



DI protection just for physicians

Game changer

As a leading provider of individual disability insurance (DI) for physicians, we understand your unique needs when it comes to income protection. That knowledge shaped the development of special disability coverage *just for physicians* that's raising the bar for what you can expect when it comes to DI.

True own-occupation protection

Our Enhanced True Own-Occupation protection¹ just for medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy starts with our strong True Own-Occupation Definition of Total Disability. *If totally disabled, you're able to receive your full disability benefits even if you're gainfully employed in another occupation or capacity.* And, while totally disabled in your own occupation, there may be instances where you can even work in your own business or practice and still collect your full disability benefit.

Plus more ways to qualify for benefits

Then, we add a straightforward, easy-to-understand formula to qualify for benefits. It's based on your source of earnings and provides more ways to qualify for benefits. We'll consider you totally disabled if you are a Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy and more than 50% of your income is from:

- Hands-on patient care and, solely because of injury or illness, you can no longer perform hands-on patient care; or
- Performing surgical procedures and, solely because of injury or illness, you can no longer perform surgical procedures.

If you have limited your occupation to the performance of the material and substantial duties of a single medical specialty, we will deem that specialty to be your occupation.

That's not all. If you don't qualify for benefits under the source-of-earnings formula above, then we'll look at your key duties, including those you were performing in your medical specialty at the time your disability began, to assess whether or not you qualify. Because we evaluate your situation from multiple perspectives, we give you *more ways to qualify for total disability benefits*.

This special DI protection is a game changer for physicians.



True Own-Occupation
Definition of Disability



More ways to qualify
for benefits

Enhanced True Own-
Occupation Definition
of Total Disability



**Income protection that
adds up to more!**

We “get” physicians

Listening to thousands of physicians, both those who are customers and those who aren't, has given us a deeper understanding of what you need now as well as for the years ahead. These insights led to our being the first individual DI carrier to offer Student Loan protection and the option for an added lump sum benefit at age 60. Our exclusive Enhanced True Own-Occupation Definition of Disability just for physicians is but the latest example of what's made us a "go-to" company for physician DI. You'll appreciate our:

Base policy:

- One of the strongest in the marketplace, with:
 - Hospice benefit
 - Serious Illness Endorsement

Options for:

- Student loan coverage
- Protection in the event of partial disability
- Lump sum benefit

10% discount for:

- Family Medicine and Internal Medicine Physicians (except for Rheumatologists)²
- Radiologists
- Pulmonologists
- Surgeons (except for Orthopedic Surgeons and Oral Surgeons)

Track record of strength and stability
Award-winning service

- DALBAR Insurance Service Award (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

See how three different physicians qualify for total disability benefits. The first two qualify using the enhanced formula, and the third under a traditional assessment of how the disability affected his or her ability to perform occupational duties.

	Pre-disability sources of income	Post-disability capabilities	Under our enhanced true own-occupation considered	Employment options while totally disabled
Surgeon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60% from surgery• 40% from patient care and office visits	Persistent tremor in dominant hand <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot perform surgery• Able to diagnose and treat patients	Totally Disabled (full benefits) because more than 50% of income came from surgical procedures and he or she can no longer perform those due to disability.	Each physician, while eligible for total disability benefits, can choose to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gainfully employed full time or part time anywhere, even in his or her practice/business, or• Not gainfully employed
Internist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% from hands-on patient care and office visits	Spinal cord injury <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannot diagnose and treat patients	Totally Disabled (full benefits) because more than 50% of income came from patient care and he or she can no longer do that due to disability.	
Pathologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% from specimen evaluation	Macular degeneration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Binocular vision impaired	Totally Disabled (full benefits) while unable to qualify under the enhanced formula, he or she <i>would qualify</i> based on the inability to perform the material and substantial duties of his or her own occupation (True Own-Occupation) due to disability.	and still receive his or her full total disability benefits.

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¹ Not available for policies with a Graded Lifetime Rider or that do not include a partial disability rider.

² Endocrinologists, Gastroenterologists, Geriatricians, Hematologists, Oncologists, and Nephrologists are eligible for a higher occupation class instead of the discount.

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