



Welcome to your
employee benefits.

Merrill Area Public Schools

Standard Insurance Company



Act Now to Help Protect What Matters Most



The life you're building for yourself and your family is precious. Every financial decision, every first step, every milestone — these are the things that matter. Think of insurance as a financial safety net that can help protect you when life doesn't go as planned. Enrolling in coverage now is a small thing you can do to help make sure you and your loved ones keep moving forward.

In this guide, you'll find details about your group insurance options from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) and the forms you need to start the application process.

Protection for Your Loved Ones

Life insurance helps provide support and stability to your family if something were to happen to you or your spouse or children. It can help your family financially through a difficult time and provide support into the future.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance helps protect against a sudden financial loss brought on by an accidental death. It can also help pay for the high cost of living associated with surviving an accident that results in a severe physical loss.

Protection for Your Paycheck

Your most valuable asset is your ability to earn an income. Disability insurance provides partial income replacement if you can't work because of a qualifying disability caused by an illness, injury or pregnancy. The benefit payments can help with bills that continue even when you can't work, like your mortgage or rent — expenses medical insurance won't cover.

Short Term Disability insurance pays a weekly benefit to help you keep your finances on track when you're out of work because of a disability.

Long Term Disability insurance pays a monthly benefit if you experience a disability that lasts for several months or even years.

Your Employer-Paid Benefits

- Basic Life AD&D insurance
- Long Term Disability insurance

Benefits You Can Apply for Now:

- Additional Life insurance
- Dependents Life insurance
- Short Term Disability insurance

Ready to Apply? You'll Find the Form(s) Right Here

Once you've reviewed your options, the next step is to apply using the form(s) included at the end of this guide. Don't forget to turn in your forms before your enrollment period ends.



Group Basic Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Group Basic Life insurance from Standard Insurance Company helps provide financial protection by promising to pay a benefit in the event of an eligible member's covered death. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) insurance may provide an additional amount in the event of a covered death or dismemberment as a result of an accident.

The cost of this insurance is paid by Merrill Area Public Schools.

Eligibility

Definition of a Member	You are a member if you are an active employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired prior to July 1, 2017 and regularly working at least 10 hours each week OR an active employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired on or after July 1, 2017 and regularly working at least 30 hours each week. You are not a member if you are a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces, a leased employee or an independent contractor.
Eligibility Waiting Period	You are eligible on the date you become a member.

Benefits

Basic Life Coverage Amount	Your Basic Life coverage amount is \$50,000.
Basic AD&D Coverage Amount	For a covered accidental loss of life, your Basic AD&D coverage amount is equal to your Basic Life coverage amount. For other covered losses, a percentage of this benefit will be payable.
Life Age Reductions	Basic Life and AD&D insurance coverage amount reduces to 65 percent at age 65, to 40 percent at age 70 and to 35 percent at age 75.

Other Basic Life Features and Services

- Accelerated Benefit
- Life Services Toolkit
- Portability of Insurance Provision
- Repatriation Benefit
- Right to Convert Provision
- Standard Secure Access account payment option
- Travel Assistance
- Waiver of Premium

Other Basic AD&D Features

- Air Bag Benefit
- Family Benefits Package
- Seat Belt Benefit

This information is only a brief description of the group Basic Life/AD&D insurance policy sponsored by Merrill Area Public Schools. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy issued by The Standard. The group policy contains a detailed description of the limitations, reductions in benefits, exclusions and when The Standard and Merrill Area Public Schools may increase the cost of coverage, amend or cancel the policy. A group certificate of insurance that describes the terms and conditions of the group policy is available for those who become insured according to its terms. For more complete details of coverage, contact your human resources representative.

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Group Additional Life Insurance

Help protect your loved ones from financial hardship.

This coverage is designed to help provide financial support and stability to your family should you pass away. You can also cover your eligible spouse and child(ren). Life insurance is an easy, responsible way to help protect your family from financial hardship during a difficult time — and into the future.



This plan offers:

- Competitive group rates
- The convenience of payroll deduction
- Benefits if you become terminally ill or die

🔗 About This Coverage

If you take no action you'll be covered under Basic Life insurance provided you meet the eligibility requirements. Consider whether that would be enough to help your family meet daily expenses, maintain their standard of living, pay off debt and fund your children's education. If not, you may want to apply for additional coverage now.

