Guardian®

Region 3 ESC
ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES
Group Number: 00063615

Customer Service (888) 600-1600
Monday to Friday | 8am to 8:30pm ET

Welcome to
Workplace benefits

Everyone deserves a Guardian

Every day, Guardian gives 26 million Americans the security they deserve through our insurance and wealth management products and services.

We've partnered with your organization to offer you a range of employee benefits. Inside this pack, you'll find the plans your employer thinks you might benefit from.

Your coverage options

Hospital indemnity insurance	Covering some of your hospital stay costs

Know your benefits

Your benefits support your physical and financial wellbeing, to help keep you and your loved ones protected.

With Guardian, you're in good hands. We've been delivering on our promises for over 150 years, and we're looking forward to doing the same for you too.

1. Read through this information.
2. Find out more about your benefits.
3. Talk to your employer if you need help or have any questions.

This document is a summary of the major features of the insurance coverage that's been agreed to with your employer – it isn't your contract.

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Watch our video
How hospital indemnity insurance can give you a comfortable stay.

Hospital indemnity insurance

Hospital indemnity insurance can cover some of the cost associated with a hospital stay, letting you focus on recovery.

Being hospitalized for illness or injury can happen to anyone, at any time. While medical insurance may cover hospital bills, it may not cover all the costs associated with a hospital stay. That's where hospital indemnity coverage can help.

Who is it for?

Hospital indemnity insurance is for people who need help covering the costs associated with a hospital stay if they suddenly become sick or injured.

What does it cover?

If you are admitted to a hospital for a covered sickness or injury, you'll receive payments that can be used to cover all sorts of costs, including:

- Deductibles and co-pays.
- Travel to and from the hospital for treatment.
- Childcare service assistance while recovering.

Why should I consider it?

Health coverage is becoming more expensive, with higher co-pays, premiums, and deductibles. Hospital indemnity insurance can help pay for out-of-pocket costs associated with being hospitalized, giving you more of a financial safety net for unplanned expenses brought on by a hospital stay.

Plus, hospital indemnity insurance is portable and payments are made directly to you – even if you didn't incur any out-of-pocket expenses.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.

Be prepared

John is hospitalized after a heart attack, and has to cover the cost of five days as an inpatient.

Average heart attack hospitalization expense: **$53,000**

Average Major Medical deductible: **$1,500**

Major Medical covers 80% of the cost after the deductible is met, but John's still responsible for 20%: **$10,300**.

Total out-of-pocket amount for John (deductible + coinsurance): **$11,800**.

John's Guardian Hospital Indemnity policy pays him **$1,000** for hospital admission.

The policy gives him a total payment of **$1,000** to help cover the out-of-pocket amount.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.

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Your hospital indemnity coverage

	Hospital Indemnity	
	Option 1	Option 2
Coverage Details		
Your Monthly premium	$15.49	$29.68
You and Spouse	$32.73	$62.87
You and Child(ren)	$21.36	$40.61
You, Spouse and Child(ren)	$35.09	$66.52
Benefits		
Hospital/ICU Admission	$1,000 per admission, limited to 2 admission(s) per insured.	$2,000 per admission, limited to 2 admission(s) per insured.
Hospital/ICU Confinement	$100/$100 per day, limited to 30 day(s) per insured per benefit year.	$200/$200 per day, limited to 30 day(s) per insured per benefit year.
Health Screening	$50 per day, limited to 1 day(s) per insured per benefit year.	$50 per day, limited to 1 day(s) per insured per benefit year.
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.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Portability - Allows you to take your Hospital Indemnity coverage with you if you terminate employment.	Included	Not Applicable
Child(ren) Age Limits	Children age birth to 26 years	Children age birth to 26 years

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BENEFITS – HOSPITAL INDEMNITY

Hospital Admission & Hospital ICU Admission benefits are not payable on the same day.

Premium will be waived if you are hospitalized for more than 30 days.

Hospital admission or confinement benefits are not payable for a newborn unless the child is admitted to the Neonatal ICU.

Hospital/ICU confinement benefits are not payable on the same day as Hospital/ICU admission benefit.

After initial enrollment, Hospital Indemnity coverage will continue as long as an insured is actively at work.

The Health screening benefit is paid for the completion of specified routine wellness screenings such as annual well visits, immunizations, mammography, chest x-ray, and many more.

