



First Unum Life Insurance Company

The Episcopal Church Pension Fund

Your Group Short Term Disability Plan

Policy No. 461621 011

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CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

First Unum Life Insurance Company (referred to as Unum) welcomes you as a client.

This is your certificate of coverage as long as you are eligible for coverage and you become insured. You will want to read it carefully and keep it in a safe place.

Unum has written your certificate of coverage in plain English. However, a few terms and provisions are written as required by insurance law. If you have any questions about any of the terms and provisions, please consult Unum's claims paying office. Unum will assist you in any way to help you understand your benefits.

If the terms and provisions of the certificate of coverage (issued to you) are different from the policy (issued to the policyholder), the policy will govern. Your coverage may be cancelled or changed in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the policy.

The policy is delivered in and is governed by the laws of the governing jurisdiction and to the extent applicable by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and any amendments. When making a benefit determination under the policy, Unum has discretionary authority to determine your eligibility for benefits and to interpret the terms and provisions of the policy.

For purposes of effective dates and ending dates under the group policy, all days begin at 12:01 a.m. and end at 12:00 midnight at the Policyholder's address.

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BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

SYNOPSIS

The insurance evidenced by this certificate provides disability income insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department.

EXCLUSIONS

What disabilities are not covered under your plan:
See page STD-BEN-5

SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN

This short term disability plan provides financial protection for you by paying a portion of your income while you are disabled. The amount you receive is based on the amount you earned before your disability began. In some cases, you can receive disability payments even if you work while you are disabled.

EMPLOYER'S ORIGINAL PLAN

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1999

POLICY NUMBER: 461621 011

ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

Lay Employees working a minimum of 20 hours per week in active employment

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be working at least 20 hours per week.

WAITING PERIOD:

For employees in an eligible group on or before April 1, 1999: None

For employees entering an eligible group after April 1, 1999: None

REHIRE:

If your employment ends and you are rehired within 12 months, your previous work while in an eligible group will apply toward the waiting period. All other policy provisions apply.

WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:

You and/or your Parish share the cost of your coverage.

ELIMINATION PERIOD:

30 days for disability due to an injury

30 days for disability due to a sickness

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

WEEKLY BENEFIT:

70% of weekly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per week

Your payment may be reduced by deductible sources of income and disability earnings. Some disabilities may not be covered under this plan.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:

52 weeks

Premium payments are required for your coverage while you are receiving payments under this plan.

Your Short Term Disability plan covers disabilities due to an occupational sickness or injury.

OTHER FEATURES:

Minimum Benefit

The above items are only highlights of this plan. For a full description of your coverage, continue reading your certificate of coverage section.

CLAIM INFORMATION

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

WHEN DO YOU NOTIFY UNUM OF A CLAIM?

We encourage you to notify us of your claim as soon as possible, so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Written notice of a claim should be sent within 30 days after the date your disability begins. However, you must send Unum written proof of your claim no later than 90 days after your elimination period. If it is not possible to give proof within 90 days, it must be given as soon as is reasonably possible.

The claim form is available from your Employer, or you can request a claim form from us. If you do not receive the form from Unum within 15 days of your request, send Unum written proof of claim without waiting for the form.

You must notify us immediately when you return to work in any capacity.

HOW DO YOU FILE A CLAIM?

You and your Employer must fill out your own sections of the claim form and then give it to your attending physician. Your physician should fill out his or her section of the form and send it directly to Unum.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM?

Your proof of claim, provided at your expense, must show:

- that you are under the **regular care** of a **physician**;
- the appropriate documentation of your weekly earnings;
- the date your disability began;
- the cause of your disability;
- the extent of your disability, including restrictions and limitations preventing you from performing your regular occupation; and
- the name and address of any **hospital or institution** where you received treatment, including all attending physicians.

We may request that you send proof of continuing disability indicating that you are under the regular care of a physician. This proof, provided at your expense, must be received within 45 days of a request by us.

In some cases, you will be required to give Unum authorization to obtain additional medical information and to provide non-medical information as part of your proof of claim, or proof of continuing disability. Unum will deny your claim, or stop sending you payments, if the appropriate information is not submitted.

TO WHOM WILL UNUM MAKE PAYMENTS?

Unum will make payments to you or your Employer, depending on salary continuation from your Employer.