How Much Can I Apply For? Your combined Basic Life and Additional Life amounts cannot exceed a maximum of 6 times your annual earnings. NOTE: You are only required to be insured under Basic Life in order to elect coverage for your Dependents.	For You: 1, 2 or 3 times your annual earnings up to \$300,000
	For Your Spouse: \$10,000 or \$20,000
	For Your Child(ren): \$10,000
What is the Guarantee Issue Maximum? Depending on your eligibility, this is the maximum amount of coverage you may apply for during initial enrollment without answering health questions. To apply for an amount over the guarantee issue, visit https://myeoi.standard.com/163288 to complete and submit a medical history statement online.	For You: Up to \$150,000

See the Important Details section for more information, including requirements, exclusions, age reductions and definitions.

☰ Additional Feature

Accelerated Benefit

If you become terminally ill, you may be eligible to receive up to 75 percent of your combined Basic and Additional Life benefit to a maximum of \$500,000.

How Much Life Insurance Do You Need?

After a death in the family, there are many unexpected expenses. Your benefits could help your family pay for:

- Outstanding debt
- Burial expenses
- Medical bills
- Your children's education
- Daily expenses

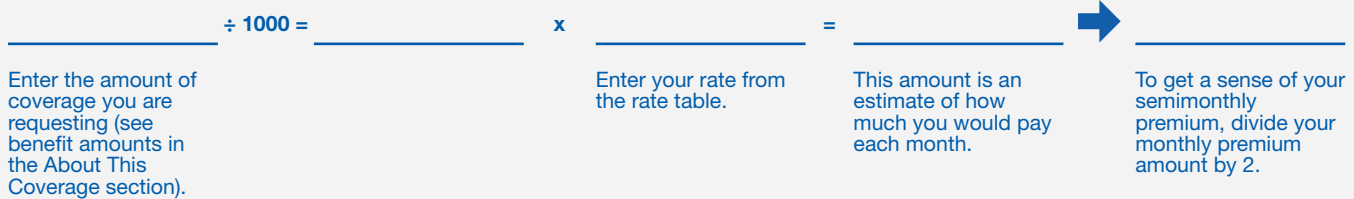
To estimate your insurance needs, you'll need to consider your unique circumstances. Use our online calculator at www.standard.com/life/needs.

👉 How Much Your Coverage Costs

Your Basic Life insurance is paid for by Merrill Area Public Schools. If you choose to purchase Additional Life coverage, you'll have access to competitive group rates, which may be more affordable than those available through individual insurance. You'll also have the convenience of having your premium deducted directly from your paycheck. How much your premium costs depends on a number of factors, such as your age and the benefit amount.

NOTE: You are only required to be insured under Basic Life in order to elect coverage for your Dependents.

Use this formula to calculate your premium payment:



If you buy coverage for your spouse, your monthly rate is shown in the table below. Use the same formula to calculate the premium that you used for yourself, but use your age and your spouse's rate.

If you buy Dependents Life coverage for your child(ren), your monthly rate is \$2.00 for \$10,000, no matter how many children you're covering.

Your Age (as of last July 1)	Your Rate (Per \$1,000 of Total Coverage)
<30	\$0.05
30-34	\$0.06
35-39	\$0.07
40-44	\$0.09
45-49	\$0.14
50-54	\$0.22
55-59	\$0.41
60-64	\$0.51
65-69	\$0.60
70+	\$2.06

Your Age (as of last July 1)	Your Spouse's Rate (Per \$1,000 of Total Coverage)
<30	\$0.05
30-34	\$0.06
35-39	\$0.07
40-44	\$0.09
45-49	\$0.14
50-54	\$0.22
55-59	\$0.41
60-64	\$0.51
65-69	\$0.60
70-74	\$3.03
75+	\$8.34

Important Details

Here's where you'll find the details about the plan.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for coverage, you must be:

- Insured for Basic Life insurance through The Standard to qualify for Additional Life insurance
- An active employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired prior to July 1, 2017 and regularly working at least 10 hours each week **OR**
- An active employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired on or after July 1, 2017 and regularly working at least 30 hours each week

Temporary and seasonal employees, full-time members of the armed forces, leased employees and independent contractors are not eligible.

NOTE: You are only required to be insured under Basic Life in order to elect coverage for your Dependents.

If you buy Additional Life insurance for yourself, you may also buy additional coverage for your eligible children and/or spouse. This is called Dependents Life insurance. You can choose to cover your spouse, meaning a person to whom you are legally married.

You may also choose to cover your child. Child means your child from live birth through age 25. Please note:

- Your child cannot be insured by more than one employee.
- Your spouse and/or child(ren) must not be full-time member(s) of the armed forces.
- You cannot be insured as both an individual and a spouse.

