Key and definition: **Duration of temporary disability**: Average length of time for which temporary disability benefits were paid to workers. This metric is inversely related to the timeliness and ease of return to work. **PPD**: Permanent partial disability. **TD**: Temporary disability, includes temporary total disability (TTD) and temporary partial disability (TPD).

**Note**: See a general classification of indemnity benefit systems: wage-loss versus PPD states.

In the absence of direct observations of each worker’s postinjury employment experience, we rely on a measure of the average number of weeks of temporary disability payments as a proxy for return to work. This measure reflects the duration of both temporary total and temporary partial disability benefits.

At an average of 11 weeks, duration of temporary disability in Wisconsin was the second shortest of all study states. System features contributed to that result: these are related to terminating or modifying TTD and PPD benefits, and the dispute resolution process.

In general, the duration of disability is likely affected by state-specific rules about terminating temporary disability benefits—for example, benefits can be terminated unilaterally or a hearing is required before benefits can be terminated. In addition, the speed of the dispute resolution process likely affects the duration of temporary disability. Some study states have limits on duration of TD.

System features contributed to PPD benefit levels in Wisconsin. A detailed description is provided in the “Discussion of Major Findings.”

PPD regulations are provided in Wis. Stat. §102.52 for scheduled and §102.44 (3) for nonscheduled injuries.