



Valdosta City Schools

Your Group Long Term Disability Plan

Policy No. 983129 012

Underwritten by Unum Life Insurance Company of America

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CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Unum Life Insurance Company of America (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.

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

LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

This long 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: July 1, 2025

POLICY NUMBER: 983129 012

ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

All Full-Time Employees in active employment in the United States with the Employer

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be working at least 17.5 hours per week.

WAITING PERIOD:

For employees in an eligible group on or before July 1, 2025: First of the month coincident with or next following 30 days of continuous active employment

For employees entering an eligible group after July 1, 2025: First of the month coincident with or next following 30 days of continuous active employment

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:

Your Employer pays the cost of your coverage.

ELIMINATION PERIOD:

180 days

Accumulation Period: 360 days

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

MONTHLY BENEFIT:

50% of monthly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$3,500 per month.

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

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:

Age at Disability	Maximum Period of Payment
Less than age 60	To age 65, but not less than 5 years
Age 60 through 64	5 years
Age 65 through 69	To age 70, but not less than 1 year
Age 70 and over	1 year

No premium payments are required for your coverage while you are receiving payments under this plan.

REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE BENEFIT:

10% of your gross disability payment to a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per month.

In addition, we will make monthly payments to you for 3 months following the date your disability ends if we determine you are no longer disabled while:

- you are participating in the Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program; and
- you are not able to find employment.

DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSE BENEFIT:

While you are participating in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program, you may receive payments to cover certain dependent care expenses limited to the following amounts:

Dependent Care Expense Benefit Amount: \$350 per month, per dependent

Dependent Care Expense Maximum Benefit Amount: \$1,000 per month for all eligible dependent care expenses combined

TOTAL BENEFIT CAP:

The total benefit payable to you on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under this plan) will not exceed 100% of your monthly earnings. However, if you are participating in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program, the total benefit payable to you on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under this plan) will not exceed 110% of your monthly earnings.

OTHER FEATURES:

Continuity of Coverage

Pre-Existing: 3/3/12

Survivor Benefit

Work Life Assistance Program

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

The plan includes enrollment, risk management and other support services related to your Employer's Benefit Program.

CLAIM INFORMATION

LONG 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. Notice of claim should be sent within 30 days after the date your disability begins. In addition, you must send Unum proof of your claim no later than one year after the date your disability begins unless your failure to do so is due to your lack of legal capacity. In no event can proof of your claim be submitted after the expiration of the time limit for commencing a legal proceeding as stated in the policy, even if your failure to provide proof of claim is due to a lack of legal capacity or if state law provides an exception to the one year time period.

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

HOW DO YOU FILE PROOF OF 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.

The form to use to submit your proof of claim is available from your Employer, or you can request the form from us. If you do not receive the form from Unum or your Employer within 10 days of your request, send Unum proof of claim without waiting for the form.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM?

Proof of your claim, provided at your expense, must show:

- the date your disability began;
- the existence and cause of your sickness or injury;
- that your sickness or injury causes you to have limitations on your functioning and restrictions on your activities preventing you from performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation or of any other gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training, or experience;
- that you are under the **regular care of a physician**;
- the name and address of any **hospital or institution** where you received treatment, including all attending physicians; and
- the appropriate documentation of your monthly earnings, any disability earnings, and any deductible sources of income.

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. We may also require that you send us appropriate financial records, which may include income tax returns, which we believe are necessary to substantiate your income. We may request that you send periodic proof of your claim. This proof, provided at your expense, must be received within 45 days of a request by us. Unum will deny your claim, or stop sending you payments, if the appropriate information is not submitted.

We may require you to be examined by a physician, other medical practitioner and/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 meet with and be interviewed by an authorized Unum Representative. Unum will deny your claim, or stop sending you payments, if you fail to comply with our requests.

TO WHOM WILL UNUM MAKE PAYMENTS?

Unum will make payments to you.

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;
- disability earnings; or
- deductible sources of income.

You must reimburse us in full. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made which may include reducing or withholding future payments including the minimum monthly payment.

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

Any unpaid premium due for your coverage under this policy may be recovered by us by offsetting against amounts otherwise payable to you under this policy, or by other legally permitted means.

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 for up to 12 months following the date 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 later of when original proof of your claim was first required to have been given; or your claim was denied; or your benefits were terminated, 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.