Medical Underwriting Approval

Required for:

- Coverage amounts higher than the guarantee issue maximum amount
- All late applications (applying 31 days after becoming eligible)
- Requests for coverage increases
- Reinstatements, if required
- Eligible but not insured under the prior life insurance plan

Visit <https://myeoi.standard.com/163288> to complete and submit a medical history statement online.

Coverage Effective Date

To become insured, you must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements listed in the previous sections,
- Serve an eligibility waiting period*,
- Receive medical underwriting approval (if applicable),
- Apply for coverage and agree to pay premium, and
- Be actively at work (able to perform all normal duties of your job) on the day before the insurance is scheduled to be effective.

If you are not actively at work on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance, your insurance, including any Dependents Life insurance, will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of active work as an eligible employee.

You may have a different effective date for Life coverage below and above the guarantee issue amount.

Contact your human resources representative or plan administrator for further information about the applicable coverage effective date for your insurance, including any Dependents Life insurance.

*Defined as date you become a member

Life Insurance Age Reductions

Under this plan, your coverage amount reduces to 65 percent at age 65, to 50 percent at age 70 and to 35 percent at age 75. Your spouse's coverage amount reduces by your age as follows: to 65 percent at age 65, to 50 percent at age 70 and to 35 percent at age 75. If you are age 65 or over, ask your human resources representative or plan administrator for the amount of coverage available.

Waiver of Premium

Your premiums may be waived if you:

- Become totally disabled while insured under this plan,
- Are under age 60, and
- Complete a waiting period of 180 days.

If these conditions are met, your Life insurance coverage may continue without cost until age 65, provided you give us satisfactory proof that you remain totally disabled.

Portability

If your insurance ends because your employment terminates, you may be eligible to buy portable group insurance coverage from The Standard.

Conversion

If your insurance reduces or ends, you may be eligible to convert your existing Life insurance to an individual life insurance policy without submitting proof of good health.

Exclusions

Subject to state variations, you and your spouse are not covered for death resulting from suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane. The amount payable will exclude amounts that have not been continuously in effect for at least two years on the date of death.

When Your Insurance Ends

Your insurance ends automatically when any of the following occur:

- The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid
- The date your employment terminates
- The date you cease to meet the eligibility requirements (insurance may continue for limited periods under certain circumstances)
- The date the group policy, or your employer's coverage under the group policy, terminates
- For each elective insurance coverage, the date that coverage terminates under the group policy

In addition to the above requirements, your Dependents Life coverage ends automatically on the date your dependent ceases to meet the eligibility requirements for a dependent.

For more details on when your insurance ends, contact your human resources representative or plan administrator.

Group Insurance Certificate

If coverage becomes effective and you become insured, you may receive a group insurance certificate containing a detailed description of the insurance coverage, including the definitions, exclusions, limitations, reductions and terminating events. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy. The information present in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.

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GP190-LIFE/A997/S399, GP411-LIFE

The Life Services Toolkit

Resources and Tools to Support You and Your Beneficiary



Group Life insurance through your employer gives you assurance that your family will receive some financial assistance in the event of a death. But coverage under a group Life policy from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) does more than help protect your family from financial hardship after a loss. We have partnered with Health AdvocateSM to offer a lineup of additional services that can make a difference now and in the future.

Online tools and services can help you create a will, make advance funeral plans and put your finances in order. After a loss, your beneficiary can consult experts by phone or in person, and obtain other helpful information online.

The Life Services Toolkit is automatically available to those insured under a group Life insurance policy from The Standard.

Services to Help You Now

Visit the Life Services Toolkit website at standard.com/mytoolkit and enter user name “assurance” for information and tools to help you make important life decisions.

- **Estate Planning Assistance:** Online tools walk you through the steps to prepare a will and create other documents, such as living wills, powers of attorney and advance directives.
- **Financial Planning:** Consult online services to help you manage debt, calculate mortgage and loan payments, and take care of other financial matters with confidence.
- **Health and Wellness:** Timely articles about nutrition, stress management and wellness help employees and their families lead healthy lives.
- **Identity Theft Prevention:** Check the website for ways to thwart identity thieves and resolve issues if identity theft occurs.
- **Funeral Arrangements:** Use the website for guidance on how to begin, to educate yourself on funeral costs, find funeral-related services and make decisions about funeral arrangements in advance.

If you are a recipient of an Accelerated Death Benefit,¹ you may access the services for beneficiaries outlined on the next page.

