STD vs FMLA

KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

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Eligibility requirements determined by ER

Decisions are policy driven

Replaces income

No inherent job protection

Only for EE health leaves

Up to 26 weeks

Maximum = when EE has collected all benefits for which they are eligible

No replenishment. Max is maximum benefits for this disability

Exclusions prevent EE from being paid (pre-ex, occupational, etc)

Eligible unless EE is no longer in eligible group

Must be eligible as of date of disability

Date of Disability: date EP starts counting

EE must meet definition of disability to be paid

Paid by day as long as EE meets policy definition of disability

FMLA

Eligibility requirements determined by DOL

Decisions driven by federal regulations

Unpaid

Provides level of job protection

Also covers leave to care for some family members

12 weeks in 12 month period

Exhaustion = when EE has used all available entitlement in 12 month period

Entitlement replenishes at start of new 12 month period

EE will be covered as long as eligible, approved and has entitlement

Eligible for 12 months per serious health condition

Can become eligible while on leave

Entitlement deducted as of the minute EE leaves work

EE or family member must meet FMLA guidelines for SHC

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