LONG 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 your **indexed monthly earnings** due to the same sickness or injury.

After 24 months of payments, you are disabled when Unum determines that due to the same sickness or injury, you are unable to perform the duties of any **gainful occupation** for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience.

You must be under the regular care of a physician in order to be considered disabled.

The loss of a professional or occupational license or certification does not, in itself, constitute disability.

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

You must be continuously disabled through your **elimination period**. The days that you are not disabled will not count toward your elimination period.

Your elimination period is 180 days.

In addition, if you return to work while satisfying your elimination period, and are no longer disabled, you may satisfy your elimination period within the **accumulation period**. You do not need to be continuously disabled through your elimination period if you are satisfying your elimination period under this provision. If you do not satisfy the elimination period within the accumulation period, a new period of disability will begin.

Your accumulation period is 360 days.

You are not required to have a 20% or more loss in your indexed monthly earnings due to the same injury or sickness to be considered disabled during the elimination period.

CAN YOU SATISFY YOUR ELIMINATION PERIOD IF YOU ARE WORKING?

Yes. If you are working while you are disabled, the days you are disabled will count toward your elimination period.

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 monthly for any period for which Unum is liable.

HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF YOU ARE DISABLED?

We will follow this process to figure your payment:

1. Multiply your monthly earnings by 50%.
2. The maximum **monthly benefit** is \$3,500.
3. Compare the answer from Item 1 with the maximum monthly 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 **monthly payment**.

Your monthly payment may be reduced based on your disability earnings.

If, at any time after the elimination period, you are disabled for less than 1 month, we will send you 1/30 of your monthly payment for each day of disability and 1/30 of any additional benefits for each day of disability.

WILL UNUM EVER PAY MORE THAN 100% OF MONTHLY EARNINGS?

The total benefit payable to you on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under this plan) will not exceed 100% of your monthly earnings. However, if you are participating in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program, the total benefit payable to you on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under this plan) will not exceed 110% of your monthly earnings.

WHAT ARE YOUR MONTHLY EARNINGS?

"Monthly Earnings" means your gross monthly income from your Employer, not including shift differential, 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 does not include income received from commissions, bonuses, overtime pay or any other extra compensation or income received from sources other than your Employer.

WHAT WILL WE USE FOR MONTHLY 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 monthly 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 monthly payment if you are disabled and your monthly **disability earnings**, if any, are less than 20% of your indexed monthly earnings, due to the same sickness or injury.

If you are disabled and your monthly disability earnings are from 20% through 80% of your indexed monthly earnings, due to the same sickness or injury, Unum will figure your payment as follows:

During the first 12 months of payments, while working, your monthly payment will not be reduced as long as disability earnings plus the gross disability payment does not exceed 100% of indexed monthly earnings.

1. Add your monthly disability earnings to your gross disability payment.
2. Compare the answer in Item 1 to your indexed monthly earnings.

If the answer from Item 1 is less than or equal to 100% of your indexed monthly earnings, Unum will not further reduce your monthly payment.

If the answer from Item 1 is more than 100% of your indexed monthly earnings, Unum will subtract the amount over 100% from your monthly payment.

After 12 months of payments, while working, you will receive payments based on the percentage of income you are losing due to your disability.

1. Subtract your disability earnings from your indexed monthly earnings.
2. Divide the answer in Item 1 by your indexed monthly earnings. This is your percentage of lost earnings.
3. Multiply your monthly payment by the answer in Item 2.

This is the amount Unum will pay you each month.

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

After the elimination period, if you are disabled for less than 1 month, we will send you 1/30 of your payment for each day of disability.

HOW DO WE PROTECT YOU IF YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS FLUCTUATE?

If your disability earnings have fluctuated from month to month, Unum may determine your benefit eligibility based on the average of your disability earnings over the most recent 3 months.

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 or are entitled to receive under:
 - a workers' compensation law.
 - an occupational disease law.
 - any other **act or law** with similar intent.
2. The amount that you receive or are entitled to receive as disability income or disability retirement payments under any:
 - state compulsory benefit **act or law**.
 - group plan sponsored by your Employer.
 - other group insurance plan.

