



Mineral Wells Independent School District

Your Group Disability Plan

Policy No. 123446 011

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.

Unum Life Insurance Company of America
2211 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04122

The insurance policy under which this certificate is issued is not a policy of Workers' Compensation Insurance. You should consult your Employer to determine whether your employer is a subscriber to the Workers' Compensation system.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call Unum's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-321-3889
OPTION NUMBER 2

You may also write to Unum at:

Deborah J. Jewett, Manager
Customer Relations
Unum Life Insurance Company of America
2211 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04122

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

1-800-252-3439

You may also write the Texas Department of Insurance
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
FAX: (512) 475-1771

Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>

E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Unum's para informacion o para someter una queja al:

1-800-321-3889
OPCION NUMERO 2

Usted tambien puede escribir a Unum:

Deborah J. Jewett
Gerente de Relaciones al
Cliente
Unum Life Insurance Company of America
2211 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04122

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

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DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el la compania primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

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BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

DISABILITY PLAN

This 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 of your coverage in effect just prior to your date of disability. In some cases, you can receive disability payments even if you work while you are disabled.

EMPLOYER'S ORIGINAL PLAN

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2007

PLAN YEAR:

March 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008 and each following March 1 to March 1

POLICY NUMBER: 123446 011

ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

All Employees in active employment in the United States with the Employer

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be working at least 20 hours per week.

WAITING PERIOD:

For employees in an eligible group on or before March 1, 2007: The greater of the waiting period in effect under the prior Unum plan, if any, or None

For employees entering an eligible group after March 1, 2007: First of the month 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:

You pay the cost of your coverage.

ELIMINATION PERIOD:

Option A

0 days for disability due to an injury

7 days for disability due to a sickness

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an inpatient, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

Option B

14 days for disability due to an injury

14 days for disability due to a sickness

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an inpatient, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

Option C

30 days for disability due to an injury

30 days for disability due to a sickness

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an inpatient, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

Option D

60 days for disability due to an injury

60 days for disability due to a sickness

Option E

90 days for disability due to an injury

90 days for disability due to a sickness

Option F

180 days for disability due to an injury

180 days for disability due to a sickness

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

MONTHLY BENEFIT:

Amounts in \$100 benefit units as applied for by you and approved by Unum, starting at a minimum of \$200.

The monthly benefit will be the lesser of:

- the amount you've applied for;
- 66.6667% of monthly earnings rounded to the nearest \$100 if not already an exact multiple thereof; or
- a maximum monthly benefit of \$7,500.

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:

(ADEA II)

<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

After you have received disability payments under this plan for 90 consecutive days, no premium payments are required for your coverage while you are receiving payments under this plan.

Your disability plan does not cover disabilities due to an occupational sickness or injury.

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

EDUCATION BENEFIT:

\$200 per month, per child

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

Minimum Benefit

Pre-Existing: 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.

CLAIM INFORMATION

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 no later than 1 year after the time proof is otherwise required except in the absence of legal capacity.

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 monthly 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.

The initial payment for a payable claim will be made within 60 days from the date proof is received.

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; 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**.

WHAT COVERAGE OPTIONS DOES THE PLAN PROVIDE?

This plan provides benefit units that you can choose. You may apply for any number of benefit units, however, you cannot be covered for more than the maximum monthly benefit available under the plan. In no event will the monthly benefit exceed 66.6667% of your monthly earnings rounded to the nearest \$100 if not already an exact multiple thereof.

If this plan provides additional coverage options for you to select from, you may apply for these other options. Refer to the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section and the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section for the additional coverage options, if any.

WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE BEGIN?

You will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for insurance on or before that date.

If you first become eligible for coverage after the plan effective date, you will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the later of:

- the date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for insurance on or before that date; or
- the date you apply for insurance, if you apply within 60 days after your eligibility date.

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY FOR COVERAGE IF YOU DID NOT APPLY WHEN YOU WERE FIRST ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE OR VOLUNTARILY CANCELLED YOUR COVERAGE?

You can apply for coverage only during an **annual enrollment period**. Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends.

Your coverage will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the next plan year.

WHEN CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR COVERAGE?

You can change your coverage during an annual enrollment period. During an annual enrollment period, you may choose to:

- increase your coverage by any number of benefit units up to the maximum monthly benefit available under the plan;
- decrease your coverage by any number of benefit units, provided it is not to an amount less than \$200;
- keep your coverage at the same number of benefit units; or
- not participate in the plan.

In no event will the monthly benefit exceed 66.6667% of your monthly earnings rounded to the nearest \$100 if not already an exact multiple thereof.

