





TRANSIT EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN
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## Short-Term Disability Benefits

#### **Dear Valued Member:**

You requested a Short-Term Disability (STD) application booklet because you are off or expected to be off from work for more than 30 days and you have exhausted your sick leave. You May be eligible for payment of STD benefits if you were enrolled in the Health & Welfare Plan on your last day worked and are still enrolled. Once your application is reviewed, approved, and processed you may be eligible for benefits. Your first check will be retroactive to your initial date of eligibility. Subsequently, checks will be issued weekly for \$170 dollars per week for a normal disability or \$270 dollars per week for maternity leave. We will take deductions for Federal and State taxes and partial Health and Welfare premiums for coverage. STD checks are mailed weekly to the address provided on your application unless you choose the direct deposit option, which will begin on the second payment.

The Short-Term Disability application process can take up to 45 business days. You will receive email notifications from (disability@tehw.org) bi-weekly to give you an update on your claim status.

You are required to send an updated Physician Certificate once a month or when requested. Failure to do so within 5 days, will result in suspension of STD payments until the Certificate is received by Health and Welfare.

By signing and checking the boxes of the application, you agree that the Transit Employees' Health and Welfare Fund has the right to collect any over-payments made for any reason.

If you have any questions regarding your application for short-term disability benefits, please contact the Health & Welfare office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

# Your Application Includes:

- 1. Application for STD Benefits: to be completed and signed by the applicant.
- 2. Physician Disability Certificate: to be completed and signed by your attending physician.
- **3. Federal and State Tax withholding forms:** to be completed and signed by the applicant.
- **4. Direct Deposit form (attach VOIDcheck):** to be completed and signed by the applicant.
- **5. Short-Term Disability Checklist:** to be checked off and signed and dated by an H&W staff.

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Direct Deposit Form

Completed Application Checklist

### APPLICATION PROCESS



Step 1:

How do I qualify for Short- Term Disability?

- 1) You have already exhausted all paid sick leave.
- 2) You are out of work due to an illness or injury that isn't related to Workers Compensation.

#### Step 2:

Where can I receive a Short -Term Disability application? 1) You can receive at Short-Term Disability application by calling Health and Welfare at (301) 563 -2294 and asking for an application or by emailing disability@tehw.org to receive an application.



Step 3:
-How do I apply
for Short- Term
disability?

1) Once you complete the application, you can email it to disability@tehw.org, fax to (301)560-7302 or bring the application to the H&W office.



1)Once your application is submitted Health and Welfare will work with WMATA to get perinate information.



2) It can take up to 45 business days to get approved for Short- Term Disability.



1) Once your Short-Term Application is approved, members will start to receive payments.







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#### Application for Short -Term Disability Benefits from Transit Employees' Health &Welfare Fund

Employee Name	
Last 4 of SSN Pa	yroll Number
Date of Birth	Last Day Worked
Days Off Work (check two days): ☐ Mon ☐ Tues	□ Wed □ Thurs □ Fri □ Sat □ Sun
Supervisor Name	Supervisor Tel No
Supervisor Email	Dept./Division
you must provide the Fund with additional docume  Is this Injury or Illness job-related? □ Yes □	Compensation, but you plan to appeal the decision, entation to complete this application.  No (if No checked, skip the next section)
When did you apply for Workers' Compensati	ion benefits?
When were you denied Workers' Compensation (Provide a copy of the Denial letter)	on benefits?
If payments were started and then stopped, provide the start and stop dates.	Start
Have you or do you plan to appeal the denial?	Yes No (If yes, provide a copy of the letter)
Have you been Medically Disqualified from wor \[ \sum \text{No (If yes, provide a copy of the letter)} \]	rking by Occupational Health & Wellness?   Yes

I certify that this illness or injury is not the result of:

- 1. Services in the armed forces of the United States or any other nation
- 2. Performance of duties for another employer while on authorized leave from WMATA
- 3. Use of intoxicants, narcotics or criminal misconduct. (EAP volunteers excluded)
- 4. Work-related injury or illness

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By submission of this appl	ication, my initials and my signature, I authorize	ze:	
	premium payments to be deducted from weekly		hecks,
2. Repayment of any	weekly disability overpayments and health & vgh payroll deductions when I return to duty.		
Signature			
Address			
Phone Number		☐ Home	□ Cell
Alternate Phone Number_		□ Home	□ Cell
Email	Date		
Please return this form to:	Transit Employees' Health & Welfare Office 2701 Whitney Place, Suite 100 Forestville, MD 20747-2347		

If you have any questions regarding your benefits, please call Ashley Wade at 301-568-2294 Monday – Friday from 9:00 am -4:30 pm.







