



**Belk Stores Services, Inc.**

Your Group Long Term Disability Plan

Policy No. 427614 011

Underwritten by Unum Life Insurance Company of America

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## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

**SUBJECT:** Group Long Term Disability

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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**IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION - Please read the provision entitled "When Does Your Coverage End?" found under "General Provisions".**

**PRE-EXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSIONS - The Policy contains pre-existing condition exclusions. Please read the provision entitled "What is a Pre-existing Condition?" found under "Benefit Information".**

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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. In some cases, you can receive disability payments even if you work while you are disabled.

### EMPLOYER'S ORIGINAL PLAN

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2020

**POLICY NUMBER:** 427614 011

### ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

#### Group 1

Hourly and Salaried Corporate Associates of Belk Store Services in active employment in the United States with the Employer, excluding temporary and seasonal employees and non-US citizens

#### Group 2

All Store and Distribution Center Associates of the Stores in active employment in the United States with the Employer, excluding temporary and seasonal employees and non-US citizens

#### Group 3

Belk Store Services and Store Officers who are Vice Presidents and above in active employment in the United States with the Employer, excluding temporary and seasonal employees and non-US citizens

### MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be in active employment at least 30 hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis.

### WAITING PERIOD:

For employees in an eligible group on or before the plan effective date: None

For employees entering an eligible group after the plan effective date: None

Employees are not eligible for coverage until the waiting period has been completed.

### ENROLLMENT:

Employees who are eligible may apply for their coverage at any time within the first 31 days of being eligible.

After 31 days, employees who are eligible may apply for their coverage during any scheduled enrollment period.

You may cancel any coverage for which you make contributions at any time.

### EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY:

Evidence of insurability is required:

- for any amount of coverage applied for more than 31 days after you are first eligible for coverage.
- if you reapply for coverage after it terminates.

### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:

You must make contributions for your coverage.

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

**ELIMINATION PERIOD:**

The later of:

- 90 days; or
- the date your insured Short Term Disability payments end, if applicable.

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

**MONTHLY BENEFIT:**

60% of monthly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$15,000 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.**

**MINIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT:**

The greater of:

- \$100; or
- 10% of your gross disability payment.

**MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:**

<u>Age at Disability</u>	<u>Maximum Period of Payment</u>
Less than Age 62	To Social Security Normal Retirement Age
Age 62	60 months
Age 63	48 months
Age 64	42 months
Age 65	36 months
Age 66	30 months
Age 67	24 months
Age 68	18 months
Age 69 or older	12 months

  

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Social Security Normal Retirement Age</u>
1937 or before	65 years
1938	65 years 2 months
1939	65 years 4 months
1940	65 years 6 months
1941	65 years 8 months
1942	65 years 10 months
1943-1954	66 years
1955	66 years 2 months
1956	66 years 4 months
1957	66 years 6 months
1958	66 years 8 months
1959	66 years 10 months
1960 and after	67 years

**OTHER FEATURES:**

Continuity of Coverage

Conversion

Dependent Care Expense Benefit

Pre-Existing: 12/24

Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance Benefit

Survivor Benefit

**The above items are only highlights of this plan. For a full description of your coverage, continue reading your certificate of coverage and if you make contributions to the plan, refer to your confirmation of coverage. 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 this 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 15 days of your request, send Unum proof of claim without waiting for the form.

#### ***WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM?***

##### **Hourly and Salaried Corporate Associates of Belk Store Services, All Store and Distribution Center Associates of the stores**

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.

**Belk Store Services and Store Officers who are Vice Presidents and above**  
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;
- 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?***

Your coverage will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the later of:

- the date you are eligible for coverage; or
- the date you apply for coverage.

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

You can apply for coverage only during a **scheduled enrollment period**. Evidence of insurability is required. Unum and your Employer determine when the scheduled enrollment period begins and ends. Your coverage will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the date Unum approves your application.

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 or sickness, your coverage will begin on the date you return to **active employment**.

### ***WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR COVERAGE UNDER THIS POLICY WHILE YOU ARE ON A FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE?***

We will continue your coverage in accordance with your Employer's Human Resource policy on family and medical leaves of absence if premium payments continue and your Employer has approved your leave in writing.