Your hospital indemnity coverage

LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

In order to be eligible for coverage: Employees must be legally working: (a) in the United States or (b) outside the United States, for a US based employer, in a country or region approved by Guardian.
An applicant must enroll within 31 days of the coverage effective date. An open enrollment will occur each year during a 30 day time period specified by the policyholder. If an applicant does not enroll during their initial enrollment period, he/she may not enroll until the next open enrollment period.
This Plan will not pay benefits for:
• Treatment relating to a covered person: taking part in any war or act of war (including service in the armed forces), commission of or attempt to commit a felony, an act of terrorism, or participating in an illegal occupation, riot or insurrection.
.• Suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury
Elective surgery;
Surgery to correct vision or hearing, unless medically necessary surgery for glaucoma, cataracts or other sickness or injury;
Dental care, dental xrays, or dental treatment;
Gastric or intestinal bypass services including lap banding, gastric stapling, and other similar procedures to facilitate weight loss; the reversal, or revision of such procedures; or services required for the treatment of complications from such procedures. This exclusion does not apply to completion of a weight reduction program that may be payable under the Health Screening benefit ;
Rest cures or custodial care, or treatment of sleep disorders;
Cosmetic surgery. This Exclusion does not apply to reconstructive surgery:
(a) on an injured part of the body following infection or disease of the involved part;
(b) of a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent newborn or adopted infant; or
(c) on a nondiseased breast to restore and achieve symmetry between two breasts following a covered Mastectomy;
Treatment or removal of warts, moles, boils, skin blemishes or birthmarks, bunions, acne, corns, calluses, the cutting and trimming of toenails, care for flat feet, fallen arches or chronic foot strain;
Service, treatment or loss related to alcoholism or drug addiction, except for drugs prescribed by the Covered Person's Doctor and taken as prescribed;
Care or treatment for mental or nervous disorders;
Services, treatment or loss rendered in any Veterans Administration or Federal Hospital, except if there is a legal obligation to pay;
Services or treatment Provided by a Doctor, Nurse or any other person who is employed or retained by a Covered Person or who is a Covered Person's Spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, Domestic Partner or partner in a civil union.
Surgery and treatment, procedures, products or services that are experimental or investigative.

Treatment of a Covered Dependent Child's Children;

Sickness or Injury sustained while on active duty in the armed forces of any country. This does not include Reserve or National Guard duty for training.

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Guardian Hospital Indemnity Insurance is underwritten by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY and will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. This policy provides limited hospital insurance only. It does not provide basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.
Policy Form # GP-1-HI-15, GP-1-LAH-12R

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Our commitment to you

Please read the documentation referenced below carefully. The notices are intended to provide you important information about our insurance offerings and to protect your interests. Certain ones are required by law.

Important information

Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Guardian notice stating that it complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, or actual or perceived gender identity. The notice provides contact information for filing a nondiscrimination grievance. It also provides contact information for access to free aids and services by disabled people to assist in communications with Guardian.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice48** to read more.

No Cost Language Services

Guardian provides language assistance in multiple languages for members who have limited English proficiency.
Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice46** to read more.

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Guardian Life, P.O. Box 14319,
Lexington, KY 40512

Please print clearly and mark carefully.

Employer/Planholder Name: **Region 3 ESC**	Group Plan Number: **00063615**	Benefits Effective:_____

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX ❑ Initial Enrollment ❑ Add Employee/Member Dependents/Family Members ❑ Drop/Refuse Coverage ❑ Information Change

In this form, you will be referred to as an Employee/Member. Members of your family will be referred to as Dependents/Family Members. There will also be times, when referring to Dependents/Family Members, this form will distinguish between your spouse and your children. Depending on the type of plan your Planholder selected, other plan documents may refer to you as an employee, a member, or a similar term , and, to members of your family, as family members, dependents, eligible dependents, or a similar term. Please refer to the group policy, certificate of coverage, (sometimes called a member guide), to see how terms are defined and to determine which members of your family are eligible for coverage. Plan documents such as the group policy, certificate of coverage, (sometimes called a member guide), control if there is any dispute concerning the meaning of terms used in this form.

Class:_____ Division:_____ Subtotal Code:_____ **(Please obtain this from your Employer/Planholder)**

About You:

Full Legal Name-First, MI, Last Name:

What is the name you go by? (optional)

Employer/Planholder Provided Identification:

_____

Social Security Number

___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___

Your Social Security Number must be provided if enrolling for Life Coverage. Short Term Disability Coverage and/or Long Term Disability Coverage.