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The Life Services Toolkit is provided through an arrangement with Health AdvocateSM and is not affiliated with The Standard. Health Advocate is solely responsible for providing and administering the included service. This service is not an insurance product.

¹ An Accelerated Death Benefit or Accelerated Benefit allows a covered individual who becomes terminally ill to receive a portion of the Life insurance proceeds while living, if all other eligibility requirements are met.

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Services for Your Beneficiary

Life insurance beneficiaries² can access services for 12 months after the beneficiary receives the Life claim letter from The Standard. Recipients of an Accelerated Death Benefit can access services for 12 months after the date of payment.

These supportive services can help your beneficiary cope after a loss:

- **Grief Support:** Care Managers with advanced training are on call to provide confidential grief sessions by phone or in person. Your beneficiaries are eligible for up to six face-to-face sessions.

Our Care Managers may offer your beneficiaries additional grief support through support kits sent to their home, based on each individual's needs. As part of this program, age-appropriate books can be sent for children and teens.

- **Legal Services:** In addition to online estate planning tools, your beneficiaries can obtain legal assistance from experienced attorneys. They can schedule an initial office visit or a telephone consultation for up to 30 minutes with a network attorney. Beneficiaries who wish to retain a participating attorney after the initial consultation receive a 25% rate reduction from the attorney's normal hourly or fixed-fee rates.
- **Financial Assistance:** Your beneficiaries can schedule up to 30-minute telephone sessions with financial counselors who can help with issues such as budgeting strategies, and credit and debt management.
- **Support Services:** During an emotional time, your beneficiaries can receive help planning a funeral or memorial service. WorkLife advisors can guide them to resources to help manage household repairs and chores, find child care and elder care providers or organize a move or relocation.
- **Online Resources:** Your beneficiaries can easily access additional services and features on the Life Services Toolkit website for beneficiaries, including online resources about funeral costs, find funeral-related services and make decisions about funeral arrangements.



Beneficiaries can participate in phone consultations or in-person meetings with trained grief counselors.

For beneficiary services, visit standard.com/mytoolkit (user name: support) or call the assistance line at 800.378.5742

² The Life Services Toolkit is not available to Life insurance beneficiaries who are minors or to non-individual entities such as trusts, estates, charities.

Travel Assistance

Explore the World with Confidence

Things can happen on the road. Passports get stolen or lost. Unforeseen events or circumstances derail travel plans. Medical problems surface at the most inconvenient times. Travel Assistance can help you navigate these issues and more at any time of the day or night.¹

You and your spouse are covered with Travel Assistance — and so are kids through age 25 — with your group insurance from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard).²

Security That Travels with You

Travel Assistance is available when you travel more than 100 miles from home or internationally for up to 180 days for business or pleasure. It offers aid before and during your trip, including:



Visa, weather and currency exchange information, health inoculation recommendations, country-specific details and security and travel advisories



Credit card and passport replacement and missing baggage and emergency cash coordination



Help replacing prescription medication or lost corrective lenses and advancing funds for hospital admission



Emergency evacuation to the nearest adequate medical facility and medically necessary repatriation to the employee's home, including repatriation of remains³



Connection to medical care providers, interpreter services, local attorneys and assistance in coordinating a bail bond



Return travel companion if travel is disrupted due to emergency transportation services or care of minor children if left unattended due to prolonged hospitalization



Assistance with the return of your personal vehicle if your emergency transportation services leave it stranded



Evacuation arrangements in the event of a natural disaster, political unrest and social instability

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¹ Travel Assistance is provided through an arrangement with Assist America, Inc. and is not affiliated with The Standard. Travel Assistance is subject to the terms and conditions, including exclusions and limitations of the Travel Assistance Program Description. Assist America, Inc. is solely responsible for providing and administering the included service. Travel Assistance is not an insurance product. This service is only available while insured under The Standard's group policy.

² Spouses and children traveling on business for their employers are not eligible to access these services during those trips.

³ Participants are responsible for arranging transportation from the point of injury or illness to the initial point of medical care or assessment and the cost related to this transportation. Any emergency evacuation services provided by Assist America, Inc. must be arranged by Assist America, Inc.

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Contact Travel Assistance

800.872.1414

United States, Canada, Puerto Rico,
U.S. Virgin Islands and Bermuda

Everywhere else
+1.609.986.1234

Text:
+1.609.334.0807

Email:
medservices@assistamerica.com

Get the App

Get the most out of Travel Assistance with the Assist America Mobile App.