- **governmental retirement system.**

3. The amount that you, your spouse and your children receive or are entitled to 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.
4. The amount that you receive as retirement payments or the amount your spouse and children receive as retirement payments because you are receiving retirement payments under:
 - the United States Social Security Act.
 - the Canada Pension Plan.
 - the Quebec Pension Plan.
 - any similar plan or act.
5. The amount that you receive as retirement payments under any governmental retirement system. Retirement payments do not include payments made at the later of age 62 or normal retirement age under your Employer's retirement plan which are attributable to contributions you made on a post tax basis to the system.

Regardless of how retirement payments are distributed, Unum will consider payments attributable to your post tax contributions to be distributed throughout your lifetime.

Amounts received do not include amounts rolled over or transferred to any eligible retirement plan. Unum will use the definition of eligible retirement plan as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code including any future amendments which affect the definition.

6. The amount that you:
 - receive as disability payments under your Employer's **retirement plan**.
 - voluntarily elect to receive as retirement payments under your Employer's retirement plan.
 - receive as retirement payments when you reach the later of age 62 or normal retirement age, as defined in your Employer's retirement plan.

Disability payments under a retirement plan will be those benefits which are paid due to disability and do not reduce the retirement benefit which would have been paid if the disability had not occurred.

Retirement payments will be those benefits which are based on your Employer's contribution to the retirement plan. Disability benefits which reduce the retirement benefit under the plan will also be considered as a retirement benefit.

Regardless of how the retirement funds from the retirement plan are distributed, Unum will consider your and your Employer's contributions to be distributed simultaneously throughout your lifetime.

Amounts received do not include amounts rolled over or transferred to any eligible retirement plan. Unum will use the definition of eligible retirement plan as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code including any future amendments which affect the definition.

7. The amount that you receive under Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones Act).

With the exception of retirement payments, Unum will only subtract deductible sources of income which are payable as a result of the same disability.

We will not reduce your payment by your Social Security retirement income if your disability begins after age 65 and you were already receiving Social Security retirement payments.

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
- no fault motor vehicle plans
- salary continuation or accumulated sick leave plans

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RECEIVE A COST OF LIVING INCREASE FROM DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?

Once Unum has subtracted any deductible source of income from your gross disability payment, Unum will not further reduce your payment due to a cost of living increase from that source.

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

When we determine that you may qualify for benefits under Item(s) 1, 2 and 3 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 Long Term Disability payment will NOT be reduced by the estimated amount if you:

- apply for the disability payments under Item(s) 1, 2 and 3 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 monthly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

HOW LONG WILL UNUM CONTINUE TO SEND YOU PAYMENTS?

Unum will send you a payment each month up to the **maximum period of payment**. Your maximum period of payment is based on your age at disability as follows:

<u>Age at Disability</u>	<u>Maximum Period of Payment</u>
Less than age 60	To age 65, but not less than 5 years
Age 60 through 64	5 years
Age 65 through 69	To age 70, but not less than 1 year
Age 70 and over	1 year

WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?

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

- during the first 24 months of payments, when you are able to work in your regular occupation on a **part-time basis** and you do not;
- after 24 months of payments, when you are able to work in any gainful occupation on a part-time basis and you do not;
- if you are working and your monthly disability earnings exceed 80% of your indexed monthly earnings, the date your earnings exceed 80%;
- the end of the maximum period of payment;
- the date you are no longer disabled under the terms of the plan, unless you are eligible to receive benefits under Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program;
- the date you fail to submit proof of continuing disability;
- after 12 months of payments if you are considered to reside outside the United States or Canada. You will be considered to reside outside these countries when you have been outside the United States or Canada for a total period of 6 months or more during any 12 consecutive months of benefits;
- the date you die.

WHAT DISABILITIES HAVE A LIMITED PAY PERIOD UNDER YOUR PLAN?

The lifetime cumulative maximum benefit period for all disabilities due to **mental illness** is 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid even if the disabilities:

- are not continuous; and/or
- are not related.

However, Unum will send you payments beyond the 24 month period if you meet one of these conditions:

1. If you are confined to a **hospital or institution** at the end of the 24 month period, Unum will continue to send you payments during your confinement.

If you are still disabled when you are discharged, Unum will send you payments for a recovery period of up to 90 days.

