



## 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



**Life insurance**

Protecting your family's financial future

### 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.

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# Life insurance

If something happens to you, life insurance can help your family reduce financial stress.

Life insurance helps protect your family's finances by providing a cash benefit if you pass away. This ensures that they'll be financially supported, and can cover important things from bills to funeral costs. With life policies, you can get affordable life insurance protection for a set period of time.

## Who is it for?

Everyone's life insurance needs are different, depending on their family situation. That's why group life insurance through an employer is an easier and more affordable option than individual life insurance.

## What does it cover?

Life insurance protects your loved ones by providing a benefit (which is usually tax-exempt) if you pass away.

## Why should I consider it?

Life insurance is about more than just covering expenses. Depending on your circumstances, it could take your family years to recover from the loss of your income.

With a life insurance benefit, your family will have extra money to cover mortgage and rent payments, legal or medical fees, childcare, tuition, and any outstanding debts.

Guardian, its subsidiaries, agents, and employees do not provide tax, legal, or accounting advice. Consult your tax, legal, or accounting professional regarding your individual situation.

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



## Preparing and planning

Jorge's never considered purchasing life insurance, but after being offered it through work, he decides it's a smart way to protect his family.

Jorge has a mortgage, and because his wife is helping to take care of her mother, she only works part-time. In addition, his daughter is about to start college.

Jorge looks at how his family would be affected by losing him.

Average funeral cost: **\$9,000**

Average mortgage debt: **\$202,000**

Average cost of college: **\$17,000 - \$44,000**

Average household credit card debt: **\$8,500**

With life insurance, Jorge can make sure that part of these costs are covered if something happens to him.

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.



# Your life coverage

## BASIC LIFE

<b>Employee Benefit</b>	Your employer provides \$25,000 Basic Term Life coverage for all full time employees.
<b>Accidental Death and Dismemberment</b>	Your Basic Life coverage includes Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage.
<b>Guarantee Issue:</b> The 'guarantee' means you are not required to answer health questions to qualify for coverage up to and including the specified amount, when you sign up for coverage during the initial enrollment period.	Guarantee Issue coverage up to \$25,000 per employee
<b>Premiums</b>	Covered by your company if you meet eligibility requirements
<b>Portability:</b> Allows you to take coverage with you if you terminate employment.	Yes, with age and other restrictions
<b>Conversion:</b> Allows you to continue your coverage after your group plan has terminated.	Yes, with restrictions; see certificate of benefits
<b>Accelerated Life Benefit:</b> A lump sum benefit is paid to you if you are diagnosed with a terminal condition, as defined by the plan.	Yes
<b>Waiver of Premiums:</b> Premium will not need to be paid if you are totally disabled.	For employees disabled prior to age 60, with premiums waived until age 65, if conditions are met
<b>Benefit Reductions:</b> Benefits are reduced by a certain percentage as an employee ages.	35% at age 65, 55% at age 70, 70% at age 75

Subject to coverage limits

## LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:



# Your life coverage

## **A SUMMARY OF PLAN LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FOR LIFE AND AD&D COVERAGE:**

You must be working full-time on the effective date of your coverage; otherwise, your coverage becomes effective after you have completed a specific waiting period. Employees must be legally working in the United States in order to be eligible for coverage. Underwriting must approve coverage for employees on temporary assignment: (a) exceeding one year; or (b) in an area under travel warning by the US Department of State. Subject to state specific variations. Evidence of Insurability is required on all late enrollees. This coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian underwriter. This proposal is hedged subject to satisfactory financial evaluation. Please refer to certificate of coverage for full plan description.

Accelerated Life Benefit is not paid to an employee under the following circumstances: one who is required by law to use the benefit to pay creditors; is required by court order to pay the benefit to another person; is required by a government agency to use the payment to receive a government benefit; or loses his or her group coverage before an accelerated benefit is paid.

**For AD&D:** We pay no benefits for any loss caused: by willful self-injury; sickness, disease or medical treatment; by participating in a civil disorder or committing a felony; Traveling on any type of aircraft while having duties or on that aircraft; by declared or undeclared act of war or armed aggression; while a member of any armed force (May vary by state); while driving a motor vehicle without a current, valid driver's license; by legal intoxication; or by voluntarily using a non-prescription controlled substance. Contract #GP-I-R-ADCLI-00 et al. We won't pay more than 100% of the Insurance amount for all losses due to the same accident, except as stated. The loss must occur within a specific period of time of the accident. Please see contract for specific definition; definition of loss may vary depending on the benefit payable.

GP-I-R-LB-90

Guardian Group Life Insurance underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. 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.  
Policy Form # GP-1-LIFE-15

# Electronic Evidence of Insurability (EOI)

Our online EOI forms are an easier, quicker alternative to traditional paper forms, helping you get covered when you need to provide additional information.

There are a few situations where you need to answer health questions, enroll for higher amounts of coverage, or request coverage after the initial eligibility period. In all of these situations, our online EOI form keeps things simple.

## Electronic EOI keeps things simple

With Guardian's electronic EOI forms, your data is kept secure at every stage of the process. And with fewer errors than hand-written forms, and faster submission digitally, it's easier than ever to complete it and get covered.

Electronic EOI can be used for\*:

- Basic life
- Voluntary life
- Short term disability
- Long term disability



## How it works

You will receive a letter or email from your employer or Guardian with instructions and a unique link to submit your EOI form online.

First register and create an account on Guardian Anytime. Then simply fill out the form, electronically sign it, and click 'Submit'.

Once we receive the form, we'll contact you with any questions, before notifying you (and your employer if the coverage amount changes).

\*Applicable to coverage requiring full Evidence of Insurability (not applicable to conditional issue amounts). Electronic EOI is available using most internet browsers.

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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.

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## 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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