Your coverage will be continued until the end of the later of:

1. the leave period required by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments; or

2. the leave period required by applicable state law.

If your Employer's Human Resource policy doesn't provide for continuation of your coverage during a family and medical leave of absence, your coverage will be reinstated when you return to active employment.

We will not:

- apply a new waiting period;
- apply a new pre-existing condition exclusion; or
- require evidence of insurability.

### ***WHEN WILL CHANGES MADE BY YOUR EMPLOYER TAKE EFFECT?***

Once your coverage begins, any change requested by your Employer will take effect immediately if you are in active employment.

If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any 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 effective date of the change.

### ***WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE END?***

If you choose to cancel your coverage under the policy or a plan, your coverage ends on the first of the month following the date you provide notification to your Employer.

Otherwise, your coverage under the policy or a plan ends on the earliest of the following:

- 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;
- the last day you are in active employment; or
- the date the policy or a plan is cancelled. In addition to nonpayment of premium, Unum may cancel the policy or a plan if:
  - participation requirements are not met;
  - fewer than 10 employees are insured under the plan;
  - the Policyholder does not promptly provide us with information that is reasonably required; or
  - the Policyholder fails to perform any of its obligations that relate to the policy.

However, as long as premium is paid as required, coverage will continue:

- while benefits are being paid; or
- while you are fulfilling the requirements of your elimination period.

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 make in a signed application for coverage or evidence of insurability form, or that your Employer makes in the application process, 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.

As a basis for doing this, we will use only statements made by the Employer in the application process or statements made by you in a signed application or evidence of insurability form.

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 MAY UNUM COMMUNICATE WITH YOU OR YOUR EMPLOYER?***

Unum may provide notices, information and other communications to you or your Employer in written, electronic or telephonic form.

### ***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?***

##### **Hourly and Salaried Corporate Associates of Belk Store Services, All Store and Distribution Center Associates of the stores**

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.

##### **Belk Store Services and Store Officers who are Vice Presidents and above**

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.

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**. 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.

Your elimination period is the later of:

- 90 days; or
- the date your insured Short Term Disability payments end, if applicable.

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 60%.
2. The maximum **monthly benefit** is \$15,000.
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?***

**If you were hired prior to September 30th of the prior calendar year just prior to your date of disability**

"Monthly Earnings" means your average gross monthly income from your Employer in effect just prior to the date of disability and is calculated as the greater of:

- 1) for the prior 12 calendar month period as of September 30th or the period of employment if employed less than 12 months.

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 benefit plans, or flexible spending account. It includes income received from base pay,



commissions and bonuses but does not include overtime pay, shift differential, allowances, any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than your Employer.

or;

2) your gross monthly rate of pay based on your regular scheduled hours (current hourly rate of pay times your regular monthly scheduled hours, if you are hourly) as of September 30th. The amount calculated above is frozen as of September 30th and is used to determine your monthly earnings for the following calendar year.

**If you were hired on or after September 30th of the prior calendar year just prior to your date of disability**

"Monthly Earnings" means your gross monthly rate of pay (current hourly rate of pay times your regular monthly scheduled hours, if you are hourly) from your Employer on your date of hire.

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 benefit plans, or flexible spending account. It includes income received from base pay but does not include commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, shift differential, allowances, any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than your Employer.

***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:

#### **Hourly and Salaried Corporate Associates of Belk Store Services, All Store and Distribution Center Associates of the stores**

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 for the same period of disability for which we are paying benefits.

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.

### **Belk Store Services and Store Officers who are Vice Presidents and above**

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 receive or are entitled to receive as disability payments or the amount you receive as retirement payments under:
- the United States Social Security Act.
  - the Canada Pension **Plan**.
  - the Quebec Pension Plan.
  - any similar plan or act.

We will not offset for any amount received by your spouse or dependents.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 for the same period of disability for which we are paying benefits.

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, except disability income payments you receive under a group plan sponsored by your Employer

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

The minimum monthly payment is the greater of:

- \$100; or
- 10% 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?**

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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 and your Long Term Disability payment will be reduced by these 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 if denied, appeal to all administrative levels Unum feels are necessary;
- provide documentation of your application and/or appeal; 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.

