

## **Income Protector**

## Combined Insurance's Income Protector – a Good Decision

This policy provides cash benefits to help replace your lost income if you are totally disabled and unable to work due to illness or injury.

The Income Protector benefits are payable directly to you (or someone you designate) when you have a covered total disability. These cash benefits can be used any way you choose and are portable, which means if you change employers you can keep your coverage without interruption.

Below is a summary of the benefits provided by the Income Protector.

72% of Americans would find it difficult to meet their current financial obligations if their paycheck was delayed for a week.<sup>1</sup>



# How the Combined Insurance Income Protector Helps You

Benefits are paid directly to you for a covered disability for up to two years\* when you are totally disabled and can't work due to accident or sickness. You are covered on or off the job and protected 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.\*\*

You are considered totally disabled when you are under the regular care of a physician and unable to perform the substantial and material duties of your own occupation.

"Totally disabled" or "total disability" means the inability to perform all the substantial and material duties of the Insured's occupation. After the Insured has been totally disabled 24 months, "totally disabled" or "total disability" means the inability to perform all of the substantial and material duties of any job for which the Insured is qualified by reason of training, education or experience. Total disability must begin while the policy is in force.

Guaranteed to increase amount of insurance if the Insured's income increases, is age 55 or younger and income increase complies to the underwriting guidelines of Combined Insurance, the Insured has two different option dates to increase the monthly benefits for totally disability: (a) the first policy anniversary date; (b) the second policy anniversary date.





<sup>\*</sup> You can choose a Maximum Benefit Period of six months, one year, or two years.

<sup>\*\*</sup> No benefits are paid during the Elimination Period, a predetermined period of time chosen by you

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Payroll Association. Getting Paid in America Survey, 2022.



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#### **Exclusions and Limitations**

### Benefits Will Not Be Paid for Total Disability Resulting From:

- Intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- Normal pregnancy or childbirth;
- Cosmetic surgery or other elective procedures which are not medically necessary; or
- Mental illness without demonstrable organic cause.

#### **Pre-existing Conditions**

A Pre-existing Condition is a medical condition not disclosed on the application for which was diagnosed or treated by a physician within the 24 month period before the issue date.

A pre-existing condition is not covered unless the total disability caused by the condition begins more than 24 months after the issue date.

#### **Elimination Period**

Elimination period means the number of consecutive days the Insured must be totally disabled before benefits begin. No disability benefits are payable during the elimination period.

#### **Recurrent Disability**

Successive periods of total disability will be considered one period of total disability unless such periods are separated by at least 180 consecutive days or the disa bilities resulted from different or unrelated injuries or sicknesses.

# Relation of Earnings to Insurance

Benefits will be payable on a reduced basis when the Insured has too much "loss of time or disability coverage\*" for what he or she earns. The Insured will be deemed to have too much coverage when the total amount of monthly benefits under all loss of time or disability coverages is more than the monthly earnings the Insured had when the total disability started.

In no event will the total monthly disability benefits payable under all such coverages be reduced below \$200.

\* The term "loss of time or disability coverages" includes loss of time and disability coverages with Combined as well as with other companies.

### Workers' Compensation

The monthly benefit shall be reduced to the extent of any disability benefits under Workers' Compensation, occupational disease or similar law.

### Renewability

Guaranteed renewable until the Insured's 70th birthday or until retirement from full-time employment, whichever is earlier.

### **Partial Recovery Benefit**

If within 30 days following a period of total disability for which benefits are payable, the Insured returns to work and is earning less than 75% of his or her pre-disability income, Combined will pay half the monthly benefit otherwise payable for each month in which these conditions are met, for up to 3 months or for the remainder of the maximum benefit period, whichever is less.

# This Is Very Important

If a covered individual is a Medicaid recipient, policy benefits may be assigned and payable to your state Medicaid agency. Also, benefit payments you receive may count as income for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

#### **Important Notice**

This is a supplement to health insurance and is not a substitute for Major Medical or other minimum essential coverage.

#### Notice of Claim / Proof of Loss

Written proof of loss must be given to Combined within 90 days after such loss. If it was not reasonably possible to give written proof within 90 days, the proof required must be given no later than 1 year from the time specified unless the claimant was legally incapacitated.

This document contains a brief description of policy Form No. 19819-PA. See the policy for complete details of policy benefits, exclusions and limitations. Products may vary by State subject to availability and qualifications.