If this plan provides additional coverage options for you to select from, you can also change your coverage by applying for a different option. Refer to the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section and the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section for the additional coverage options, if any.

A change in coverage that is made during an annual enrollment period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first day of the next plan year.

In addition, at any time during the plan year, you may:

- choose to not participate in the plan; or
- decrease your coverage by any number of benefit units, provided it is not to an amount less than \$200.

Your coverage will end or be decreased on the later of:

- the date you provide in a written notice to your Employer; or
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions.

Unum will provide coverage for a **payable claim** which occurs while you are covered under the plan. Any decrease in coverage will not affect a payable claim that occurs prior to the decrease.

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 school year in which your temporary layoff begins. However, if you are a contracted employee, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of your Employer's current school contract year in which your temporary layoff begins.

If you are on a sabbatical **leave of absence**, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of your Employer's current school contract year in which your sabbatical leave of absence begins.

If you are on any other leave of absence, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of the school year in which your leave of absence begins. However, if you are a contracted employee, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of your Employer's current school contract year in which your leave of absence begins.

WHEN WILL CHANGES TO YOUR COVERAGE TAKE EFFECT?

Once your coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage due to a plan change requested by your Employer will take effect immediately if you are in active employment or 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 due to a plan change requested by your Employer 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 but still in active employment;
- the date your eligible group is no longer covered;
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions; or
- the later of:
 - the last day you are in active employment except as provided under the covered layoff or leave of absence provision; or
 - if applicable, the last day of your contract with your Employer but not beyond the end of your Employer's current school contract year.

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 material 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. A copy of the statements will be provided to you or your beneficiary. These statements cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least two years.

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

- use the facts to determine if you have coverage under the plan according to the policy provisions 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.

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; and
- during the elimination period, you are unable to perform any of the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation.

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.

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 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**.

OPTION A

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, benefits begin immediately.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 7 days.

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an **inpatient**, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

OPTION B

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 14 days.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 14 days.

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an **inpatient**, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

OPTION C

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.

If, because of your disability, you are hospital confined as an **inpatient**, benefits begin on the first day of inpatient confinement.

Unum will treat your disability as continuous if your disability stops for 3 days or less during the elimination period. The days that you are not disabled will not count toward your elimination period.

OPTION D

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 60 days.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 60 days.

Unum will treat your disability as continuous if your disability stops for 5 days or less during the elimination period. The days that you are not disabled will not count toward your elimination period.

OPTION E

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 90 days.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 90 days.

Unum will treat your disability as continuous if your disability stops for 30 days or less during the elimination period. The days that you are not disabled will not count toward your elimination period.

OPTION F

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 180 days.

If your disability is the result of a sickness, your elimination period is 180 days.

Unum will treat your disability as continuous if your disability stops for 30 days or less during the elimination period. The days that you are not disabled will not 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. Your **gross disability payment** is the **monthly benefit** in effect just prior to your date of disability.
2. Subtract from your gross disability payment any **deductible sources of income**.

The amount figured in Item 2 is your **monthly payment**.

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?

For enrollment purposes only, "Monthly Earnings" means your monthly income, as defined below, in effect on the date you are enrolling for coverage for the first time or at any subsequent annual enrollment period. During enrollment, your monthly earnings are only used to determine the highest monthly benefit for which you are eligible.

"Monthly Earnings" means 1/12th of your annual contract salary in effect just prior to your date of disability. It is 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 stipends paid by your Employer or contracted in writing to be paid by your Employer, for the contract year during which you became disabled. It will only include stipends paid for the following:

- a. participating as a coach or a leader in any school extracurricular activity for which you are paid; and
- b. any oil or refinery stipends.

It does not include income received from car, housing or moving allowances, commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, Employer contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan 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.

Unum may require you to send proof of your monthly disability earnings at least quarterly. We will adjust your payment based on your quarterly 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.

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 CAN WE PROTECT YOU IF YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS FLUCTUATE?

If your disability earnings routinely fluctuate widely from month to month, Unum may average your disability earnings over the most recent 3 months 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 months exceeds 80% of indexed monthly earnings.

We will not pay you for any month during which disability earnings exceed 80% of indexed monthly earnings.

WHAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?

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

1. The amount of earnings you receive from your Employer's sabbatical leave plan, or similar leave of absence plan, less the cost of paying a substitute teacher if you are required to do so.
2. The amount of earnings you receive from your Employer's assault leave plan, or similar leave of absence plan, as a result of your being physically assaulted while acting in your official capacity.
3. The amount of earnings you receive from an extended sick leave plan as described in Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:1202, 17:500.2 or any other act or law with similar intent.