If you become reconfined at any time during the recovery period and remain confined for at least 14 days in a row, Unum will send payments during that additional confinement and for one additional recovery period up to 90 more days.

2. If you are not confined to a hospital or institution but become confined for a period of at least 14 days within 90 days after the 24 month period for which you have received payments, Unum will send payments during the length of the confinement.

Under no circumstances will Unum pay beyond the maximum period of payment as indicated in the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of your policy.

Unum will not apply the mental illness limitation to dementia if it is a result of:

- stroke;
- trauma;
- viral infection;
- Alzheimer's disease; or
- other conditions not listed which are not usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, or other similar methods of treatment.

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.
- loss of a professional license, occupational license or certification.
- commission of a crime for which you have been convicted.
- pre-existing condition.

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

Unum will not pay a benefit for any period of disability during which you are incarcerated.

WHAT IS A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION?

You have a pre-existing condition if:

- you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or took prescribed drugs or medicines in the 3 months just prior to your effective date of coverage; and
- the disability begins in the first 12 months after your effective date of coverage unless you have been **treatment free** for 3 consecutive months after your effective date of coverage.

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

If you have a **recurrent disability**, Unum will treat your disability as part of your prior claim and you will not have to complete another elimination period if:

- you were continuously insured under the plan for the period between the end of your prior claim and your recurrent disability; and
- your recurrent disability occurs within 6 months from the end of your prior claim.

Your recurrent disability will be subject to the same terms of the plan as your prior claim and will be treated as a continuation of that disability.

Any disability which occurs after 6 months from the date your prior claim ended will be treated as a new claim. The new claim will be subject to all of the policy provisions, including the elimination period.

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

LONG TERM DISABILITY

OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES

WHAT BENEFITS WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY IF YOU DIE OR ARE TERMINALLY ILL? (Survivor Benefit)

When Unum receives proof that you have died, we will pay your **eligible survivor** a lump sum benefit equal to 3 months of your gross disability payment if, on the date of your death:

- your disability had continued for 180 or more consecutive days; and
- you were receiving or were entitled to receive payments under the plan.

If you have no eligible survivors, payment will be made to your estate, unless there is none. In this case, no payment will be made.

However, we will first apply the survivor benefit to any overpayment which may exist on your claim.

You may receive your 3 month survivor benefit prior to your death if you have been diagnosed as terminally ill.

We will pay you a lump sum amount equal to 3 months of your gross disability payment if:

- you have been diagnosed with a terminal illness or condition;
- your life expectancy has been reduced to less than 12 months; and
- you are receiving monthly payments.

Your right to exercise this option and receive payment is subject to the following:

- you must make this election in writing to Unum; and
- your physician must certify in writing that you have a terminal illness or condition and your life expectancy has been reduced to less than 12 months.

This benefit is available to you on a voluntary basis and will only be payable once.

If you elect to receive this benefit prior to your death, no 3 month survivor benefit will be payable upon your death.

WHAT IF YOU ARE NOT IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT WHEN YOUR EMPLOYER CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM? (Continuity of Coverage)

When the plan becomes effective, Unum will provide coverage for you if:

- you are not in active employment because of a sickness or injury; and
- you were covered by the prior policy.

Your coverage is subject to payment of premium.

Your payment will be limited to the amount that would have been paid by the prior carrier. Unum will reduce your payment by any amount for which your prior carrier is liable.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION WHEN YOUR EMPLOYER CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM? (Continuity of Coverage)

Unum may send a payment if your disability results from a pre-existing condition if, you were:

- in active employment and insured under the plan on its effective date; and
- insured by the prior policy at the time of change.

In order to receive a payment you must satisfy the pre-existing condition provision under:

1. the Unum plan; or
2. the prior carrier's plan, if benefits would have been paid had that policy remained in force.

If you do not satisfy Item 1 or 2 above, Unum will not make any payments.

If you satisfy Item 1, we will determine your payments according to the Unum plan provisions.

If you only satisfy Item 2, we will administer your claim according to the Unum plan provisions. However, your payment will be the lesser of:

- a. the monthly benefit that would have been payable under the terms of the prior plan if it had remained in force; or
- b. the monthly payment under the Unum plan.

Your benefits will end on the earlier of the following dates:

1. the end of the maximum benefit period under the plan; or
2. the date benefits would have ended under the prior plan if it had remained in force.