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### ***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 62	To Social Security Normal Retirement Age
Age 62	60 months
Age 63	48 months
Age 64	42 months
Age 65	36 months
Age 66	30 months
Age 67	24 months
Age 68	18 months
Age 69 or older	12 months

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Social Security Normal Retirement Age</u>
1937 or before	65 years
1938	65 years 2 months
1939	65 years 4 months
1940	65 years 6 months
1941	65 years 8 months
1942	65 years 10 months
1943-1954	66 years
1955	66 years 2 months
1956	66 years 4 months
1957	66 years 6 months
1958	66 years 8 months
1959	66 years 10 months
1960 and after	67 years

## **WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?**

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

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- 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.

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- 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.

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 12 months just prior to your effective date of coverage; and
- the disability begins in the first 24 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)***

Unum will provide coverage for you if, as of the effective date of this policy you were covered by the prior policy on the day before the effective date of this policy.

Your coverage is subject to payment of premium and all other terms of this policy.

If you have not returned to active employment before your disability begins, your payment will be limited to the amount that would have been paid by the prior carrier. Unum will reduce your payment by an amount for which your prior carrier is liable.

**WHAT IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION AFTER YOUR EMPLOYER CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM OR AFTER YOU BECOME INSURED UNDER THE UNUM PLAN DUE TO A MERGER, ACQUISITION OR AFFILIATION? (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 longer 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.

**WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE IF YOU END EMPLOYMENT? (Conversion)**

If you end employment with your Employer, your coverage under the plan will end. You may be eligible to purchase insurance under Unum's group conversion policy. To be eligible, you must have been insured under your Employer's group plan for at least 12 consecutive months. We will consider the amount of time you were insured under the Unum plan and the plan it replaced, if any.

You must apply for insurance under the conversion policy and pay the first quarterly premium within 31 days after the date your employment ends.

Unum will determine the coverage you will have under the conversion policy. The conversion policy may not be the same coverage we offered you under your Employer's group plan.

You are not eligible to apply for coverage under Unum's group conversion policy if:

- you are or become insured under another group long term disability plan within 31 days after your employment ends;
- you are disabled under the terms of the plan;
- you recover from a disability and do not return to work for your Employer;
- you are on a leave of absence; or
- your coverage under the plan ends for any of the following reasons:
  - the plan is cancelled;
  - the plan is changed to exclude the group of employees to which you belong;
  - you are no longer in an eligible group;
  - you end your working career or retire and receive payment from any Employer's retirement plan;
  - you fail to pay the required premium under this plan; or
  - you were insured under your Employer's group plan for less than 12 consecutive months.

### ***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.

### ***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 or the vendor providing the worksite modification services, 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 regularly scheduled to work on average at least the minimum number of hours as described under the minimum hours requirement 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.

**EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION** in the context of a retirement plan that is part of any federal, state, county, municipal or association retirement system means any contribution made by your Employer and any contribution made on your behalf which has been picked up by your Employer under Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h)(2) so that it does not constitute taxable income to you.

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**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.

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

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

**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, a business or professional partner, or any person who has a financial affiliation or business interest with you, 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 which met the elimination period and 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.

If you have reached your maximum point of recovery and do not require prescription medications or other therapies to maintain that level of recovery, but you are still disabled under the terms of the plan, you will not be required to personally visit a physician or be under the care of a physician on a regular basis.

**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.

**SCHEDULED ENROLLMENT PERIOD** means a period of time determined by Unum and your Employer.

**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.

**TOTAL BENEFIT CAP** means 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.

**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](http://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](http://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:**

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#### 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.

## ERISA

### Additional Summary Plan Description Information

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. These provisions, together with your certificate of coverage, constitute the summary plan description. The summary plan description and the policy constitute the Plan. Benefit determinations are controlled exclusively by the policy, your certificate of coverage and the information contained in this document.

**Name of Plan:**

Belk Stores Services, Inc. Health & Welfare Plan

**Name and Address of Employer:**

Belk Stores Services, Inc.  
2801 W Tyvola Road  
Charlotte, California  
28217

**Plan Identification Number:**

- a. Employer IRS Identification #: 56-0616731
- b. Plan #: 522

**Type of Welfare Plan:**

Disability Income

**Type of Administration:**

The Plan is administered by the Plan Administrator. Benefits are administered by the insurer and provided in accordance with the insurance policy issued to the Plan.

