

IC 5-10-17

Chapter 17. Emergency Medical Services Provider Disability Benefits

IC 5-10-17-1

Application of chapter

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an emergency medical services provider who is:

- (1) employed by a municipal corporation; and
- (2) not eligible for a disability benefit under IC 36-8-6, IC 36-8-7, IC 36-8-7.5, or IC 36-8-8.

As added by P.L.20-2014, SEC.1.

IC 5-10-17-2

"Emergency medical services provider"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "emergency medical services provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-10-1.

As added by P.L.20-2014, SEC.1.

IC 5-10-17-3

"Fiscal body"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fiscal body" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-1-2-6.

As added by P.L.20-2014, SEC.1.

IC 5-10-17-4

"Municipal corporation"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "municipal corporation" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10-9-1.

As added by P.L.20-2014, SEC.1.

IC 5-10-17-5

Disability insurance programs authorized; elimination period; self-insurance; exclusions; fiscal body approval

Sec. 5. (a) A municipal corporation may provide programs of disability insurance to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness:

- (1) that is not covered by:
 - (A) worker's compensation (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6); or
 - (B) worker's occupational diseases compensation (IC 22-3-7); or
- (2) for which coverage under worker's compensation or worker's occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted.

(b) A program established under subsection (a) may not have an elimination or waiting period of greater than the following before a benefit begins:

- (1) Thirty (30) days, for a short term disability program.
- (2) One hundred twenty (120) days, for a long term disability program.

(c) A municipal corporation may provide the programs of disability insurance described in subsection (a) through either of the following:

(1) By purchasing policies of group insurance.

(2) By establishing self-insurance programs.

(d) A municipal corporation may exclude from coverage under a program of disability insurance an emergency medical services provider who:

(1) is a part-time employee (as defined by the municipal corporation); or

(2) provides services to the municipal corporation under a contract.

(e) The establishment of a self-insurance program under this section is subject to the approval of the municipal corporation's fiscal body.

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