HOW CAN UNUM'S REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELP YOU RETURN TO WORK?

Unum has a vocational Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program available to assist you in returning to work. We will determine whether you are eligible for this program. In order to be eligible for rehabilitation services and benefits, you must be medically able to engage in a return to work program.

Your claim file will be reviewed by one of Unum's rehabilitation professionals to determine if a rehabilitation program might help you return to gainful employment. As your file is reviewed, medical and vocational information will be analyzed to determine an appropriate return to work program.

We will make the final determination of your eligibility for participation in the program.

We will provide you with a written Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance plan developed specifically for you.

The rehabilitation program may include, but is not limited to, the following services and benefits:

- coordination with your Employer to assist you to return to work;
- adaptive equipment or job accommodations to allow you to work;
- vocational evaluation to determine how your disability may impact your employment options;
- job placement services;
- resume preparation;
- job seeking skills training; or
- education and retraining expenses for a new occupation.

WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS WILL UNUM PAY WHILE YOU PARTICIPATE IN A REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

We will pay an additional disability benefit of 10% of your gross disability payment to a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per month.

This benefit is not subject to policy provisions which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount such as Deductible Sources of Income. However, the Total Benefit Cap will apply.

In addition, we will make monthly payments to you for 3 months following the date your disability ends if we determine you are no longer disabled while:

- you are participating in the Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program; and
- you are not able to find employment.

This benefit payment may be paid in a lump sum.

WHEN WILL REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE BENEFITS END?

Benefits for the Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date Unum determines that you are no longer eligible to participate in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program; or
- any other date on which monthly payments would stop in accordance with this plan.

WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IS AVAILABLE FOR DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES TO ENABLE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN UNUM'S REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

While you are participating in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program, we will pay a Dependent Care Expense Benefit when you are disabled and you:

1. are incurring expenses to provide care for a child under the age of 15; and/or
2. start incurring expenses to provide care for a child age 15 or older or a family member who needs personal care assistance.

The payment of the Dependent Care Expense Benefit will begin immediately after you start Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program.

Our payment of the Dependent Care Expense Benefit will:

1. be \$350 per month, per **dependent**; and
2. not exceed \$1,000 per month for all dependent care expenses combined.

To receive this benefit, you must provide satisfactory proof that you are incurring expenses that entitle you to the Dependent Care Expense Benefit.

Dependent Care Expense Benefits will end on the earlier of the following:

1. the date you are no longer incurring expenses for your dependent;
2. the date you no longer participate in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program; or
3. any other date payments would stop in accordance with this plan.

OTHER SERVICES

These services are also available from us as part of your Unum Long Term Disability plan.

IS THERE A WORK LIFE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AVAILABLE WITH THE PLAN?

We do provide you and your dependents access to a work life assistance program designed to assist you with problems of daily living.

You can call and request assistance for virtually any personal or professional issue, from helping find a day care or transportation for an elderly parent, to researching possible colleges for a child, to helping to deal with the stress of the workplace. This work life program is available for everyday issues as well as crisis support.

This service is also available to your Employer.

This program can be accessed by a 1-800 telephone number available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or online through a website.

Information about this program can be obtained through your plan administrator.

HOW CAN UNUM HELP YOUR EMPLOYER IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE WORKSITE MODIFICATION?

A worksite modification might be what is needed to allow you to perform the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation with your Employer. One of our designated professionals will assist you and your Employer to identify a modification we agree is likely to help you remain at work or return to work. This agreement will be in writing and must be signed by you, your Employer and Unum.

When this occurs, Unum will reimburse your Employer for the cost of the modification, up to the greater of:

- \$1,000; or
- the equivalent of 2 months of your monthly benefit.

This benefit is available to you on a one time only basis.

HOW CAN UNUM'S SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIMANT ADVOCACY PROGRAM ASSIST YOU WITH OBTAINING SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS?

In order to be eligible for assistance from Unum's Social Security claimant advocacy program, you must be receiving monthly payments from us. Unum can provide expert advice regarding your claim and assist you with your application or appeal.

Receiving Social Security benefits may enable:

- you to receive Medicare after 24 months of disability payments;
- you to protect your retirement benefits; and
- your family to be eligible for Social Security benefits.

