Adding Strength to strategy—Disability Insurance for Overhead Expenses



Product Highlights

Our new and unique Overhead Expense policy helps business and professional practice owners keep their business strong if they become disabled. Policy form 4200 reimburses the normal, necessary, and customary expenses incurred in running the business, while offering business owners flexibility in meeting seasonal and fluctuating expenses.

Product Positioning		Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America is a leading provider of premium disability coverage for small businesses and professional practices because our overhead insurance policies contain more feature-rich benefits than other insurers.	
Target market		Business and professional practice owners in occupation classes 6, 5, 4, 3, 6M, 5M, 4M and 3M. Ideal prospects include accountants, architects, attorneys, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, physicians, veterinarians and other small business owners.	
Features	Unique!	In the event of a total disability, after the elimination period is satisfied, the Accelerated Benefit Endorsement , if included, advances half of the first monthly maximum benefit before proof of the covered overhead expense is required.	
	New!	The Professional Replacement Endorsement , if included, considers 50% of a replacement's salary to a monthly maximum of either \$10,000 or half of the maximum monthly overhead expense benefit, whichever is less, to be a covered overhead expense. If the salary of the insured is a business expense, Underwriting may at their discretion include additional monthly overhead expense coverage for this purpose.	
	New!	Occupational Rehabilitation and Modification and Access Benefits help disabled owners return to work in the business subject to an approved plan. Benefits are above and beyond maximum aggregate benefit.	
	New!	Legal and Accounting Fee Benefit reimburses up to \$5,000 for fees related to business termination or sale due to disability.	
	New!	Waiver of Elimination Period Benefit for any subsequent disability that occurs within five years of the end of a previous disability that lasted more than 6 months and for which benefits under the policy were paid.	
	New!	With the Survivor Benefit , benefits may continue for up to 2 months following the death of the insured.	
	New!	Conversion Option offers the insured a limited right to convert their business coverage to an individual disability income policy.	
	New!	Gross monthly revenue is now calculated after deducting the cost of goods and inventory.	
	Enhanced!	Residual disability benefit is now embedded in the policy, with a loss of gross monthly revenue threshold of 15%.	
	Enhanced!	Waiver of Premium Benefit now refunds premiums paid that are attributable to the period of disability even if paid before the start of disability and also continues to waive premiums for up to 6 months after recovery.	
	Enhanced!	Extension of Benefits is applicable to total and residual disabilities. Benefits can be extended up to 12 months after the end of the benefit period.	

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Riders	Unique!	is available to reimburse covered overhead expenses for total and residual disabilities. ! No-cost Automatic Benefit Enhancement Rider provides up to 5 automatic benefit increases at attained age premiums without proof of insurability. Included at the discretion of underwriting.		
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	Enhanced!			
Definition of Total Disability		Own Occupation definition of total disability considers insured to be totally disabled if, solely due to injury or sickness, he/she is not able to perform the material and substantial duties of their occupation.		
Renewability		Non-cancellable and guaranteed renewable to age 65; conditionally renewable thereafter		
Minimum issue limit	•	\$1,000 per month (\$500 per month for a successful Future Increase Option (FIO))		
Benefit periods and Maximum issue limit		Benefit period 12 months 18 months 24 months	Issue Limit \$50,000 per month \$40,000 per month \$30,000 per month	
Occupation classes	•	6, 5, 4, 3, 6M, 5M, 4M and 3M		
Issue ages	•••••••••••	18–60, based on an age last birthday basis		
Underwriting classes	••••••••••	Preferred, Select and Standard		
Premiums		Gender-distinct, level premiums with no administrative fee for the Guard-O-Matic automatic monthly payment option. Unisex premiums issued in Montana only.		
Elimination and Accumulation Periods		Elimination periods of 30, 60 and 90 days have corresponding accumulation periods of 90, 150 and 210 days, respectively.		
Discounts		Association – 10%		
Policy Fee		\$30 for new issue or FIOs issued as a separate policy		
Issued by		Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America, a wholly-owned stock subsidiary of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.		

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