3 Things that Every Nurse Should Know About Workers' Comp

(And why it may not be enough when it comes to occupational accidents)



A sharps injury on the job can be an emotional and confusing time.

While most nurses' existing Workers'
Compensation and Employer Health Insurance
plans provide basic levels of coverage during
this time, they may fall short when it comes to
lost wages and coverage for treatment, which
may potentially leave you with out-of-pocket
costs.

It's important to understand where coverage gaps may exist.





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Workers' Comp provides limited benefits





Workers' Compensation typically only pays 50%-60% of an average nurse's salary.

In fact, most states limit the maximum benefit to two-thirds of a worker's salary and often cap weekly benefit amounts, regardless of annual salary, leaving some workers with disproportionately low benefits.

2

Coverage is not universal





Workers' Compensation laws vary considerably by state.

Exclusions and exceptions are common, which may leave some workers without adequate coverage. And what if you have multiple jobs or do volunteer work? A sharps injury while volunteering may not be covered by the volunteer organization, and an injury at one job may result in time off from another.

3

There may be a waiting period





Some states enforce a waiting period during which time wage replacement benefits are not paid.

After the waiting period it may still take weeks before you receive benefits, depending on how quickly your claim is processed and approved, which may potentially leave you to pay medical and household bills out-of-pocket.

Rescue for Nurses may help to fill the gaps





Easy to Understand

If you contract a covered Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV infection from a sharps-related or other covered incident, as outlined in the policy, you get a \$100,000 benefit. Or, if you are a victim of a covered felonious assault on the job, we will pay you \$250 a day for 10 days if you are hospitalized.

Portable

As an individual benefit, our policy follows you wherever you work, so you are always protected regardless of whether or not your employer provides additional coverage.

Rescue for Nurses provides an extra layer of coverage that may help to fill the gap of lost income during a Workers' Compensation claim period.

Learn more about the advantages of CM&F's Rescue for Nurses:



May be more Budget Friendly than you think

Rescue for Nurses offers plans to suit nearly any budget –unlike many employer-based plans that offer a wide array of benefits, which you may or may not need, and which ultimately drives the cost up.



Flexible

You can use the benefit in whatever way helps the most. Use it to help cover your health insurance deductible, your mortgage, student loans, or your medical treatment.





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