We can assist you in obtaining Social Security disability benefits by:

- helping you find appropriate legal representation;
- obtaining medical and vocational evidence; and
- reimbursing pre-approved case management expenses.

GLOSSARY

ACCUMULATION PERIOD means the period of time from the date disability begins during which you must satisfy the elimination period.

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 or are entitled to receive while you are disabled. This income will be subtracted from your gross disability payment.

DEPENDENT means:

- your child(ren) under the age of 15; and
- your child(ren) age 15 or over or a family member who requires personal care assistance.

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 person who is in active employment in the United States with the Employer.

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.

GAINFUL OCCUPATION means an occupation that is or can be expected to provide you with an income within 12 months of your return to work, that exceeds:

80% of your indexed monthly earnings, if you are working; or
60% of your indexed monthly earnings, if you are not working.

GOVERNMENTAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM means a plan which is part of any federal, state, county, municipal or association retirement system, including but not limited to, a

state teachers retirement system, public employees retirement system or other similar retirement system for state or local government employees providing for the payment of retirement and/or disability benefits to individuals.

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.

INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS means your monthly earnings adjusted on each anniversary of benefit payments by the lesser of 10% or the current annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. Your indexed monthly earnings may increase or remain the same, but will never decrease.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) is published by the U.S. Department of Labor. Unum reserves the right to use some other similar measurement if the Department of Labor changes or stops publishing the CPI-U.

Indexing is only used as a factor in the determination of the percentage of lost earnings while you are disabled and working and in the determination of gainful occupation.

INJURY means a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. 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:

- during the first 24 months of disability, the greatest extent of work you are able to do in your regular occupation, that is reasonably available.
- beyond 24 months of disability, the greatest extent of work you are able to do in any occupation, that is reasonably available, for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience.

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

MENTAL ILLNESS means a psychiatric or psychological condition classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association, most current as of the start of a disability. Such disorders include, but are not limited to, psychotic, emotional or behavioral disorders, or disorders relatable to stress. If the DSM is discontinued or replaced, these disorders will be those classified in the diagnostic manual then used by the American Psychiatric Association as of the start of a disability.

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

MONTHLY EARNINGS means your gross monthly income from your Employer as defined in the plan.

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

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

PRE-EXISTING CONDITION means a condition for which you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or took prescribed drugs or medicines for your condition during the given period of time as stated in the plan.

RECURRENT DISABILITY means a disability which is:

- caused by a worsening in your condition; and
- due to the same cause(s) as your prior disability for which Unum made a disability payment.

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.

RETIREMENT PLAN means a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan. These are plans which provide retirement benefits to employees and are not funded entirely by employee contributions. Retirement Plan does not include any plan which is part of any governmental retirement system.

SALARY CONTINUATION OR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE means continued payments to you by your Employer of all or part of your monthly 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 monthly payment.

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

SURVIVOR, ELIGIBLE means your spouse, if living; otherwise your children under age 25 equally.

TREATMENT FREE means you have not received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or taken prescribed drugs or medicines for the pre-existing condition.

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 Unum Life Insurance Company of America.

YOU means an employee who is eligible for Unum coverage.

LONG TERM DISABILITY/SHORT TERM DISABILITY

THE FOLLOWING NOTICES AND CHANGES TO YOUR COVERAGE ARE REQUIRED BY CERTAIN STATES. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

State variations apply and are subject to change. Consult your employer or plan administrator for the most current state provisions that may apply to you.

If you have a complaint about your insurance you may contact Unum at 1-800-321-3889, or the department of insurance in your state of residence. Links to the websites of each state department of insurance can be found at www.naic.org.

Si usted tiene alguna queja acerca de su seguro puede comunicarse con Unum al 1-800-321-3889, o al departamento de seguros de su estado de residencia. Puede encontrar enlaces a los sitios web de los departamentos de seguros de cada estado en www.naic.org.

The states of **Florida and Maryland** require us to advise residents of those states that if your Certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than the state in which you reside, it may not provide all of the benefits required by the laws of your residence state.

Full effect will be given to your state's civil union, domestic partner and same sex marriage laws to the extent they apply to you under a group insurance policy issued in another state.