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#### PHYSICIAN DISABILITY CERTIFICATION

### THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF THE MEMBER APPLYING FOR WEEKLY BENEFITS

I hereby certify that	ha	s been inclusively under my professional
care from	20to	20 During
this entire period he/she was	unable to perform his/her reg	ular duties.
Diagnosis Code:	_	
ICD9 ICDIO I	Diaş	gnosis:
If maternity, expected due da	ite	
He/She will be able to return	to his/her regular duties as a	
on		
	Attending	Physician's Original Signature (NO STAMP)
		Physician's Name (Print)
		License or Reg. Number
		Address
	City	State Zip Code
Date	(Area Code)	Telephone Number

PLEASE RETURN THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT



#### **Employee's Withholding Certificate**

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Give Form W-4 to your employer.

OMB No. 1545-0074

Department of the Tr			m W-4 to your employer.	ne.		<u> </u>
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Enter Personal Information	rsonal press Does your in name on your card? If not credit for you contact SSA.			your name match the on your social security If not, to ensure you get for your earnings, tt SSA at 800-772-1213		
	(c)	Single or Married filing separately			or go	to www.ssa.gov.
		Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving s	pouse			
		Head of household (Check only if you're unman	ried and pay more than half the costs	of keeping up a home for yo	ourself ar	nd a qualifying individual.)
		4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwis m withholding, and when to use the est			n on e	ach step, who can
Step 2: Multiple Job	s	Complete this step if you (1) hold more also works. The correct amount of with				
or Spouse		Do only one of the following.				
Works	<b>Works</b> (a) Use the estimator at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/W4App">www.irs.gov/W4App</a> for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; or			Steps 3–4). If you		
		(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet of	on page 3 and enter the resu	ılt in Step 4(c) below;	or	
		(c) If there are only two jobs total, you option is generally more accurate higher paying job. Otherwise, (b) is	than (b) if pay at the lower pa	aying job is more than		
		<b>4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of the</b> you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form			s. (Yo	ur withholding will
Step 3:		If your total income will be \$200,000 c	or less (\$400,000 or less if ma	arried filing jointly):		
Claim		Multiply the number of qualifying c	hildren under age 17 by \$2,0	00 \$	-	
Dependent and Other		Multiply the number of other depe	ndents by \$500	\$	_	
Credits		Add the amounts above for qualifying this the amount of any other credits. E		ents. You may add to	3	\$
(optional): expe This Other Adjustments (b) Dedu want		(a) Other income (not from jobs). expect this year that won't have w This may include interest, dividence	ithholding, enter the amount	of other income here		) \$
		(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim want to reduce your withholding, u				)  \$
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		(c) Extra withholding. Enter any addit	tional tax you want withheld o	each <b>pay period</b>	4(c	)  \$
Step 5: Sign Here	Unde	r penalties of perjury, I declare that this certi	ficate, to the best of my knowled	dge and belief, is true, co	orrect, a	and complete.
	Em	<b>ployee's signature</b> (This form is not va	lid unless you sign it.)	Da	te	
Employers Only	Empl	oyer's name and address		1	Employ numbe	/er identification r (EIN)

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#### **General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **Future Developments**

For the latest information about developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW4.

#### **Purpose of Form**

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

**Exemption from withholding.** You may claim exemption from withholding for 2024 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2023 and you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2024. You had no federal income tax liability in 2023 if (1) your total tax on line 24 on your 2023 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 27, 28, and 29), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2024 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions above by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). Then, complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 15, 2025.

Your privacy. Steps 2(c) and 4(a) ask for information regarding income you received from sources other than the job associated with this Form W-4. If you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b) as an alternative; if you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c) as an alternative.

**When to use the estimator.** Consider using the estimator at *www.irs.gov/W4App* if you:

- 1. Expect to work only part of the year;
- Receive dividends, capital gains, social security, bonuses, or business income, or are subject to the Additional Medicare Tax or Net Investment Income Tax; or
- 3. Prefer the most accurate withholding for multiple job situations.

**Self-employment.** Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay these taxes through withholding from your wages, use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to figure the amount to have withheld.

**Nonresident alien.** If you're a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

#### **Specific Instructions**

**Step 1(c).** Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

**Step 2.** Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work.

Option (a) most accurately calculates the additional tax you need to have withheld, while option (b) does so with a little less accuracy.

Instead, if you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may check the box in option (c). The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



**Multiple jobs.** Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Step 3. This step provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information. You can also include other tax credits for which you are eligible in this step, such as the foreign tax credit and the education tax credits. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

#### Step 4 (optional).

Step 4(a). Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

Step 4(b). Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 5, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2024 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for student loan interest and IRAs.

