.
Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation: A pre-existing condition includes any condition for which you, in the specified time period prior to coverage in this plan, consulted with a physician, received treatment, or took prescribed drugs.	3 months prior/ 6 months treatment free/ 12 months after.	3 months prior/ 6 months treatment free/ 12 months after.
Portability: Allows you to take your Cancer coverage with you if you terminate employment. Ported Cancer plan terminates at age 70.	Included	Included
Child(ren) Age Limits	Children age birth to 26 years	Children age birth to 26 years
FEATURES		
Air Ambulance	\$1,500/trip, limit 2 trips per hospital confinement	\$2,000/trip, limit 2 trips per hospital confinement
Alternative Care	No Benefit	\$50/visit up to 20 visits
Ambulance	\$200/trip, limit 2 trips per hospital confinement	\$250/trip, limit 2 trips per hospital confinement
Anesthesia	25% of surgery benefit	25% of surgery benefit
Anti-Nausea	\$50/day up to \$150 per month	\$50/day up to \$250 per month
Attending Physician	\$25/day while hospital confined. Limit 75 visits.	\$25/day while hospital confined. Limit 75 visits.
Blood/Plasma/Platelets	Actual Costs up to \$5,000 per 12 month period	Actual Costs up to \$10,000 per 12 month period

Benefit information illustrated within this material reflects the plan covered by Guardian as of 04/22/2020

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The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY

FEATURES (Cont.)	Option 1: Advantage Plan	Option 2: Premier Plan
Bone Marrow/Stem Cell	Bone Marrow: \$7,500 Stem Cell: \$1,500 50% benefit for 2nd transplant. \$1,000 benefit if a donor	Bone Marrow: \$10,000 Stem Cell: \$2,500 50% benefit for 2nd transplant. \$1,500 benefit if a donor
Experimental Treatment	\$100/day up to \$1,000/month	\$200/day up to \$2,400/month
Extended Care Facility/Skilled Nursing care	\$100/day up to 90 days per year	\$150/day up to 90 days per year
Government or Charity Hospital	\$300 per day in lieu of all other benefits	\$400 per day in lieu of all other benefits
Home Health Care	\$50/visit up to 30 visits per year	\$100/visit up to 30 visits per year
Hormone Therapy	\$25/treatment up to 12 treatments per year	\$50/treatment up to 12 treatments per year
Hospice	\$50/day up to 100 days/lifetime	\$100/day up to 100 days/lifetime
Hospital Confinement	\$300/day for first 30 days; \$600/day for 31st day thereafter per confinement	\$400/day for first 30 days; \$800/day for 31st day thereafter per confinement
ICU Confinement	\$400/day for first 30 days; \$600/day for 31st day thereafter per confinement	\$600/day for first 30 days; \$800/day for 31st day thereafter per confinement
Immunotherapy	\$500 per month, \$2,500 lifetime max	\$500 per month, \$2500 lifetime max
Inpatient Special Nursing	\$100/day up to 30 days per year	\$150/day up to 30 days per year
Medical Imaging	\$100/image up to 2 per year	\$200/image up to 2 per year
Outpatient and family member lodging - Lodging must be more than 50 miles from your home.	\$75/day, up to 90 days per year	\$100/day, up to 90 days per year
Outpatient or Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$250/day, 3 days per procedure	\$350/day, 3 days per procedure
Physical or Speech Therapy	\$25/visit up to 4 visits per month, \$400 lifetime max	\$50/visit up to 4 visits per month, \$1,000 lifetime max
Prosthetic	Surgically Implanted: \$2,000/device, \$4,000 lifetime max Non-Surgically: \$200/device, \$400 lifetime max	Surgically Implanted: \$3,000/device, \$6,000 lifetime max Non-Surgically: \$300/device, \$600 lifetime max
Reconstructive Surgery	Breast TRAM Flap \$2,000 Breast reconstruction \$500 Breast Symmetry \$250 Facial reconstruction \$500	Breast TRAM \$3,000 Breast reconstruction \$700 Breast Symmetry \$350 Facial reconstruction \$700
Reproductive Benefit	No Benefit	\$1,500 egg harvesting, \$500 egg or sperm storage, \$2,000 lifetime max
Second Surgical Opinion	\$200/surgery procedure	\$300/surgery procedure
Skin Cancer	Biopsy Only: \$100 Reconstructive Surgery: \$250 Excision of a skin cancer: \$375 Excision of a skin cancer with flap or graft: \$600	Biopsy Only: \$100 Reconstructive Surgery: \$250 Excision of a skin cancer: \$375 Excision of a skin cancer with flap or graft: \$600
Specified Disease	Included	Included
Surgical Benefit	Schedule amount up to \$4,125	Schedule amount up to \$5,500
Transportation/Companion Transportation - Benefit is paid if you have to travel more than 50 miles one way to receive treatment for internal cancer.	\$0.50/mile up to \$1,000 per round trip/equal benefit for companion	\$0.50/mile up to \$1,500 per round trip/equal benefit for companion
Waiver of Premium - If you become disabled due to cancer that is diagnosed after the employee's effective date, and you remain disabled for 90 days, we will waive the premium due after such 90 days for as long as you remain disabled.	Included	Included