WHAT HAPPENS IF UNUM OVERPAYS YOUR CLAIM?

Unum has the right to recover any overpayments due to:

- fraud;
- any error Unum makes in processing a claim; and
- your receipt of deductible sources of income.

You must reimburse us in full. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made.

Unum will not recover more money than the amount we paid you.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE?

This certificate of coverage is a written statement prepared by Unum and may include attachments. It tells you:

- the coverage for which you may be entitled;
- to whom Unum will make a payment; and
- the limitations, exclusions and requirements that apply within a plan.

WHEN ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?

If you are working for your Employer in an eligible group, the date you are eligible for coverage is the later of:

- the plan effective date; or
- the day after you complete your **waiting period**.

WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE BEGIN?

When your Employer pays 100% of the cost of your coverage under a plan, you will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the date you are eligible for coverage.

When you and your Employer share the cost of your coverage under a plan or when you pay 100% of the cost yourself, you will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the latest of:

- the date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for insurance on or before that date;
- the date you apply for insurance, if you apply within 31 days after your eligibility date; or
- the date Unum approves your application, if **evidence of insurability** is required.

Evidence of insurability is required if you:

- are a late applicant, which means you apply for coverage more than 31 days after the date you are eligible for coverage; or
- voluntarily cancelled your coverage and are reapplying.

An evidence of insurability form can be obtained from your Employer.

WHAT IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM WORK ON THE DATE YOUR COVERAGE WOULD NORMALLY BEGIN?

If you are absent from work due to injury, sickness, temporary layoff or leave of absence, your coverage will begin on the date you return to **active employment**.

ONCE YOUR COVERAGE BEGINS, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE TEMPORARILY NOT WORKING?

If you are on a temporary **layoff**, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of the month that immediately follows the month in which your temporary layoff begins.

If you are on a **leave of absence**, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of the month that immediately follows the month in which your leave of absence begins.

WHEN WILL CHANGES TO YOUR COVERAGE TAKE EFFECT?

Once your coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage will take effect immediately if you are in active employment or if you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence. If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any increased or additional coverage will begin on the date you return to active employment.

Any decrease in coverage will take effect immediately but will not affect a **payable claim** that occurs prior to the decrease.

WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE END?

Your coverage under the policy or a plan ends on the earliest of:

- the date the policy or a plan is cancelled;
- the date you no longer are in an eligible group;
- the date your eligible group is no longer covered;
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions; or
- the last day you are in active employment except as provided under the covered layoff or leave of absence provision.

Unum will provide coverage for a payable claim which occurs while you are covered under the policy or plan.

WHAT ARE THE TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS?

You can start legal action regarding your claim 60 days after proof of claim has been given and up to 3 years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal law.

HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?

Unum considers any statements you or your Employer make in a signed application for coverage a representation and not a warranty. If any of the statements you or your Employer make are not complete and/or not true at the time they are made, we can:

- reduce or deny any claim; or
- cancel your coverage from the original effective date.

We will use only statements made in a signed application as a basis for doing this.

If the Employer gives us information about you that is incorrect, we will:

- use the facts to decide whether you have coverage under the plan and in what amounts; and
- make a fair adjustment of the premium.

HOW WILL UNUM HANDLE INSURANCE FRAUD?

Unum wants to ensure you and your Employer do not incur additional insurance costs as a result of the undermining effects of insurance fraud. Unum promises to focus on all means necessary to support fraud detection, investigation, and prosecution.

It is a crime if you knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive Unum, or provide any information, including filing a claim, that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information. These actions, as well as submission of materially false information, will result in denial of your claim, and are subject to prosecution and punishment to the full extent under state and/or federal law. Unum will pursue all appropriate legal remedies in the event of insurance fraud.

DOES THE POLICY REPLACE OR AFFECT ANY WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE?

The policy does not replace or affect the requirements for coverage by any workers' compensation or state disability insurance.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ACT AS YOUR AGENT OR UNUM'S AGENT?

For purposes of the policy, your Employer acts on its own behalf or as your agent. Under no circumstances will your Employer be deemed the agent of Unum.

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

BENEFIT INFORMATION

HOW DOES UNUM DEFINE DISABILITY?

