

Group Products
Underwritten by Dearborn Life Insurance Company

# **Group Long-Term Disability Insurance Conversion**

**Enrollment Kit** 

Dearborn Life Insurance Company's group insurance products are offered as Specialty Benefits in cooperation with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

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#### Overview

Group Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance conversion coverage is provided to you by Dearborn Life Insurance Company offered as Specialty Benefits in cooperation with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The conversion coverage allows you to convert your group LTD insurance provided by your former employer. Benefits and amounts of insurance under the LTD conversion coverage may differ from those under your former employer's group LTD policy. You are responsible for payment of all LTD conversion coverage premiums.

# **Eligibility**

You are eligible to apply for the LTD conversion coverage if you met the requirements in the LTD Policy for Conversion including that you were covered for at least twelve (12) consecutive months on the date you end employment, under a group LTD policy provided by your former employer. To be eligible your coverage must end due to termination of employment, other than retirement. If you are eligible and would like to be considered for this insurance, you must apply within thirty-one (31) days after the termination of your coverage under the prior group LTD policy.

You will not be eligible to apply for this conversion insurance if your group LTD policy coverage ended for any of the following reasons:

- 1. If the group policy from which you wish to convert terminated;
- 2. You no longer belong to a class eligible for coverage under the group policy;
- 3. You retire;
- 4. You fail to pay any contributions required for your coverage;
- 5. You are or become insured under another group long-term disability plan or policy within 31 days after employment ends;
- 6. You are on a leave of absence on the date you would be eligible to apply for conversion;
- 7. You are disabled under the terms of the group policy; or
- 8. You recover from a disability and do not return to work for your employer.

## Why Convert Your LTD Coverage?

The conversion privilege gives you the option of maintaining some level of LTD coverage in the event employment terminates. It is a valuable benefit for you if you wish to take some time in transitioning from one employer to another. If you meet the eligibility requirements and apply within thirty-one (31) days of your coverage terminating under the group LTD policy, the conversion enrollment cannot be declined.

# **LTD Conversion Coverage Duration**

This conversion coverage is intended to be transitional LTD coverage if you have no other group LTD coverage option at the time of termination. This LTD conversion coverage extends for up to one (1) year. You may terminate coverage sooner than one year should you choose, but the longest period for which you will be offered coverage is one (1) year.

# **Benefits**

Below is a summary of the benefits you may receive and the limitations and exclusions that may apply. The Certificate of Insurance you will receive after your insurance becomes effective will provide more details.

Your Benefits would begin	Following 180 consecutive days of Total Disability. This period is referred to as the Elimination Period.	
Your Monthly Benefit	60% of your covered monthly earnings at the time of termination, subject to a maximum monthly benefit of \$3,500, less benefits from other income. If your benefit percentage and/or maximum monthly benefit under the former policy are less than the above, your coverage under this conversion coverage will be calculated based on the former policy's benefit percentage and/or maximum monthly benefit.  Your gross monthly benefit amount will be stated in your Certificate of Insurance.	
Your benefits will be reduced from other income you may receive or are eligible to receive	Your benefit will be reduced by Other Income Benefits you receive or are eligible to receive (such as, but not limited to, Social Security Disability benefits for you and your dependents, Social Security Retirement benefits for you and your dependents, Workers' Compensation).	
Your Minimum Benefit	The greater of: • \$50; or • 10% of the Monthly Benefit prior to any Other Income Benefit reductions	
Maximum Duration of Benefits	Age at Disablement 61 or younger 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 or older	Duration of Benefits To your 65th birthday 42 months 36 months 30 months 24 months 21 months 18 months 15 months
Definition of Disability	Due to sickness or injury, the inability to engage in any occupation for wages, remuneration or profit, for which you are qualified by education, training or experience on a full-time or part-time basis.	
Exclusions - not covered under the conversion policy	Benefits will not be paid for disability that arises from:  Loss of professional license or certification for non-medical reasons  Commission of, participation in, or attempt to commit an assault or felony  Intentionally self-inflicted injuries  Attempted suicide, regardless of mental capacity  Being under the influence of drugs  Intoxication  Participation in a war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war  Active military duty  Active participation in a riot  Engaging in any illegal or fraudulent occupation  Commission of a crime for which you have been convicted  Elective cosmetic surgery except when due to injury or sickness  Travel or flight in any aircraft while a member of a crew or operating the aircraft  Occupational sickness or injury	

