Group Disability Insurance



Underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company

Benefit Eligibility for COVID-19-related Claims:

CSEA Members with Disability coverage may be eligible for benefits if they are not able to work due to having or being exposed to COVID-19. The CSEA Group Disability policy pays benefits to insureds who, as a result of a sickness or injury, are unable to perform their occupation.

In order to be eligible for benefits, insureds must submit medical documentation by a medical professional that their sickness (COVID-19 exposure) meets the policy's definition of a disability/sickness and prevents them from performing their occupation. Also note that the standard waiting period for sickness would apply (i.e. 7 days, 30 days, 60 days depending on individual plan) before benefits will be payable.

A quarantine situation must also be supported with medical documentation.

Recommendations from elected officials or CDC guidelines, office closure or absences from work due to childcare issues do not qualify.

Many factors will determine if a claim will be covered, including the type of loss, the type of coverage and the terms and conditions of the certificate and policy. We will evaluate whether a benefit is payable in accordance with the applicable waiting period and any other limitations, as we would for any other sickness or injury.

Note: COVID-19 is a disease and is not a covered condition within Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance (AD&D).

Claim forms can be downloaded from cseainsurance.com/Products-Forms/Group-Disability or emailing customercare@pearlinsurance.com.

Contact CSEA Customer Care if you have any questions about submitting a COVID-19 Claim 877.VIP.CSEA.