You are disabled when Unum determines that:

- you are **limited** from performing the **material and substantial duties** of your **regular occupation** due to your **sickness or injury**; and
- you have a 20% or more loss in weekly earnings due to the same sickness or injury.

We may require you to be examined by a physician, other medical practitioner or vocational expert of our choice. Unum will pay for this examination. We can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so. We may also require you to be interviewed by an authorized Unum Representative.

HOW LONG MUST YOU BE DISABLED BEFORE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS?

You must be continuously disabled through your **elimination period**.

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 30 days.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 30 days.

CAN YOU SATISFY YOUR ELIMINATION PERIOD IF YOU ARE WORKING?

Yes, provided you meet the definition of disability.

WHEN WILL YOU BEGIN TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS?

You will begin to receive payments when we approve your claim, providing the elimination period has been met and you are disabled. We will send you a payment weekly for any period for which Unum is liable.

After the elimination period, if you are disabled for less than 1 week, we will send you 1/7th of your payment for each day of disability.

HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF YOU ARE DISABLED?

We will follow this process to figure your payment:

1. Multiply your weekly earnings by 70%.
2. The maximum **weekly benefit** is \$1,000.
3. Compare the answer from Item 1 with the maximum weekly benefit. The lesser of these two amounts is your **gross disability payment**.
4. Subtract from your gross disability payment any **deductible sources of income**.

The amount figured in Item 4 is your **weekly payment**.

WHAT ARE YOUR WEEKLY EARNINGS?

"Weekly Earnings" means your gross weekly income from your Employer in effect just prior to your date of disability. It includes your total income before taxes. It is prior to any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. It includes income actually received from bonuses but does not include commissions, overtime pay, or any other extra compensation or income received from sources other than your Employer.

Bonuses will be averaged for the lesser of:

- a. the prior calendar year's 52 week period of your employment with your Employer just prior to the date disability begins; or
- b. the period of actual employment with your Employer.

WHAT WILL WE USE FOR WEEKLY EARNINGS IF YOU BECOME DISABLED DURING A COVERED LAYOFF OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE?

If you become disabled while you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence, we will use your weekly earnings from your Employer in effect just prior to the date your absence begins.

HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND WORKING?

We will send you the weekly payment if you are disabled and your weekly disability earnings, if any, are less than 20% of your weekly earnings.

If you are disabled and your weekly **disability earnings** are from 20% through 80% of your weekly earnings, you will receive payments based on the percentage of income you are losing due to your disability. We will follow this process to figure your payment:

1. Subtract your disability earnings from your weekly earnings.
2. Divide the answer in Item 1 by your weekly earnings. This is your percentage of lost earnings.
3. Multiply your weekly payment as shown above by the answer in Item 2.

This is the amount Unum will pay you for each week.

Unum may require you to send proof of your disability earnings each week. We will adjust your weekly payment based on your disability earnings.

As part of your proof of disability earnings, we can require that you send us appropriate financial records which we believe are necessary to substantiate your income.

HOW CAN WE PROTECT YOU IF YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS FLUCTUATE?

If your disability earnings routinely fluctuate widely from week to week, Unum may average your disability earnings over the most recent 3 weeks to determine if your claim should continue.

If Unum averages your disability earnings, we will not terminate your claim unless the average of your disability earnings from the last 3 weeks exceeds 80% of weekly earnings.

We will not pay you for any week during which disability earnings exceed 80% of weekly earnings.

WHAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?

Unum will subtract from your gross disability payment the following deductible sources of income:

1. The amount that you receive as disability income payments under any:
 - state compulsory benefit **act** or **law**.
 - other group insurance plan.
2. The amount that you receive:
 - under the mandatory portion of any "no fault" motor vehicle **plan**.
 - under Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones Act).
 - from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise.
3. The amount that you receive or are entitled to receive under:
 - a workers' compensation law.
 - an occupational disease law.
 - any other **act** or **law** with similar intent.
4. The amount that you, your spouse and your children receive as disability payments because of your disability under:
 - the United States Social Security Act.
 - the Canada Pension **Plan**.
 - the Quebec Pension Plan.
 - any similar plan or act.

Unum will only subtract deductible sources of income which are payable as a result of the same disability.

WHAT ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?