**ERISA Plan Year Ends:**

December 31

**Plan Administrator, Name, Address, and Telephone Number:**

Belk Stores Services, Inc.  
2801 W Tyvola Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
28217  
(704) 426-1890

Belk Stores Services, Inc. is the Plan Administrator and named fiduciary of the Plan, with authority to delegate its duties. The Plan Administrator may designate Trustees of the Plan, in which case the Administrator will advise you separately of the name, title and address of each Trustee.

**Agent for Service of Legal Process on the Plan:**

Belk Stores Services, Inc.  
2801 W Tyvola Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
28217

Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator, or a Trustee of the Plan, if any.

**Funding and Contributions:**

The Plan is funded by insurance issued by Unum Life Insurance Company of America, 2211 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04122 (hereinafter referred to as "Unum") under policy number 427614 011. Contributions to the Plan are made as stated under "WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE" in the Certificate of Coverage.

**EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO AMEND THE PLAN**

The Employer reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to amend, modify, or terminate, in whole or in part, any or all of the provisions of the Plan (including any related documents and underlying policies), at any time and for any reason or no reason. Any amendment, modification, or termination must be in writing and endorsed on or attached to the Plan.

**EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO REQUEST POLICY CHANGE**

The Employer can request a policy change. Only an officer of Unum can approve a change. The change must be in writing and endorsed on or attached to the policy.

**MODIFYING OR CANCELLING THE POLICY OR A PLAN UNDER THE POLICY**

The policy or a plan under the policy can be cancelled:

- by Unum; or
- by the Employer.

Unum may cancel or modify the policy or a plan if:

- our participation requirements are not met, as applicable;
- the Employer does not promptly provide Unum with information that is reasonably required;
- the Employer fails to perform any of its obligations that relate to the policy;
- the premium is not paid in accordance with the provisions of the policy that specify whether the Employer, the employee, or both, pay(s) the premiums;
- the Employer does not promptly report to Unum the names of any employees who are added or deleted from the eligible group;
- Unum determines that there is a significant change, in the size, occupation or age of the eligible group as a result of a corporate transaction such as a merger, divestiture, acquisition, sale or reorganization of the Employer and/or its employees; or
- a change in federal or state law or regulation substantially impacts the policy or the risks insured.

If Unum cancels or modifies the policy or a plan, for any of the reasons listed above, a written notice will be delivered to the Employer at least 45 days prior to the cancellation date or modification date. The Employer may cancel the policy or a plan if the modifications are unacceptable.

If any premium is not paid during the 60 day grace period, the policy or plan will terminate automatically at the end of the grace period. The Employer is liable for premium for coverage during the grace period. The Employer must pay Unum for premium due for the full period the policy is in force. In the event of termination, the policy or plan may be reinstated only as agreed upon by Unum and the Employer. If Unum agrees to reinstate the policy or plan, such reinstatement will not constitute waiver of the termination provision in the future.

The Employer may cancel the policy or a plan by written notice delivered to Unum at least 31 days prior to the cancellation date. When both the Employer and Unum agree, the policy or a plan can be cancelled on an earlier date. If Unum or the Employer cancels the policy or a plan, coverage will end at 12:00 midnight on the last day of coverage.

If the policy or a plan is cancelled, the cancellation will not affect a payable claim.

## **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.

## **YOUR RIGHTS UNDER ERISA**

As a participant in the Plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

### Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

### Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your Employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

## Enforce Your Rights

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, if, for example, it finds your claim is frivolous.

## Assistance with Your Questions

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

## **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).



## **NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a brief summary regarding the protections provided to policyholders by the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association ("the Association"). The purpose of the Association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within certain limits, in the unlikely event that the member insurer of the Association becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. Insurance companies licensed in California to sell life insurance, health insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities are members of the Association. The protection provided by the Association is not unlimited and is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting insurers. This protection was created under California law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

Below is a brief summary of the coverages, exclusions and limits provided by the Association. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations or the rights or obligations of the Association.

