

Long-Term Disability Benefits

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

How to Apply for Monthly Benefits

If you are an active member and become disabled, you may qualify for disability benefits under the terms and conditions of the KPERS long-term disability plan. To begin the process of filing a claim for disability benefits, you first should contact your designated agent or personnel office. Your designated agent will then report your disability to KPERS at:

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

611 S. Kansas Ave., Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66603-3803
Toll-free: (888) 275-5737
In Topeka: (785) 296-6166
E-mail: kpers@kpers.org
Fax: (785) 296-6638

Once KPERS verifies your eligibility to apply for benefits, your information will be forwarded to DCG Resource Options, KPERS' third-party administrator for disability benefits.

Under the KPERS long-term disability plan, benefits for approved claims begin the **later** of the date you complete 180 continuous days of total disability or the date you stop drawing compensation from your employer. This period is called the "waiting period" (or elimination period). If you have not returned to work, you will receive a claim packet in the mail from DCG toward the end of your waiting period.

The claim packet includes everything you will need to apply for benefits, along with complete instructions on how to complete and submit the required forms. You will need to complete some sections of the forms, and your employer and physician(s) will need to provide information and complete other sections. The claim packet also includes an authorization form that enables DCG to gather additional information as it becomes necessary.

You should return the completed claim forms along with all required authorizations and statements to Disability Consulting Group at:

Disability Consulting Group

P.O. Box 7408
Portland, Maine 04112-7408
Toll-free: (877) 202-5300
Fax (888) 505-8550 or (207) 756-7503

It is important that you submit your claim forms as quickly as possible to ensure DCG has time to review your claim and obtain any additional information before the date your benefits are scheduled to begin. **All portions of the claim forms must be completed to avoid delays in processing your request for benefits.**

If you have questions about filing a claim, please contact DCG Resource Options toll-free at (877) 202-5300, or KPERS toll-free at (888) 275-5737.