Click one of the links below or scan the QR code to download the app. Enter your reference number and name to set up your account. From there, you can use valuable travel resources including:

- One-touch access to Assist America's Emergency Operations Center
- Worldwide travel alerts
- Mobile ID card
- Embassy locator



Reference Number:
01-AA-STD-5201





Group Short Term Disability Insurance

Protect your income and those who depend on it.

This coverage replaces a portion of your income when you can't work because of a qualifying disability. Even if you're healthy now, it's important to protect yourself and the people who count on your income. This insurance can help you pay the bills when you're unable to work.



This plan offers:

- Competitive group rates
- The convenience of payroll deduction
- Benefits for a qualifying disability that is not work-related

🔗 About This Coverage

See the Important Details section for more information, including requirements, exclusions and definitions.

What Your Benefit Provides

This is the benefit you'd receive if you were to suffer a qualifying disability. Eligible earnings are your weekly insured predisability earnings, as defined by the group policy. Your benefit amount will be reduced by deductible income; see the Important Details section for a list of deductible income sources.

66 2/3% of your eligible earnings, up to a maximum benefit of **\$1,000** per week. Plan minimum **\$15** per week.

Benefit Waiting Period

If you suffer a qualifying disability, your benefit waiting period is the length of time you must be continuously disabled before you can begin receiving your weekly benefit.

7 days for accidental injury
7 days for physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder

Extended Benefit Waiting Period

This applies if you do not apply for this coverage within 31 days of becoming eligible, were eligible for coverage under a prior plan for more than 31 days but were not insured, or if your insurance ends because you failed to pay your premium and is later reinstated.

60 days for any qualifying disability caused by physical disease, pregnancy or mental disorder occurring during the first 12 months of coverage.

How Long Your Benefits Last

This is the maximum length of time you could be eligible to receive a weekly disability benefit.

90 days

☰ Additional Features

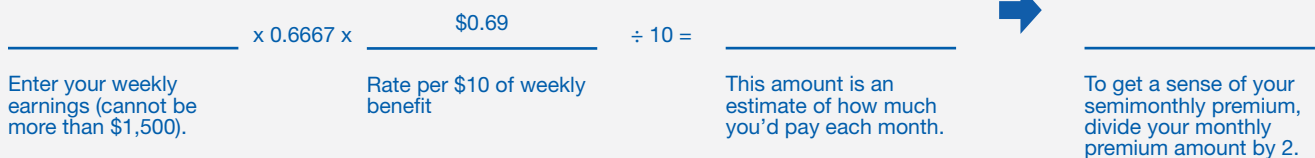
Your coverage comes with some added features:

Return to Work Incentive	Your disability benefit will not be reduced by any work earnings you receive until the combined amount of the benefit and your work earnings exceeds percent of your predisability earnings.
Help with Returning to Work	If a worksite modification would enable you to return to work, we can help your employer make approved modifications by covering some or all of the cost.

💰 How Much Your Coverage Costs

Because this insurance is offered through Merrill Area Public Schools, you'll have access to competitive group rates that may be more affordable than those available through individual insurance. You'll also have the convenience of having your premium deducted directly from your paycheck. How much your premium costs depends on your benefit amount.

Use this formula to calculate your premium payment:



Not being able to work also means not being able to earn a paycheck. As you consider Short Term Disability insurance, think about the expenses you would need to cover if you were to become disabled:

- Mortgage or rent
- Utilities
- Groceries
- Medical bills
- Car insurance
- Childcare costs

To estimate your insurance needs, you'll need to consider your unique circumstances. Use our online calculator at www.standard.com/disability/needs.

Important Details

Here's where you'll find the details about the plan.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for coverage, you must be:

- A regular employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired prior to July 1, 2017, actively working at least 10 hours per week, and a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada **OR**
- A regular employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired on or after July 1, 2017, actively working at least 30 hours per week, and a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada

Temporary and seasonal employees, full-time members of the armed forces, leased employees and independent contractors are not eligible.

Employee Coverage Effective Date

To become insured, you must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements listed above
- Serve an eligibility waiting period*
- Apply for coverage and agree to pay premiums
- Be actively at work (able to perform all normal duties of your job) on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance

If you are not actively at work on the day before the scheduled effective date of insurance, your insurance will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of active work as an eligible employee.

Please contact your human resources representative or plan administrator for more information regarding the requirements that must be satisfied for your insurance to become effective.