Address	City	State	Zip

Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F Date of Birth (mm-dd-yy): ____ - ____ - ____

Phone (indicate primary): ❑ Home (____) ____ - ____
❑ Work (____) ____ - ____
❑ Mobile (____) ____ - ____

Email Address (indicate primary) ❑ Home _____ ❑ Work _____

Are you married or in a civil union? ❑ Yes ❑ No Date of marriage/civil union:____-____-_____
Do you have children or other dependents? ❑ Yes ❑ No Date a child is subject to a legal suit of adoption: ____-____-_____

About Your Job:

Job Title:

Work Status:
❑ Active ❑ Retired ❑ COBRA/State Continuation
Hours worked per week: _____

Date of full time hire: _____ - _____ - _____

About Your Family:

Please include the names of the Dependents/Family Members you wish to enroll. You can enroll only those Dependents/Family Members that are eligible for coverage. Please refer to the plan documents such as the group policy, member guide, or certificate to determine if a Dependent/Family Member is eligible for coverage.

If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page with this information along with your enrollment form. Each Dependent/Family Member's Social Security Number must be provided if enrolling them for Life Coverage. Be sure to sign and date (mm-dd-yyyy) the paper and keep a copy for your records. Additional information may be required for non-standard dependents such as a niece or a nephew.

Spouse Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: ( ) -	Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	

DETACH ENTIRE FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR EMPLOYER
DATE FORM PUBLISHED: Mar 13, 2024

Child/Dependent 1: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: ( ) -	❑ Add ❑ Drop	Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) ❑ Student (post high school) ❑ Disabled ❑ Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 2: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: ( ) -	❑ Add ❑ Drop	Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) ❑ Student (post high school) ❑ Disabled ❑ Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 3: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: ( ) -	❑ Add ❑ Drop	Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) ❑ Student (post high school) ❑ Disabled ❑ Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 4: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: ( ) -	❑ Add ❑ Drop	Gender Identity: ❑ M ❑ F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	Status (check as applicable) ❑ Student (post high school) ❑ Disabled ❑ Non standard dependent

Hospital Indemnity Coverage

You must be enrolled to cover your dependents/family members. Check only one box.

Your Monthly premium	Employee/Member Only	Employee/Member & Spouse	Employee/Member & Child(ren)	Employee/Member, Spouse & Child(ren)
Option 1	❑ $15.49	❑ $32.73	❑ $21.36	❑ $35.09
Option 2	❑ $29.68	❑ $62.87	❑ $40.61	❑ $66.52
	❑ I do not want this coverage.	❑ I do not want this coverage.	❑ I do not want this coverage.	❑ I do not want this coverage.

Signature

- HOSPITAL INDEMNITY ONLY: This is a limited plan of Hospital Indemnity insurance. It is a supplement to health insurance. It is not a substitute for hospital or medical expense insurance, a health maintenance organization (HMO) contract, or major medical expense insurance.
- If coverage is waived and you later decide to enroll, late entrant penalties may apply. You may also have to provide, at your own expense, proof of each person's insurability. Guardian or its designee has the right to reject your request.
- I understand that plan design limitations and exclusions may apply. For complete details of coverage, please refer to the plan documents or enrollment materials. State limitations may apply.
- Your coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian or its designated underwriter.
- I hereby apply for the group benefit(s) that I have chosen above.
- I understand that I must meet eligibility requirements for all coverages that I have chosen above.
- Submission of this form does not guarantee coverage. Among other things, coverage is contingent upon underwriting approval and meeting the applicable eligibility requirements.
- I agree that my employer/planholder may deduct premiums from my pay if they are required for the coverage I have chosen above.
- **I attest that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Any person who with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statements of claim containing any materially, false information or conceals for purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and may also be subject to civil penalties, or denial of insurance benefits.

The state in which you reside may have a specific state fraud warning. Please refer to the attached Fraud Warning Statements page.

NOTICE TO CONSUMER: THIS COVERAGE IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES. ALSO, THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS POLICY CANNOT BE COORDINATED WITH THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OTHER COVERAGE. PLEASE REVIEW THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS POLICY CAREFULLY TO AVOID A DUPLICATION OF COVERAGE.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE/MEMBER X _____ DATE _____

Fraud Warning Statements

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

Alabama: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

California: For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

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 policy holder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policy holder 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.

Delaware, Indiana and Oklahoma: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with 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.

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 guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinements in state prison.

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.

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

New Mexico: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF 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.

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.

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.

Virginia: 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 may have violated state law.

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