Limitations	Disability due to the following conditions will have limited benefit durations:  • Mental or Nervous Disorders – 12 months. Limitation does not apply if hospital-confined at end of 12 months.  • Substance Abuse – 24 months.  Must be participating in treatment program to qualify for benefits.  • Special Conditions – 24 months.  Disability benefits are limited for conditions due to certain neck and back disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, carpal tunnel syndrome or environmental allergic illness.  The lifetime cumulative maximum duration for all disabilities due to a Mental Disorder, Substance Abuse and Special Conditions is 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid for any combination of such disabilities even if the disabilities are not continuous and/or not related.
Survivor Income Benefit	A Survivor Income Benefit equal to 3 times the monthly benefit paid to you immediately prior to your death will be paid to your survivor. Your survivor is your spouse if living or otherwise your eligible children under age 23. You must have been disabled for 6 more consecutive months and receiving a monthly benefit for the Survivor Income Benefit to be paid.
When Coverage Ends	Your LTD conversion coverage will end on the earliest of the following to occur:  1. The date you stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums  2. Twelve (12) months from the effective date of coverage under the LTD Conversion Policy  3. The date you become covered under another group LTD policy  4. The date you request termination under the LTD Conversion Policy  5. The date you are retired or pensioned  6. The date you die  7. The date on which the LTD Conversion Policy is terminated

The above chart provides only a brief description of your coverage under the LTD conversion coverage.

For more information, including complete details on all benefits, exclusions, limitations and reductions in coverage, please refer to the Certificate of Insurance you will receive if you elect to become insured for LTD conversion coverage. Certain provisions in the Certificate of Insurance you receive for your LTD conversion coverage may vary based on any applicable state regulatory requirements.

#### **Your Cost**

The cost for your coverage will depend on your age and covered monthly earnings as of the date your premiums are due. You may request to pay your premium on an annual (one payment), semi-annual (two payments) or quarterly (four payments) basis. Contact Dearborn Life Insurance Company at 855-649-9648 if you need assistance.

Quarterly premium rates for the coverage are as follows:

#### **Quarterly Rate Per \$100 Covered Monthly Earnings**

Attained Age as of Policy Effective Date	Quarterly Rate per \$100 of Covered Monthly Earnings with Prior Employer
Under age 25	\$1.27
25 through 29	\$1.64
30 through 34	\$2.14
35 through 39	\$2.79
40 through 44	\$4.25
45 through 49	\$7.72
50 through 54	\$12.19
55 through 59	\$14.99
60 or older	\$16.02

Your prior employer will supply us with your covered monthly earnings as of your termination date, which is subject to a maximum monthly earnings of \$5,833.33. Your corresponding LTD Conversion Policy benefit amount is calculated below.

How to Calculate Your Cost
Step 1. Your current age:
Step 2: Quarterly Rate from above chart:
Step 3: Your basic monthly earnings (use the amount shown in Item 8 on your Conversion Enrollment Forn found later in this packet):
Step 4: Divide the amount in Step 3 by 100:
Step 5: Your QUARTERLY PREMIUM (multiply amount in Step 2 by amount in Step 4):
Step 6: Your SEMI-ANNUAL PREMIUM (multiply amount in Step 5 by 2):
Step 7: Your ANNUAL PREMIUM (multiply amount in Step 5 by 4):

A thirty-one (31) day grace period is included in your policy. This period begins on the date the LTD conversion premium is due.