*Defined as date you become a member

Definition of Disability

You will be considered disabled if, as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder:

- You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation, and
- You suffer a loss of at least 20 percent in your predisability earnings when working in your own occupation.

You are not considered disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

Exclusions

Subject to state variations, you are not covered for a disability caused or contributed to by any of the following:

- Your committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or your active participation in a violent disorder or riot
- An intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane
- War or any act of war (declared or undeclared, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature)
- The loss of your professional or occupational license or certification
- An activity arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit

Limitations

Short Term Disability benefits are not payable for any period when you are:

- Not under the ongoing care of a physician in the appropriate specialty, as determined by The Standard
- Not participating in good faith in a plan, program or course of medical treatment or vocational training or education approved by The Standard, unless your disability prevents you from participating
- Confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution
- Able to work and earn at least 20 percent of your predisability earnings in your own occupation but you elect not to
- Eligible to receive benefits for your disability under a workers' compensation law or similar law

When Your Benefits End

Your Short Term Disability benefits end automatically on the date any of the following occur:

- You are no longer disabled
- Your maximum benefit period ends
- Long term disability benefits become payable to you under a Long Term Disability plan
- Benefits become payable under any other disability insurance plan under which you become insured through employment during a period of temporary recovery
- You fail to provide proof of continued disability and entitlement to benefits

- You pass away

Deductible Income

Your benefits will be reduced if you have deductible income, which is income you receive or are eligible to receive while receiving Short Term Disability benefits.

Deductible income includes:

- Amounts under unemployment compensation law
- Amounts because of your disability from any other group insurance
- Amounts under any state disability income benefit law or similar law
- Earnings from work activity while you are disabled, plus the earnings you could receive if you work as much as your disability allows
- Earnings or compensation included in your predisability earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while Short Term Disability benefits are payable
- Amounts due from or on behalf of a third party because of your disability, whether by judgment, settlement or other method
- Any amount you receive by compromise, settlement or other method as a result of a claim for any of the above

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When Your Insurance Ends

Your insurance ends automatically when any of the following occur:

- The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid
- The date your employment terminates
- The date the group policy (or your employer's coverage under the group policy) terminates
- The date you cease to meet the eligibility requirements (insurance may continue for limited periods under certain circumstances)
- The date Merrill Area Public Schools ends participation in the group policy

Group Insurance Certificate

If coverage becomes effective and you become insured, you may receive a group insurance certificate containing a detailed description of the insurance coverage, including the definitions, exclusions, limitations, reductions and terminating events. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy. The information present in this summary does not modify the group policy, certificate or the insurance coverage in any way.

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Group Long Term Disability Insurance

Group Long Term Disability insurance from Standard Insurance Company helps provide financial protection for insured members by promising to pay a monthly benefit in the event of a covered disability.

The cost of this insurance is paid by Merrill Area Public Schools.

Eligibility

Definition of a Member	You are a member if you are a regular employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired prior to July 1, 2017, actively working at least 10 hours per week, and a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada OR a regular employee of Merrill Area Public Schools hired on or after July 1, 2017, actively working at least 30 hours per week, and a citizen or resident of the United States or Canada. You are not a member if you are a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces, a leased employee or an independent contractor.
Eligibility Waiting Period	You are eligible on the date you become a member.

Benefits

Monthly Benefit	60 percent of the first \$13,333 of monthly predisability earnings, reduced by deductible income (e.g., work earnings, workers' compensation, state disability, etc.)
Maximum Monthly Benefit	\$8,000
Benefit Waiting Period	90 days

Definition of Disability

For the benefit waiting period and the first 24 months that Long Term Disability benefits are payable, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder:

- You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation, and
- You suffer a loss of at least 20 percent of your predisability earnings when working in your own occupation.

You are not considered disabled merely because your right to perform your own occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

After the own occupation period of disability, you will be considered disabled if, as a result of a physical disease, injury, pregnancy or mental disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any occupation.