Unum will not subtract from your gross disability payment income you receive from, but not limited to, the following:

- 401(k) plans
- profit sharing plans
- thrift plans
- tax sheltered annuities
- stock ownership plans
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation
- pension plans for partners
- military pension and disability income plans

- credit disability insurance
- franchise disability income plans
- a retirement plan from another Employer
- individual retirement accounts (IRA)
- individual disability income plans
- **salary continuation** or **accumulated sick leave** plans

WHAT IF SUBTRACTING DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME RESULTS IN A ZERO BENEFIT? (Minimum Benefit)

The minimum weekly payment is: \$25.

Unum may apply this amount toward an outstanding overpayment.

WHAT IF UNUM DETERMINES YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR DEDUCTIBLE INCOME BENEFITS?

When we determine that you may qualify for benefits under Item(s) 1, 3 and 4 in the deductible sources of income section, we will estimate your entitlement to these benefits. We can reduce your payment by the estimated amounts if such benefits:

- have not been awarded; and
- have not been denied; or
- have been denied and the denial is being appealed.

Your Short Term Disability payment will NOT be reduced by the estimated amount if you:

- apply for the disability payments under Item(s) 1, 3 and 4 in the deductible sources of income section and appeal your denial to all administrative levels Unum feels are necessary; and
- sign Unum's payment option form. This form states that you promise to pay us any overpayment caused by an award.

If your payment has been reduced by an estimated amount, your payment will be adjusted when we receive proof:

- of the amount awarded; or
- that benefits have been denied and all appeals Unum feels are necessary have been completed. In this case, a lump sum refund of the estimated amount will be made to you.

If you receive a lump sum payment from any deductible sources of income, the lump sum will be pro-rated on a weekly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, the sum will be pro-rated on a weekly basis to the end of the maximum period of payment.

HOW LONG WILL UNUM CONTINUE TO SEND YOU PAYMENTS?

Unum will send you a payment each week up to the **maximum period of payment**. Your maximum period of payment is 52 weeks during a continuous period of disability.

WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?

We will stop sending you payments and your claim will end on the earliest of the following:

- when you are able to work in your regular occupation on a **part-time basis** but you choose not to;
- the end of the maximum period of payment;
- the date you are no longer disabled under the terms of the plan;
- the date you fail to submit proof of continuing disability;
- the date your disability earnings exceed the amount allowable under the plan;
- the date you die.

WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?

Your plan does not cover any disabilities caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your:

- intentionally self-inflicted injuries.
- active participation in a riot.
- participation in a felony.

Your plan will not cover a disability due to war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU RETURN TO WORK FULL TIME AND YOUR DISABILITY OCCURS AGAIN?

1. If your current disability is related to or due to the same cause(s) as your prior disability for which Unum made a payment:

Unum will treat your current disability as part of your prior claim and you will not have to complete another elimination period when you are performing any occupation for your Employer on a full time basis for 14 consecutive days or less.

2. If your current disability is unrelated to your prior disability for which Unum made a payment:

Unum will treat your current disability as part of your prior claim and you will not have to complete another elimination period when you are performing any occupation for your Employer on a full time basis for less than 1 full day.

Your disability, as outlined above, will be subject to the same terms of the plan as your prior claim.

If you do not satisfy Item 1 or 2 above, your disability will be treated as a new claim and will be subject to all of the policy provisions.

If you become entitled to payments under any other group short term disability plan, you will not be eligible for payments under the Unum plan.

GLOSSARY

ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT means you are working for your Employer for earnings that are paid regularly and that you are performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation. You must be working at least the minimum number of hours as described under Eligible Group(s) in each plan.

Your work site must be:

- your Employer's usual place of business;
- an alternative work site at the direction of your Employer, including your home; or
- a location to which your job requires you to travel.

Normal vacation is considered active employment.
Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME means income from deductible sources listed in the plan which you receive while you are disabled. This income will be subtracted from your gross disability payment.

DISABILITY EARNINGS means the earnings which you receive while you are disabled and working, plus the earnings you could receive if you were working to your **maximum capacity**.

ELIMINATION PERIOD means a period of continuous disability which must be satisfied before you are eligible to receive benefits from Unum.

EMPLOYEE means a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada who is in active employment in the United States with the Employer unless an exception is applied for and approved in writing by Unum.

EMPLOYER means the Policyholder, and includes any division, subsidiary or affiliated company named in the policy.