### **COVERAGE**

#### **Persons Covered**

Generally, an individual is covered by the Association if the insurer was a member of the Association *and* the individual lives in California at the time the insurer is determined by a court to be insolvent. Coverage is also provided to policy beneficiaries, payees or assignees, whether or not they live in California.

#### **Amounts of Coverage**

The basic coverage protections provided by the Association are as follows:

##### **Life Insurance, Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities**

For life insurance policies, annuities and structured settlement annuities, the Association will provide the following:

- Life Insurance
  - 80% of death benefits but not to exceed \$300,000
  - 80% of cash surrender or withdrawal values but not to exceed \$100,000
- Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities
  - 80% of present value of annuity benefits, including net cash withdrawal and net cash surrender values but not to exceed 250,000

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, for all life insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities is \$300,000, regardless of the number of policies or contracts covering the individual.

##### **Health Insurance**

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, as of July 1, 2016 is \$546,741. This amount will increase or decrease based upon changes in the health care cost component of the consumer price index to the date on which the insurer became an insolvent insurer. Changes to this amount will be posted on the Association's website [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org).

## **COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The Association may not provide coverage for this policy. Coverage by the Association generally requires residency in California. You should not rely on coverage by the Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

The following policies and persons are among those that are excluded from Association coverage:

- A policy or contract issued by an insurer that was not authorized to do business in California when it issued the policy or contract.
- A policy issued by a health care service plan (HMO), a hospital or medical organization, a charitable organization, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company, an insurance exchange, or a grants and annuities society.
- If the person is provided coverage by the guaranty association of another state.
- Unallocated annuity contracts; that is, contracts which are not issued to and owned by an individual and which do not guaranty annuity benefits to an individual.
- Employer and association plans to the extent they are self funded or uninsured.
- A policy or contract providing any health care benefits under Medicare Part C or Part D.
- An annuity issued by an organization that is only licensed to issue charitable gift annuities.
- Any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as certain investment elements of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract.
- Any policy of reinsurance unless an assumption certificate was issued.
- Interest rate yields (including implied yields) that exceed limits that are specified in Insurance Code Section 1067.02(b)(2)(C).

## **NOTICES**

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. Policyholders with additional questions should first contact their insurer or agent. To learn more about coverages provided by the Association, please visit the Association's website at [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org), or contact either of the following:

California Life and Health Insurance  
Guarantee Association  
P.O. Box 16860  
Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3319  
(323) 782-0182

California Department of Insurance  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(800) 927-4357

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by California law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to solicit, induce or encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and California law, then California law will control.**

## **NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT**

Residents of this state who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of the insured person who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

**The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in North Carolina. You should not rely on coverage by the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.**

**Coverage is NOT provided for a policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus.**

**Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce the purchase any kind of insurance policy.**

**The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association  
P. O. Box 10218  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605-0218**

**North Carolina Department of Insurance, Consumer Services Division  
1201 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1201**

The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. Below is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

## **COVERAGE**

Generally, individuals will be protected by the life and health guaranty association if they live in this state and hold a life or health insurance contract, or an annuity, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of the insured person are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

## **EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

However, persons holding such policies are **not** protected by this association if:

- they are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- the insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- their policy was issued by an HMO, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments, or by an insurance exchange.

The association also does **not** provide coverage for:

- any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields that exceed the average rate specified in the law;
- dividends;
- experience or other credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contract holder;
- employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them);
- unallocated annuity contracts (which give rights to group contract holders, not individuals), unless they fund a government lottery or a benefit plan of an employer, association or union, except that unallocated annuities issued to employee benefit plans protected by the Federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation are not covered;
- a policy or contract commonly known as Medicare Part C or Part D or any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

## **LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE**

The act also limits the amount the association is obligated to pay out as follows:

- (1) The guaranty association cannot pay out more than the insurance company would owe under the policy or contract.
- (2) Except as provided in (3), (4) and (5) below, the guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$300,000 per individual, per insolvency, no matter how many policies or types of policies issued by the insolvent company.
- (3) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$500,000 with respect to basic hospital, medical and surgical insurance and major medical insurance.
- (4) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$1,000,000 with respect to the payee of a structured settlement annuity.
- (5) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$5,000,000 to any one unallocated annuity contract holder.