

SUBCHAPTER 020 – DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA

SECTION .0100 – GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

20 NCAC 020 .0101	SCOPE
20 NCAC 020 .0102	SHORT-TERM DISABILITY
20 NCAC 020 .0103	LONG-TERM DISABILITY

History Note: Authority G.S. 135-101(6); 135-102(c); 135-105(a);
Eff. April 1, 2004;
Repealed Eff. January 1, 2005.

20 NCAC 020 .0104 SHORT-TERM DISABILITY AND EXTENDED SHORT-TERM DISABILITY APPROVALS

(a) Only the Medical Board described in G.S. 135-6(k) shall have the authority to determine under G.S. 135-105(f) that an applicant is ineligible for benefits, or to determine under G.S. 135-105(g) that the beneficiary's disability is not temporary and likely to end within the extended period of short-term disability benefits.

(b) The following positions or entities shall have the authority to approve short-term and extended short-term disability benefits on behalf of the Retirement Systems Division:

- (1) Director of the Retirement Systems Division;
- (2) Director of Operations;
- (3) Disability Benefits Processing Manager;
- (4) Disability Benefits Processing Supervisor;
- (5) Clinical Reviewer; or
- (6) Medical Board described in G.S. 135-6(k).

(c) The Director of the Retirement Systems Division may designate additional positions to have the authority to approve, but not deny, short-term and extended short-term disability benefits.

(d) Only the Medical Board may approve applications for short-term or extended-short-term disability benefits from individuals who have been employed at the Department of State Treasurer within the 365 days preceding the date of disability indicated on the individual's application for benefits.

History Note: Authority G.S. 135-6(f); 135-105(f); 135-105(g);
Eff. July 1, 2024.

20 NCAC 020 .0105 SHORT-TERM DISABILITY NOTIFICATION DATE

(a) "Date of submission" means the date indicated on the Retirement Systems Division's hand-stamped postal mark if the submission is by mail or in person, the timestamp if the submission is by email, or the transmission date if the submission is by facsimile transmission.

(b) "Notifications made" pursuant to G.S. 135-105(d) means the submission of a written request for reimbursement by an employer.

(c) "Submission" means the act of presenting a document to the Retirement Systems Division for processing, consideration, or determination through one of the following methods:

- (1) Mail to the mailing address in Rule 20 NCAC 02B .0101;
- (2) Electronic mail (email);
- (3) Facsimile transmission; or
- (4) In person at the physical address in Rule 20 NCAC 02B .0101.

History Note: Authority G.S. 135-6(f); 135-105(d);
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20 NCAC 020 .0106 EXTENDED SHORT-TERM DISABILITY APPLICATION DATE

(a) "Date of submission" means the date indicated on the Retirement Systems Division's hand-stamped postal mark if the submission is by mail or in person, the timestamp if the submission is by email, or the transmission date if the submission is by facsimile transmission.

(b) "Makes an application" pursuant to G.S. 135-105(g) means submission, in a method prescribed by Paragraph (c) of this Rule, of the following information:

- (1) Full name;
- (2) Mailing address;
- (3) Email address;
- (4) Telephone number;
- (5) Date of birth;
- (6) Member identification number assigned by the Retirement Systems Division;
- (7) Last four digits of Social Security Number;
- (8) Current or most recent employer;
- (9) Employer contact name; and
- (10) Signed and dated acknowledgement that the member has been receiving short-term benefits from the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina; is applying for extended short-term benefits; certifies that the illness did not result from active participation in a riot or actual or attempted commission of a terrorist act, felony, or intentional self-inflicted injury; authorizes health care providers to release to the Retirement Systems Division any medical records or other information about the disability; understands that a copy of such authorization will be as valid as the original; understands that the member, or the member's physician on the member's behalf, is to furnish the medical information to the Retirement Systems Division at no cost; and understands that the member cannot withdraw contributions from the Retirement System while receiving benefits under the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina.

(c) "Submission" means the action of presenting a document to the Retirement Systems Division for processing, consideration, or determination through one of the following methods:

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- (2) Electronic mail (email);
- (3) Facsimile transmission; or
- (4) In person at the physical address in Rule 20 NCAC 02B .0101.

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