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY means a statement of your medical history which Unum will use to determine if you are approved for coverage. Evidence of insurability will be at Unum's expense.

GRACE PERIOD means the period of time following the premium due date during which premium payment may be made.

GROSS DISABILITY PAYMENT means the benefit amount before Unum subtracts deductible sources of income and disability earnings.

HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION means an accredited facility licensed to provide care and treatment for the condition causing your disability.

INJURY means a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. Injury which occurs before you are covered under the plan will be treated as a sickness. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

INSURED means any person covered under a plan.

LAW, PLAN OR ACT means the original enactments of the law, plan or act and all amendments.

LAYOFF or **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** means you are temporarily absent from active employment for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by your Employer.

Your normal vacation time or any period of disability is not considered a temporary layoff or leave of absence.

LIMITED means what you cannot or are unable to do.

MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DUTIES means duties that:

- are normally required for the performance of your regular occupation; and
- cannot be reasonably omitted or modified.

MAXIMUM CAPACITY means, based on your restrictions and limitations, the greatest extent of work you are able to do in your regular occupation, that is reasonably available.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT means the longest period of time Unum will make payments to you for any one period of disability.

PART-TIME BASIS means the ability to work and earn between 20% and 80% of your weekly earnings.

PAYABLE CLAIM means a claim for which Unum is liable under the terms of the policy.

PHYSICIAN means:

- a person performing tasks that are within the limits of his or her medical license; and
- a person who is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery; or
- a person with a doctoral degree in Psychology (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) whose primary practice is treating patients; or
- a person who is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations of the governing jurisdiction.

Unum will not recognize you, or your spouse, children, parents or siblings as a physician for a claim that you send to us.

PLAN means a line of coverage under the policy.

REGULAR CARE means:

- you personally visit a physician as frequently as is medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage and treat your disabling condition(s); and
- you are receiving the most appropriate treatment and care which conforms with generally accepted medical standards, for your disabling condition(s) by a physician whose specialty or experience is the most appropriate for your disabling condition(s), according to generally accepted medical standards.

REGULAR OCCUPATION means the occupation you are routinely performing when your disability begins. Unum will look at your occupation as it is normally performed in the national economy, instead of how the work tasks are performed for a specific employer or at a specific location.

SALARY CONTINUATION OR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE means continued payments to you by your Employer of all or part of your weekly earnings, after you become disabled as defined by the Policy. This continued payment must be part of an established plan maintained by your Employer for the benefit of all employees covered under the Policy. Salary continuation or accumulated sick leave does not include compensation paid to you by your Employer for work you actually perform after your disability begins. Such compensation is considered disability earnings, and would be taken into account in calculating your weekly payment.

SICKNESS means an illness or disease. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

WAITING PERIOD means the continuous period of time (shown in each plan) that you must be in active employment in an eligible group before you are eligible for coverage under a plan.

WE, US and **OUR** means First Unum Life Insurance Company.

WEEKLY BENEFIT means the total benefit amount for which an employee is insured under this plan subject to the maximum benefit.

WEEKLY EARNINGS means your gross weekly income from your Employer as defined in the plan.

WEEKLY PAYMENT means your payment after any deductible sources of income have been subtracted from your gross disability payment.

YOU means an employee who is eligible for Unum coverage.

Additional Claim and Appeal Information

APPLICABILITY OF ERISA

If this policy provides benefits under a Plan which is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the following provisions apply. Whether a Plan is governed by ERISA is determined by a court, however, your Employer may have information related to ERISA applicability. If ERISA applies, the following items constitute the Plan: the additional information contained in this document, the policy, including your certificate of coverage, and any additional summary plan description information provided by the Plan Administrator. Benefit determinations are controlled exclusively by the policy, your certificate of coverage, and the information in this document.

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

If you wish to file a claim for benefits, you should follow the claim procedures described in your insurance certificate. To complete your claim filing, Unum must receive the claim information it requests from you (or your authorized representative), your attending physician and your Employer. If you or your authorized representative has any questions about what to do, you or your authorized representative should contact Unum directly.

CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Unum will give you notice of the decision no later than 45 days after the claim is filed. This time period may be extended twice by 30 days if Unum both determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan and notifies you of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which Unum expects to render a decision. If such an extension is necessary due to your failure to submit the information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension will specifically describe the required information, and you will be afforded at least 45 days within which to provide the specified information. If you deliver the requested information within the time specified, any 30 day extension period will begin after you have provided that information. If you fail to deliver the requested information within the time specified, Unum may decide your claim without that information.

If your claim for benefits is wholly or partially denied, the notice of adverse benefit determination under the Plan will:

- state the specific reason(s) for the determination;
- reference specific Plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;
- describe additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and why such information is necessary;
- describe Plan procedures and time limits for appealing the determination, and your right to obtain information about those procedures and the right to bring a lawsuit under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse determination from Unum on appeal; and

- disclose any internal rule, guidelines, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse determination (or state that such information will be provided free of charge upon request).

Notice of the determination may be provided in written or electronic form. Electronic notices will be provided in a form that complies with any applicable legal requirements.

APPEAL PROCEDURES

You have 180 days from the receipt of notice of an adverse benefit determination to file an appeal. Requests for appeals should be sent to the address specified in the claim denial. A decision on review will be made not later than 45 days following receipt of the written request for review. If Unum determines that special circumstances require an extension of time for a decision on review, the review period may be extended by an additional 45 days (90 days in total). Unum will notify you in writing if an additional 45 day extension is needed.

If an extension is necessary due to your failure to submit the information necessary to decide the appeal, the notice of extension will specifically describe the required information, and you will be afforded at least 45 days to provide the specified information. If you deliver the requested information within the time specified, the 45 day extension of the appeal period will begin after you have provided that information. If you fail to deliver the requested information within the time specified, Unum may decide your appeal without that information.

You will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, or other information in support of your appeal. You will have access to all relevant documents as defined by applicable U.S. Department of Labor regulations. The review of the adverse benefit determination will take into account all new information, whether or not presented or available at the initial determination. No deference will be afforded to the initial determination.

The review will be conducted by Unum and will be made by a person different from the person who made the initial determination and such person will not be the original decision maker's subordinate. In the case of a claim denied on the grounds of a medical judgment, Unum will consult with a health professional with appropriate training and experience. The health care professional who is consulted on appeal will not be the individual who was consulted during the initial determination or a subordinate. If the advice of a medical or vocational expert was obtained by the Plan in connection with the denial of your claim, Unum will provide you with the names of each such expert, regardless of whether the advice was relied upon.

A notice that your request on appeal is denied will contain the following information:

- the specific reason(s) for the determination;
- a reference to the specific Plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;
- a statement disclosing any internal rule, guidelines, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request);

- a statement describing your right to bring a lawsuit under Section 502(a) of ERISA if you disagree with the decision;
- the statement that you are entitled to receive upon request, and without charge, reasonable access to or copies of all documents, records or other information relevant to the determination; and
- the statement that "You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your State insurance regulatory agency".

Notice of the determination may be provided in written or electronic form. Electronic notices will be provided in a form that complies with any applicable legal requirements.

Unless there are special circumstances, this administrative appeal process must be completed before you begin any legal action regarding your claim.

OTHER RIGHTS

Unum, for itself and as claims fiduciary for the Plan, is entitled to legal and equitable relief to enforce its right to recover any benefit overpayments caused by your receipt of deductible sources of income from a third party. This right of recovery is enforceable even if the amount you receive from the third party is less than the actual loss suffered by you but will not exceed the benefits paid you under the policy. Unum and the Plan have an equitable lien over such sources of income until any benefit overpayments have been recovered in full.

DISCRETIONARY ACTS

The Plan, acting through the Plan Administrator, delegates to Unum and its affiliate Unum Group discretionary authority to make benefit determinations under the Plan. Unum and Unum Group may act directly or through their employees and agents or further delegate their authority through contracts, letters or other documentation or procedures to other affiliates, persons or entities. Benefit determinations include determining eligibility for benefits and the amount of any benefits, resolving factual disputes, and interpreting and enforcing the provisions of the Plan. All benefit determinations must be reasonable and based on the terms of the Plan and the facts and circumstances of each claim.

Once you are deemed to have exhausted your appeal rights under the Plan, you have the right to seek court review under Section 502(a) of ERISA of any benefit determinations with which you disagree. The court will determine the standard of review it will apply in evaluating those decisions.