If you are a resident of one of the states noted below, and the provisions referenced below appear in your Certificate in a form less favorable to you as an insured, they are amended as follows:

For residents of Colorado:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** provision in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy and in the **SPOUSE DISABILITY BENEFIT** provision in the **OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy is amended to provide that any exclusion for disabilities caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your intentionally self-inflicted injuries will be applied only if you were sane when the injury was inflicted.

For residents of Louisiana:

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 3 years.

For residents of Minnesota:

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

The **WHAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?** provision in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that deductible sources of income will not include any amounts you receive as mandatory portions of any "no fault" motor vehicle plan or any amounts received from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise, until after you have been fully compensated from this other source.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy will be applied by deleting the phrase "or you had symptoms for which an ordinarily prudent person would have consulted a health care provider."

If your coverage includes the **Spouse Disability Rider** benefit the exclusions for mental illness and alcoholism applicable to the rider are removed.

For residents of Montana:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The definition of pre-existing condition found in the provisions **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** and **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED FOR A COST OF LIVING INCREASE?** in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy, is amended to limit a pre-existing condition to "a sickness or injury for which you received medical advice or treatment from a provider of health care services or medical advice or treatment was recommended by a provider of health care services" during the time period specified in the policy.

For residents of New Hampshire:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

For residents of North Carolina:

The definition of pre-existing condition found in the provisions **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** and **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED FOR A COST OF LIVING INCREASE?** in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy, is amended by removing any reference to "symptoms arising from the sickness or injury, whether diagnosed or not."

For residents of South Carolina:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The **WHAT IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION WHEN YOUR EMPLOYER CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM?** provision in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy, is amended to provide that Unum will credit the pre-existing condition period you satisfied under another similar group disability policy if you were covered under the prior policy within 30 days of being effective under this policy and you applied for this coverage when you first became eligible.

For residents of South Dakota:

The **Pre-existing Condition** limitation in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** limitation in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of Texas:

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy will be applied by deleting the phrase "or you had symptoms for which an ordinarily prudent person would have consulted a health care provider."

For residents of Utah:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it

will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

For residents of Vermont:

If the policy is marketed in Vermont, the policyholder has a principal office or is organized in Vermont, or there are more than 25 Vermont residents insured under the policy:

The limitation specifying the number of months payments will be made for a disability caused by a mental and nervous condition is removed.

The **MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT** stated in the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is reduced to 17.5 hours per week.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of West Virginia:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of Wisconsin:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

**Additional Claim and Appeal Information
Relative to policy issued by Unum Life Insurance Company of America ("Unum")**

APPLICABILITY OF ERISA

If the 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 disability earnings or 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.

**Addendum to the "Additional Summary Plan Description Information"
included with your certificate of coverage or policy
and effective for claims filed on or after April 1, 2018.**

The regulations governing ERISA disability claims and appeals have been amended. The amended regulations apply to disability claims filed on or after April 1, 2018. To the extent the Additional Summary Plan Description Information included with your certificate of coverage or policy conflicts with these new requirements, these new rights and procedures will apply.

These new rights and procedures include:

Any cancellation or discontinuance of your disability coverage that has a retroactive effect will be treated as an adverse benefit determination, except in the case of failure to timely pay required premiums or contributions toward the cost of coverage.

If you live in a county with a significant population of non-English speaking persons, the plan will provide, in the non-English language(s), a statement of how to access oral and written language services in those languages.

For any adverse benefit determination, you will be provided with an explanation of the basis for disagreeing or not following the views of: (1) health care professionals who have treated you or vocational professionals who have evaluated you; (2) the advice of medical or vocational professionals obtained on behalf of the plan; and (3) any disability determination made by the Social Security Administration regarding you and presented to the plan by you.

For any adverse benefit determination, you will be given either the specific internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria of the plan relied upon in making that decision, or a statement that such rules, etc. do not exist.

Prior to a final decision being made on an appeal, you will have the opportunity to review and respond to any new or additional rationale or evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the plan in connection with your claim.

If an adverse benefit determination is upheld on appeal, you will be given notice of any applicable contractual limitations period that applies to your right to bring legal proceedings and the calendar date on which that period expires.

Should the plan fail to establish or follow ERISA required disability claims procedures, you may be entitled to pursue legal remedies under section 502(a) of the Act without exhausting your administrative remedies, as more completely set forth in section 503-1(l).