Maximum Benefit Period

If you become disabled before age 62, Long Term Disability benefits may continue during disability until age 65 or to the Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) or 3 years 6 months, whichever is longest. If you become disabled at age 62 or older, the benefit duration is determined by the age when disability begins:

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
62	To SSNRA, or 3 years 6 months, whichever is longer
63	To SSNRA, or 3 years, whichever is longer
64	To SSNRA, or 2 years 6 months, whichever is longer
65	2 years
66	1 year 9 months
67	1 year 6 months
68	1 year 3 months
69+	1 year

Other Features and Services

- 24 hour coverage, including coverage for work-related disabilities
- Assisted Living Benefit
- Employee Assistance Program
- Family Care Expense Adjustment
- Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit
- Rehabilitation Incentive Benefit
- Rehabilitation Plan Provision
- Return to Work Incentive
- Survivors Benefit
- Temporary Recovery Provision
- Waiver of Premium while Long Term Disability benefits are payable

This information is only a brief description of the group Long Term Disability insurance policy sponsored by Merrill Area Public Schools. The controlling provisions will be in the group policy issued by The Standard. The group policy contains a detailed description of the limitations, reduction in benefits, exclusions and when The Standard and Merrill Area Public Schools may increase the cost of coverage, amend or cancel the policy. A group certificate of insurance that describes the terms and conditions of the group policy is available for those who become insured according to its terms. For more complete details of coverage, contact your human resources representative.

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A helping hand when you need it.

Rely on the support, guidance and resources of your Employee Assistance Program.

There are times in life when you might need a little help coping or figuring out what to do. Take advantage of the Employee Assistance Program,¹ which includes WorkLife Services and is available to you and your family in connection with your group insurance from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). It's confidential – information will be released only with your permission or as required by law.


Connection to Resources, Support and Guidance

You, your dependents (including children to age 26)² and all household members can contact the program's master's-level counselors 24/7. Reach out through the mobile EAP app or by phone, online, live chat, and email. You can get referrals to support groups, a network counselor, community resources or your health plan. If necessary, you'll be connected to emergency services.

Your program includes up to three counseling sessions per issue. Sessions can be done in person, on the phone or through video.

EAP services can help with:

-  Depression, grief, loss and emotional well-being
-  Family, marital and other relationship issues
-  Life improvement and goal-setting
-  Addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse
-  Stress or anxiety with work or family
-  Financial and legal concerns
-  Identity theft and fraud resolution
-  Online will preparation and other legal documents



Contact EAP

888.293.6948
(TTY Services: 711)
24 hours a day,
seven days a week

healthadvocate.com/standard3

NOTE: It's a violation of your company's contract to share this information with individuals who are not eligible for this service.

With EAP, personal assistance is immediate, confidential and available when you need it.

WorkLife Services

WorkLife Services are included with the Employee Assistance Program. Get help with referrals for important needs like education, adoption, daily living and care for your pet, child or elderly loved one.

Online Resources

Visit healthadvocate.com/standard3 to explore a wealth of information online, including videos, guides, articles, webinars, resources, self-assessments and calculators.

1 The EAP service is provided through an arrangement with Health AdvocateSM, which is not affiliated with The Standard. Health AdvocateSM is solely responsible for providing and administering the included service. EAP is not an insurance product and is provided to groups of 10–2,499 lives. This service is only available while insured under The Standard's group policy.

2 Individual EAP counseling sessions are available to eligible participants 16 years and older; family sessions are available for eligible members 12 years and older, and their parent or guardian. Children under the age of 12 will not receive individual counseling sessions.

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When you're sick or injured, your main focus should be on your health – not untangling medical bills, scheduling appointments and coordinating your care with specialists and other providers.



Help is Only a Phone Call Away

Fortunately, you don't have to take on the healthcare system by yourself. While you're out on a short term disability claim, you can connect with a Personal Health Advocate who'll help you navigate the complexities of the healthcare system. Simply take advantage of Health Advocacy Select, a service that's included with your group Short Term Disability insurance coverage through Standard Insurance Company (The Standard).

An Expert by Your Side

At no additional cost, you can contact Health AdvocateSM¹ and be assigned a Personal Health Advocate, typically a registered nurse, who will remain on your case until it's fully resolved. From start to finish, you'll work with one person sparing you the headache of explaining your concerns to someone who might be unfamiliar with your situation.

Your Personal Health Advocate can assist you in quickly and efficiently working through healthcare management issues.

Some ways they can help you are:

- **Understand** and take maximum advantage of your medical benefits.
- **Make sense** of your diagnosis and research treatment options.
- **Find and schedule appointments** with the right doctors and specialists, particularly for complex medical conditions where a second opinion is appropriate.
- **Locate specialists** for high-risk pregnancies and find pediatricians.
- **Manage your out-of-pocket expenses** by finding alternative services and cost information.
- **Locate** necessary post pregnancy support in the event of a difficult delivery or when complications arise.
- **Resolve** medical claims and billing issues.
- **Find resources** for services that may not be covered through your employer's health benefits program.

