Your Guide to Filing a Long Term Disability (LTD) Claim

We recognize how important it is for you to begin receiving the Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits to which you may be entitled. Guardian would like to make this process as easy as possible for you by providing all the forms and information you will need to initiate an LTD claim, so we can thoroughly review your case and make a timely decision.

How to Complete the Form

Please follow the instructions outlined below:

- Section 1: Claimant Statement – This section should be completed in full by you (the claimant).
- Section 2: Employer/Planholder Statement – This section should be provided to and completed in full by your company representative.
- Section 3: Attending Physician's Statement – You (the claimant) should complete the authorization section. The Attending Physician section should be provided to and completed by the physician who first treated

If you are unable to provide a handwritten signature due to technical limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Guardian will accept a typewritten name in lieu of your signature on an interim basis. You must check the box below each signature line certifying that you understand that your typewritten name has the same force and effect as your signature.

SECTION 1 - CLAIMANT STATEMENT			
To be completed by the Employee/ Member (Be sure to answer ALL questions – Failure to do so may delay your claim review)			
INFORMATION ABOUT YOU			
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Social Security Number

Since that date, have you done any work? ☐Yes ☐ No If yes, indicate dates worked, name of employer, and amount earned

Any person who knowingly and 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

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Name of insured ("The Insured")

Policy Number(s)

Address of Insured

Date of Birth

Permission to Obtain and Disclose Information

I, the undersigned, AUTHORIZE 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, 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 or The Insured's health 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), mental illness or use of alcohol or drugs. This information also includes non-medical information concerning The Insured, The Insured's occupation, employment history, driving 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.

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 PO 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, UNDERSTAND some states require that I be informed that: "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, may be committing a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subject to criminal prosecution, substantial civil penalty and the stated value of the claim for each violation."

I, the undersigned, AGREE the information obtained with this authorization may be used by Guardian to determine eligibility for benefits under The Insured's policy. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original, and I may request one. 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. I declare that all answers, statements and information made or given by me, or at my direction, in connection with this claim are and have been complete and true.

Authorizing Signature _____ Date _____

Relationship or authority, if other than The Insured _____

Send to: Group Long Term Disability Claims, P.O. Box 14333 , Lexington, KY 40512
For Customer Service: (800) 538 -4583 Fax: (610) 807-8221
Documents can be returned electronically at www.guardianlife.com/forms. Select the “Benefits through work” option and click the “Secure Channel” link to send your private information.

SECTION 2 - EMPLOYER/PLANHOLDER STATEMENT

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYER /PLANHOLDER

Employee/Member Name (Here after referred to as claimant)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLAIMANT'S SALARY

Average earnings excluding bonus, overtime and special compensation as of the most recent redetermination date:

$ _____ ☐ Week ☐ Month ☐ Year

Date of last salary increase

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.

New York: 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 shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

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 insurance or the status of an insurer, or for any person to misappropriate the funds of an insured or an applicant for insurance. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

Virginia: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

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LEVEL OF FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT

Did you advise the patient to

a) reduce work hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, as of what date? _____ /_____ / _____

b) cease work? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, as of what date? _____ /_____ / _____

c) work light duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, as of what date? _____ /_____ / _____

Degree of Physical Impairment: In an 8- hour work day, your patient can:

Lift/carry (in pounds)	☐1-10	☐11-20	☐ 21-50	☐ 51-75	☐ 76+
Push/pull (in pounds)	☐1-10	☐11-20	☐ 21-50	☐ 51-75	☐ 76+

Total hours with positional changes

Sit	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	(hrs)
Stand	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	(hrs)
Walk	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	(hrs)
Alternately sit/stand	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	(hrs)

Bend/stoop:	☐ Never	☐ Occasionally	☐ Frequently
Reach:	☐ Never	☐ Occasionally	☐ Frequently
Drive:	☐ Never	☐ Occasionally	☐ Frequently
Dominant Hand:	☐ Right	☐ Left	

Other restrictions: _____

Duration of restrictions: _____

Degree of Psychiatric Impairment if applicable (check one):

☐ Inadequate information to make assessment
☐ Essentially good functioning in all areas. Occupationally and socially effective.
☐ Slight difficulty in occupational functioning, but generally functioning well. Has some meaningful interpersonal relationships.
☐ Moderate impairment in occupational functioning. Limited in performing some occupational duties.
☐ Major impairment in several areas—work, family relations. Avoidant behavior, neglects family, is unable to work.
☐ Inability to function in almost all areas.

Current GAF (Global Assessment of Functioning): ___/90 Highest GAF in past in 70.006 ID 53Hi006 ID 53Hi006 ID 53Hi006DC -0.004 Tc 0.004 Tw (___)5J 0

Fraud Warning Statements

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

Alaska: A person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive an insurance company files a claim containing false, incomplete, or misleading information may be prosecuted under state law.

Arkansas, West Virginia: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or

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.

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