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS :

- **Alternative Care** – Benefit is paid for palliative care (bio-feedback or hypnosis) or lifestyle benefits such as visits to an accredited practitioner for smoking cessation, yoga, meditation, relaxation techniques and nutritional counseling.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS (Cont.):

- **Cancer** – Cancer means you have been diagnosed with a disease manifested by the presence of a malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells in any part of the body. This includes leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma, sarcoma, malignant tumors and melanoma. Cancer includes carcinomas in-situ (in the natural or normal place, confined to the site of origin, without having invaded neighboring tissue). Pre-malignant conditions or conditions with malignant potential, such as myelodysplastic and myeloproliferative disorders, carcinoid, leukoplakia, hyperplasia, actinic keratosis, polycythemia, and nonmalignant melanoma, moles or similar diseases or lesions will not be considered cancer. Cancer must be diagnosed while insured under the Guardian cancer plan.
- **Experimental Treatment** – Benefits will be paid for experimental treatment prescribed by a doctor for the purpose of destroying or changing abnormal tissue. All treatment must be NCI listed as viable experimental treatment for Internal Cancer.
 - Cancer screening benefit includes coverage for screenings such as biopsy, mammogram, pap smear, PSA for prostate cancer, MRI scans, etc.
 - Specified Disease: The benefits of this plan will also pay if a covered person is diagnosed with one of the following Specified Diseases while coverage is in force: Addison's Disease, ALS, Brucellosis, Cerebrospinal Meningitis, Cystic Fibrosis, Diphtheria, Encephalitis, Hansen's Disease, Hepatitis (Chronic B or Chronic C with liver failure), Legionnaire's Disease, Lyme Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, Osteomyelitis, Poliomyelitis, Primary Biliary Cirrhosis, Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, Rabies, Reye's Syndrome, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Scarlet Fever, Sickle Cell Anemia, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Tetanus, Thalassemia, Tuberculosis, Tularemia, Typhoid Fever. Only one specified disease from this list may be claimed under this plan.

Manage Your Benefits:

Go to www.GuardianAnytime.com to access secure information about your Guardian benefits. Your on-line account will be set up within 30 days after your plan effective date.

Need Assistance?

Call the Guardian Helpline (888) 600-1600, weekdays, 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM, EST. Refer to your member ID (social security number) and your plan number: 00574868

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

A SUMMARY OF CANCER LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

Conditional Issue underwriting is required on those enrolling outside of the initial enrollment period or annual open enrollment period.

This plan will not pay benefits for: Services or treatment not included in the Features. Services or treatment provided by a family member. Services or treatment rendered for hospital confinement outside the United States. Any cancer diagnosed solely outside of the United States. Services or treatment provided primarily for cosmetic purposes. Services or treatment for premalignant conditions. Services or treatment for conditions with malignant potential. Services or treatment for non-cancer sicknesses.

This document is a summary of the major features of the referenced insurance coverage. It is intended for illustrative purposes only and does not constitute a contract. The insurance plan documents, including the policy and certificate, comprise the contract for coverage. The full plan description, including the benefits and all terms, limitations and exclusions that apply will be contained in your insurance certificate. The plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Coverage terms may vary by state and actual sold plan. The premium amounts reflected in this summary are an approximation; if there is a discrepancy between this amount and the premium actually billed, the latter prevails.

Cancer caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from: participating in a felony, riot or insurrection; intentionally causing a self-inflicted injury; committing or attempting to commit suicide while sane or insane; a covered person's mental or emotional disorder, alcoholism or drug addiction; engaging in any illegal activity; or serving in the armed forces or any auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country.

If Cancer insurance premium is paid for on a pre tax basis, the benefit may be taxable. Please contact your tax or legal advisor regarding the tax treatment of your policy benefits.

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