All cases are managed in compliance with state and federal privacy laws. Your personal medical information is kept strictly confidential.



Personal Health
Advocates available
Monday – Friday,
8 a.m. – 10 p.m.,
Eastern at:

844.450.5543

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To Be Completed By Human Resources

Group Number 163288	Division	Billing Category	Date of Employment
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To Be Completed By Applicant

- Apply for Coverage Name Change Former Name _____
 Add Dependent Delete Dependent Date of Add/Delete _____
 Beneficiary Change **Complete Beneficiary Section**

Your Full Name	Social Security Number	Birth Date	
Address	City	State	ZIP
Phone Number	Job Title/Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Employer Name Merrill Area Public Schools	Hours Worked Per Week		
Earnings \$ _____ Per: <input type="checkbox"/> Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Week <input type="checkbox"/> Month <input type="checkbox"/> Year			

Coverage

Check with your Human Resources Department about coverage options, minimum and maximums available to you and, if applicable, Evidence Of Insurability requirements.

<p>Life Insurance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Life with AD&D (Employer Paid)</p> <p>You may choose one of the following options:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Life (Employee Paid) 1x Annual Earnings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Life (Employee Paid) 2x Annual Earnings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Additional Life (Employee Paid) 3x Annual Earnings</p>

<p>Dependents Life Insurance</p> <p>Spouse Life (Employee Paid) requested amount <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) Life (Employee Paid) requested amount \$10,000</p>

<p>Short Term Disability Insurance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Short Term Disability (Employee Paid)</p>

<p>Long Term Disability Insurance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long Term Disability (Employer Paid)</p>
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Your Full Name

Beneficiary

This designation applies to your Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, if any, available through your Employer. Unless specified otherwise on a separate sheet of paper, this designation also will apply to your Supplemental Life and Accident Insurance, if any, available through your Employer, unless replaced by a separate and later designation. Designations are not valid unless signed, dated, and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Group Policy during your lifetime.

Primary – Full Name	Address	DOB	Phone No.	SSN if known	Relationship	% of Benefit*
Contingent – Full Name	Address	DOB	Phone No.	SSN if known	Relationship	% of Benefit*

*Total must equal 100%

Signature

I wish to make the choices indicated on this form. If electing coverage, I authorize deductions from my wages to cover my contribution, if required, toward the cost of insurance. I understand that my deduction amount will change if my coverage or costs change. I represent that the statements contained herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that they form the basis of any coverage under the Group Policy(ies). I understand that any misstatements or failure to report information which is material to the issuance of coverage may be used as a basis for rescission of my insurance and/or denial of payment of a claim. I agree to notify Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) of any change in my medical condition while my enrollment application is pending. I agree that if my application is approved by The Standard, the effective date of any coverage will be determined in accordance with the terms of the Group Policy(ies), including any applicable Active Work requirement and my coverage will be subject to all terms and conditions of the Group Policy(ies).

Signature of Applicant (Member/Employee)

Date

Your Full Name

Beneficiary Information

- Your designation revokes all prior designations.
- Benefits are only payable to a contingent Beneficiary if you are not survived by one or more primary Beneficiary(ies).
- If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class:
 1. Two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless you provide for unequal shares.
 2. If you provide for unequal shares in a class, and two or more Beneficiaries in that class survive, we will pay each surviving Beneficiary his or her designated share. Unless you provide otherwise, we will then pay the share(s) otherwise due to any deceased Beneficiary(ies) to the surviving Beneficiaries pro rata based on the relationship that the designated percentage or fractional share of each surviving Beneficiary bears to the total shares of all surviving Beneficiaries.
 3. If only one Beneficiary in a class survives, we will pay the total death benefits to that Beneficiary.
- If a minor (a person not of legal age), or your estate, is the Beneficiary, it may be necessary to have a guardian or a legal representative appointed by the court before any death benefit can be paid. If the Beneficiary is a trust or trustee, the written trust must be identified in the Beneficiary designation. For example, "Dorothy Q. Smith, Trustee under the trust agreement dated _____."
- A power of attorney must grant specific authority, by the terms of the document or applicable law, to make or change a Beneficiary designation. If you have questions, consult your legal advisor.
- Dependents Insurance, if any, is payable to you, if living, or as provided under your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.



About Standard Insurance Company

For more than 100 years, we have been dedicated to our core purpose: to help people achieve financial well-being and peace of mind. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, The Standard is a nationally recognized provider of group employee benefits. To learn more about products from The Standard, visit us at **www.standard.com**.

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