**Step 4(c).** Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe.



**Purpose.** Complete Form MW507 so that your employer can withhold the correct Maryland income tax from your pay. Consider completing a new Form MW507 each year and when your personal or financial situation changes.

Basic Instructions. Enter on line 1 below, the number of personal exemptions you will claim on your tax return. However, if you wish to claim more exemptions, or if your adjusted gross income will be more than \$100,000 if you are filing single or married filing separately (\$150,000, if you are filing jointly or as head of household), you must complete the Personal Exemption Worksheet on page 2. Complete the Personal Exemption Worksheet on page 2 to further adjust your Maryland withholding based on itemized deductions, and certain other expenses that exceed your standard deduction and are not being claimed at another job or by your spouse. However, you may claim fewer (or zero) exemptions.

Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer. If you are not having enough tax withheld, you may ask your employer to withhold more by entering an additional amount on line 2.

**Exemption from withholding.** You may be entitled to claim an exemption from the withholding of Maryland income tax if:

- a. Last year you did not owe any Maryland Income tax and had a right to a full refund of any tax withheld; AND,
- b. This year you do not expect to owe any Maryland income tax and expect to have a right to a full refund of all income tax withheld.

If you are eligible to claim this exemption, complete Line 3 and your employer will not withhold Maryland income tax from your wages.

Students and Seasonal Employees whose annual income will be below the minimum filing requirements should claim exemption from withholding. This provides more income throughout the year and avoids the necessity of filing a Maryland income tax return.

**Certification of nonresidence in the State of Maryland.** Complete Line 4. This line is to be completed by residents of the District of Columbia, Virginia or West Virginia who are employed in Maryland and who do not maintain a place of abode in Maryland for 183 days or more.

Residents of Pennsylvania who are employed in Maryland and who do not maintain a place of abode in Maryland for 183 days or more, should complete line 5 to exempt themselves from the state portion of the withholding tax. These employees are still liable for withholding tax at the rate in effect for the Maryland county in which they are employed, unless they qualify for an exemption on either line 6 or line 7. Pennsylvania residents of York and Adams counties may claim an exemption from the local withholding tax by completing line 6. Pennsylvania residents living in other local jurisdictions which do not impose an earnings or income tax on Maryland residents may claim an exemption by completing line 7. Employees qualifying for exemption under 6 or 7, should also write "EXEMPT" on line 4.

Line 4 is **NOT** to be used by residents of other states who are working in Maryland, because such persons are liable for Maryland income tax and withholding from

their wages is required.

If you are domiciled in the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania or Virginia and maintain a place of abode in Maryland for 183 days or more, you become a statutory resident of Maryland and you are required to file a resident return with Maryland reporting your total income. You must apply to your domicile state for any tax credit to which you may be entitled under the reciprocal provisions of the law. If you are domiciled in West Virginia, you are not required to pay Maryland income tax on wage or salary income, regardless of the length of time you may have spent in Maryland.

Under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, as amended by the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act, you may be exempt from Maryland income tax on your wages if (i) your spouse is a member of the armed forces present in Maryland in compliance with military orders; (ii) you are present in Maryland solely to be with your spouse; and (iii) you maintain your domicile in another state. If you claim exemption under the SCRA enter your state of domicile (legal residence) on Line 8; enter "EXEMPT" in the box to the right on Line 8; and attach a copy of your spousal military identification card to Form MW507. In addition, you must also complete and attach Form MW507M.

**Duties and responsibilities of employer.** Retain this certificate with your records. You are required to submit a copy of this certificate and accompanying attachments to the Compliance Division, Compliance Programs Section, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, when received if:

- 1. You have any reason to believe this certificate is incorrect;
- 2. The employee claims more than 10 exemptions;
- 3. The employee claims an exemption from withholding because he/she had no tax liability for the preceding tax year, expects to incur no tax liability this year and the wages are expected to exceed \$200 a week;
- The employee claims an exemption from withholding on the basis of nonresidence; or
- The employee claims an exemption from withholding under the Military Spouses Residency Relief Act.

Upon receipt of any exemption certificate (Form MW507), the Compliance Division will make a determination and notify you if a change is required.

Once a certificate is revoked by the Comptroller, the employer must send any new certificate from the employee to the Comptroller for approval before implementing the new certificate.

If an employee claims exemption under 3 above, a new exemption certificate must be filed by February 15th of the following year.

**Duties and responsibilities of employee.** If, on any day during the calendar year, the number of withholding exemptions that the employee is entitled to claim is less than the number of exemptions claimed on the withholding exemption certificate in effect, the employee must file a new withholding exemption certificate with the employer within 10 days after the change occurs.

