



# VOLUNTARY SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN

DECEMBER 9, 2020

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### ELIMINATION PERIOD WAIVED FOR COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) DISABILITIES

Dear Member:

As many of you may recall, the SMART Voluntary Short Term Disability Plan temporarily suspended the Elimination Period for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disabilities. In an announcement to you dated April 15, 2020 we communicated that the Elimination Period was being waived for any COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disabilities beginning in the months of March, April and May, 2020. Further announcements to you advised that the Plan would be extending the waiver through November, 2020.

**We are pleased to announce that the waiver of the elimination period is extended through February 28, 2021.** So, effective with all **diagnosed** COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disabilities beginning in the months of March, 2020 through February, 2021, the Plan's Elimination Period **will be waived**. Members must usually be disabled for 21 days before benefits will begin on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day. This is known as the Elimination Period or Waiting Period. We are waiving this Waiting Period for positive COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disabilities. This change will expedite and increase benefits for approved applicants so that you will have immediate access to money. The Waiting Period will be reinstated for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disabilities beginning on and after March 1, 2021.

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We are pleased that the Plan can take this action on your behalf. We wish you and your family health and wellness during these trying times.

Sincerely,

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