NOTE: After 12 months of disability payments, the following additional deductible source(s) of income will be subtracted from your gross disability payment in addition to the above mentioned sources.

4. 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**.
 - automobile liability insurance policy.
 - other group insurance plan.
 - **governmental retirement system**.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The amount that you receive as retirement payments, other than disability retirement payments, under any governmental retirement system.
8. 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.

9. The amount that you receive under Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones Act).
10. The amount that you receive from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise.
11. The amount that you receive under a **salary continuation** or **accumulated sick leave** plan.

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

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

The minimum monthly payment is 25% of your gross disability payment.

Unum may apply this amount toward an outstanding overpayment.

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?

Beyond 12 months of disability payments:

When we determine that you may qualify for benefits under Item(s) 4 and 5 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 disability payment will NOT be reduced by the estimated amount if you:

- apply for the disability payments under Item(s) 4 and 5 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:

(ADEA II)

<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?

Regardless of whether school is in session or not, 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** but you choose not to;
- after 24 months of payments, when you are able to work in any gainful occupation on a part-time basis but you choose not to;
- 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** and disabilities based primarily on **self-reported symptoms** is 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid for any combination of such disabilities even if the disabilities:

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

Unum will continue to send you payments beyond the 24 month period if you meet one or both 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. In addition to Item 1, if, after the 24 month period for which you have received payments, you continue to be disabled and subsequently become confined to a hospital or institution for at least 14 days in a row, Unum will send payments during the length of the reconfinement.

Unum will not pay beyond the limited pay period as indicated above, or the maximum period of payment, whichever occurs first.

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:

- **occupational sickness or injury**, however, Unum will cover disabilities due to occupational sicknesses or injuries for partners or sole proprietors who cannot be covered by a workers' compensation law.
- 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.

In addition, this plan will not cover an increase in your coverage made during an annual enrollment period if you have a pre-existing condition. An increase in

coverage includes, if applicable to the plan, applying for additional benefit units, selecting a greater maximum period of payment and/or a shorter elimination period. 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 the date your coverage increased; and
- the disability begins in the first 12 months after your coverage increased.

However, if during an annual enrollment period you increase your monthly benefit to the maximum amount for which you are then eligible, and if your monthly benefit in effect just prior to this annual enrollment period was the maximum amount for which you were eligible on the date you last enrolled under the Unum plan, then the above pre-existing condition provision will not apply to the increase in your monthly benefit.

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 are covered under another group disability plan on the date of your recurrent disability and are entitled to payments under that plan, you will not be eligible for further payments from Unum.

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 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 elimination period will be the shorter of:

- a. the elimination period under the prior plan if it had remained in force; or
- b. the elimination period 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.

WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION EXPENSES?

If you are disabled and receiving disability monthly benefits under this policy, you will receive a monthly Education Benefit in the amount of \$200 for each child that is an **eligible student**. Education Benefits are in addition to your disability monthly benefit.

Benefits will be payable in between terms as long as the eligible student is enrolled for the next scheduled term.

Education Benefits will stop at the earliest of:

1. the date the child is no longer an eligible student; or
2. any other date monthly payments would stop in accordance with this plan.

OTHER SERVICES

These services are also available from us as part of your Unum 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

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; 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.

Days of labor dispute, strike, work slowdown or lockout are not considered active employment.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD means a period of time as determined by Unum and your Employer before the beginning of each plan year, not to exceed 60 consecutive days.

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**.

ELIGIBLE STUDENT means your unmarried dependent child(ren) who are:

1. less than 25 years of age; and
2. attending an accredited post-secondary school beyond the 12th grade level on a **full-time** basis.

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.

FULL-TIME, as used with the Education Benefit, means a full course load as defined by the accredited post-secondary school.

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. 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.

INPATIENT means that you are confined to a hospital room due to your sickness or injury for 23 or more consecutive hours. Your admission and discharge dates and time must be 23 or more consecutive hours apart.

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.

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.

OCCUPATIONAL SICKNESS OR INJURY means a sickness or injury that was caused by or aggravated by any employment for pay or profit.

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.

SELF-REPORTED SYMPTOMS means the manifestations of your condition which you tell your physician, that are not verifiable using tests, procedures or clinical examinations standardly accepted in the practice of medicine. Examples of self-reported symptoms include, but are not limited to headaches, pain, fatigue, stiffness, soreness, ringing in ears, dizziness, numbness and loss of energy.

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.

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.

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.