Step 8: Your first payment (the amount shown for the premium mode you choose from Step 5, 6

or 7). This is the amount of the check you send with your enrollment form: \_\_

# How Do I Apply for Coverage?

If you are interested in applying for LTD conversion coverage, complete and sign the LTD Conversion Application Form that is included in this kit and send it to the following address, along with your first premium payment:

Dearborn Life Insurance Company Attn: LTD Conversion Administration Dept. 701 E. 22nd Street Lombard, IL 60148

#### **Reminders:**

- 1. Be sure the Employer section on the first page of the application form is completed and signed by your Employer.
- 2. Complete and sign the Employee section of the application in its entirety.
- 3. Make copies of your application and keep a record for your files before submitting the enrollment.
- 4. Dearborn Life Insurance Company will review your enrollment for completeness and verify eligibility including confirmation that the premium for the group LTD policy is fully paid up. If we need additional information, we will contact you directly. Once your enrollment is approved, we will mail you your welcome letter and LTD Conversion Certificate of Insurance.

#### Who Should I Contact If I Become Disabled?

You should contact Dearborn Life Insurance Company at **855-649-9648**. You will be provided with the necessary forms to file your claim. You can also download an LTD claim form at www.bcbsm.com/groupspecialtybenefits. You will need to complete the Employee Claim Statement. Your doctor(s) should complete the Attending Physician Statement. You may ignore the Employer Report of Claim.

All claims are administered by:

### **Dearborn Life Insurance Company**

Attn: Claim Department P.O. Box 7071 Downers Grove, IL 60515 1-877-348-0487

# When Should Initial Notice of a Disability Be Provided?

Initial notice of a claim must be sent to Dearborn Life Insurance Company within thirty (30) days of your date of disability or as soon as reasonably possible.

### When Should Written Proof of a Disability Be Provided?

For any total disability covered by the Conversion Policy, initial written proof must be sent to Dearborn Life Insurance Company within ninety (90) days after your elimination period began. If it is not reasonably possible to provide proof within ninety (90) days, your claim will not be affected if the proof is sent as soon as possible.

# Dearborn Life Insurance Company Employer Questionnaire For Group Long-Term Disability Conversion Coverage

This form is to be completed by the Employer when a person desires and is eligible to convert his/her group Long-Term Disability insurance to Long-Term Disability conversion coverage. The following page is to be completed by the employee and submitted with premium to the address shown on the following page within 31 days following the date of termination of insurance.

1. Employee's Full Name:
2. Name of Group Policyholder:
Address of Group Policyholder:
Group Policy No. / Federal Employer ID No.:
Branch or Location (if different from Policyholder):
3. Employee's Date of Hire:
4. Employee's effective date of insurance under your Group LTD policy:
5. Date person last worked: Date insurance terminated:
6. If dates differ in (5), please explain:
7. Employee's occupation on the termination date:
8. Employee's last Basic Monthly Earnings before termination:
9. Date notice of conversion privilege was given to employee:
10. Was the employee covered under your present LTD policy for 12 consecutive months?  Yes No
11. Did the employee leave as a result of retirement?  Yes No
12. Is the employee now disabled from a sickness or injury? Yes No
13. Is there a disability claim for this employee pending for a disability benefit under your group LTD Policy?  Yes No Not Sure
To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and complete.
Preparer's Printed Name:
Preparer's Title:
Preparer's Signature: Date Signed:
Preparer's Telephone Number:

# Dearborn Life Insurance Company Employee Questionnaire For Group Long-Term Disability Conversion Coverage

The information below must be completed by the Employee and submitted with premium to the address shown below within 31 days following the date of termination of insurance.

SEND TO: Dearborn Life Insurance Company Attention: LTD Conversion Administration Dept. 701 E. 22nd Street Lombard, IL 60148 1. Insured Person's Full Name (please print) 2. Home Address (Street & No.) City, State & Zip Code Email Address: 3. Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Social Security No.: 5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Are you covered for any other group long-term disability insurance? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 7. Have you submitted a claim or are you receiving benefits under your group long-term disability policy from which you are terminating? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ 8. Premium Mode: \_\_\_\_\_Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Annual \_\_\_\_\_Annual To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and complete. Employee's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_