### FORM MW507

#### **Employee's Maryland Withholding Exemption Certificate**

Print full name	Social Security Number	
Street Address, City, State, ZIP	County of residence (Nonresidents enter Maryland county (or Baltimore City) where you are employed.)	
☐ Single ☐ Married (surviving spouse or unmarried Head	of Household) Rate	
1. Total number of exemptions you are claiming not to exceed line f in Personal	Exemption Worksheet on page 2	
2. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer		
3. I claim exemption from withholding because I do not expect to owe Maryland	tax. See instructions above and check boxes that apply.	
a. Last year I did not owe any Maryland income tax and had a right to a	a full refund of all income tax withheld and	
b. This year I do not expect to owe any Maryland income tax and expec	t to have the right to a full refund of all income tax withheld.	
(This includes seasonal and student employees whose annual income	3 i ,	
	fective) Enter "EXEMPT" here	
<ol> <li>I claim exemption from withholding because I am domiciled in one of the foll</li> <li>District of Columbia</li> <li>Virginia</li> <li>West Virginia</li> </ol>	j	
<del></del>	ped in the instructions above. Enter "EXEMPT" here 4.	
5. I claim exemption from Maryland <b>state</b> withholding because I am domiciled		
	m MW507. Enter "EXEMPT" here	
6. I claim exemption from Maryland local tax because I live in a local Pennysylv	vania jurisdiction within York or Adams counties.	
7. I claim exemption from Maryland <b>local</b> tax because I live in a local Pennsylva	nia jurisdiction that does not impose an earnings or income	
8. I certify that I am a legal resident of the state of and am not		
	ne Military Spouses Residency Relief Act. Enter "EXEMPT" here 8	
<b>Under the penalty of perjury,</b> I further certify that I am entitled to the nun from withholding, that I am entitled to claim the exempt status on whichever	nber of withholding allowances claimed on line 1 above, or if claiming exemption line(s) I completed.	
Employee's signature	Date	
Employer's name and address including ZIP code (For employer use only)	Federal Employer Identification Number	

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Payroll Manager—Please complete this section.	
Company Code: Company Name:	Date:
Payroll Mgr. Name:Payroll Mgr. Signa	ature:
To enroll in Full Service Direct Deposit, simply fill out this form and give is each checking account — not a deposit slip. If depositing to a savings account. Number for your account. It isn't always the same as the number on a savin correctly.	nt, ask your bank to give you the Routing/Transit ags deposit slip. This will help ensure that you are paid
Below is a sample check MICR line, detailing where the information necess	sary to complete this form can be found.
Routing/Transit # (A 9-digit number elways between these two marks)  Memo  Routing/Transit #  Checking Account #	Check # (this number matches the number in the upper right corner of the check—not needed for sign-up)
Important! Please read and sign before completing and submitting.	
I hereby authorize my employer (hereinafter "Company") to deposit any an accounts at the financial institutions (hereinafter "Bank") indicated on this any credit entries indicated by Company to my accounts. Unless prohibited deposits funds erroneously into my account, I authorize Employer, either dimy account for an amount not to exceed the original amount of the erroneously	form. Further, I authorize Bank to accept and to credit by applicable law, in the event that Employer irectly or through its payroll service provider, to debit
This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Company and B termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Company and Bar	
Employee Name:	
Employee Signature: Date:	
Account Information	
The last item must be for the remaining amount owed to you. To distribute Make sure to indicate what kind of account, along with amount to be d	
1. Bank Name/City/State:	
Routing/Transit #: Account Number:	
□Checking □ Savings □ Other I wish to deposit: \$ or □	Entire Net Amount
2. Bank Name/City/State:	
Routing/Transit #: Account Number:	
□Checking □ Savings □ Other I wish to deposit: \$ or □	Entire Net Amount
3. Bank Name/City/State:	
Routing/Transit #: Account Number:	
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#### ATTENTION PAYROLL MANAGER:

Employers must keep each original employee enrollment form on file as long as the employee is using FSDD, and for two years thereafter.

# Completed Application Checklist

Call, download the application on the Tehw website, or email Health and Welfare to ensure you qualify for Short-Term Disability benefits.
Short - Term Disability Application was received by email, website (www.tehw.org), or in-person.
O Complete Personal information pages 1 and 2.
O Complete Federal Withholding Form.
O Complete State Withholding Form.
Complete Direct Deposit form. (Optional)
Review application before submitting it to Health and Welfare.
<ul> <li>Submit your application to Health and Welfare either by office or by email at disability@tehw.org.</li> </ul>
A friendly reminder: The Short-Term Disability application process can take up to 45 business days! Status updates will be sent out Bi-weekly through email.  H&W Staff Name:
Date: