



# First Unum Life Insurance Company

**New York State United Teachers Member  
Benefits Trust**

Your Group Long Term Disability Plan

Policy No. 118669 038

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## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

## SYNOPSIS

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

## EXCLUSIONS

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## LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN

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

### POLICYHOLDER'S ORIGINAL PLAN

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2007

### PARTICIPATING GROUP'S PLAN

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2008

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 118669 038

### ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

All Certified Staff of the Participating Group in active employment in the United States with Southern Westchester BOCES Benefits Trust

### MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Members must be working at least 17.5 hours per week.

### WAITING PERIOD:

For Members in an eligible group on or before April 1, 2008: None

For Members entering an eligible group after April 1, 2008: None

**REHIRE:**

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

**WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:**

The Participating Group pays the cost of your coverage.

**ELIMINATION PERIOD:**

180 days

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

**MONTHLY BENEFIT:**

66.6667% of monthly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$7,500 per month.

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

**MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:**

<u>Age at Disability</u>	<u>Maximum Period of Payment</u>
Less than age 60	To age 65, but not less than 5 years
Age 60	60 months
Age 61	48 months
Age 62	42 months
Age 63	36 months
Age 64	30 months
Age 65	24 months
Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months
Age 68	15 months
Age 69 and over	12 months

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

**REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE BENEFIT:**

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

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

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

**DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSE BENEFIT:**

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

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

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

**TOTAL BENEFIT CAP:**

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

**OTHER FEATURES:**

Continuity of Coverage

Disability Plus

Minimum Benefit

Pre-Existing Limitation: 3/12

Survivor Benefit

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

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

### **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. Written notice of a claim should be sent within 30 days after the date your disability begins. However, you must send Unum written proof of your claim no later than 90 days after your elimination period. If it is not possible to give proof within 90 days, it must be given as soon as is reasonably possible.

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

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

#### ***HOW DO YOU FILE A CLAIM?***

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ***TO WHOM WILL UNUM MAKE PAYMENTS?***

Unum will make payments to you.

## ***WHAT HAPPENS IF UNUM OVERPAYS YOUR CLAIM?***

Unum has the right to recover any overpayments due to:

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

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

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

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE?**

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

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

### **WHEN ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?**

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

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

### **WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE BEGIN?**

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

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

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

Evidence of insurability is required if you:

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

An evidence of insurability form can be obtained from the Participating Group.

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

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

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

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

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

### ***WHEN WILL CHANGES TO YOUR COVERAGE TAKE EFFECT?***

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***WHAT ARE THE TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS?***

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

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

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

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

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

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

- use the facts to decide whether you have coverage under the plan and in what amounts; and

- make a fair adjustment of the premium.

***HOW WILL UNUM HANDLE INSURANCE FRAUD?***

Unum wants to ensure you, the Policyholder, the Participating Group 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 SUMMARY OF BENEFITS REPLACE OR AFFECT ANY WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE?***

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

***DOES THE POLICYHOLDER, THE PARTICIPATING GROUP OR YOUR EMPLOYER ACT AS YOUR AGENT OR UNUM'S AGENT?***

For purposes of the Summary of Benefits, the Policyholder, the Participating Group and your Employer act on their own behalf. Under no circumstances will they be deemed the agent of Unum.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY

### BENEFIT INFORMATION

#### ***HOW DOES UNUM DEFINE DISABILITY?***

You are disabled when Unum determines that:

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

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

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

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

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

You must be continuously disabled through your **elimination period**. 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 180 days.

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

#### ***CAN YOU SATISFY YOUR ELIMINATION PERIOD IF YOU ARE WORKING?***

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

#### ***WHEN WILL YOU BEGIN TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS?***

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

#### ***HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF YOU ARE DISABLED?***

We will follow this process to figure your payment:

1. Multiply your monthly earnings by 66.6667%.
2. The maximum **monthly benefit** is \$7,500.
3. Compare the answer from Item 1 with the maximum monthly benefit. The lesser of these two amounts is your **gross disability payment**.
4. Subtract from your gross disability payment any **deductible sources of income**.

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

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

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

### ***WHAT ARE YOUR MONTHLY EARNINGS?***

"Monthly Earnings" means 1/12th of your annual teacher's contract salary in effect just prior to your date of disability. Annual salary is your total income before taxes and any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. It does not include income received from commissions, bonuses, overtime pay or any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than your Employer.

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

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

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

We will send you the monthly payment if you are disabled and your monthly **disability earnings**, if any, are less than 20% of your indexed monthly earnings, due to the same sickness or injury.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is the amount Unum will pay you each month.

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

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

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

### ***HOW CAN WE PROTECT YOU IF YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS FLUCTUATE?***

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

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

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

### ***WHAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?***

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

1. The amount that you receive under:
  - a workers' compensation law.
  - an occupational disease law.
  - any other **act** or **law** with similar intent.
2. The amount that you receive as disability income payments under any:
  - state compulsory benefit **act** or **law**.
  - other group insurance plan.
  - governmental retirement system as a result of your job with your Employer.
3. The amount that you, your spouse and your children receive as disability payments because of your disability under:

- the United States Social Security Act.
  - the Canada Pension **Plan**.
  - the Quebec Pension Plan.
  - any similar plan or act.
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 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 as a result of the same disability.

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

### **WHAT ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME?**

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

- 401(k) plans
- profit sharing plans
- thrift plans
- tax sheltered annuities
- stock ownership plans
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation
- pension plans for partners
- military pension and disability income plans
- credit disability insurance
- franchise disability income plans
- a retirement plan from another Employer
- individual retirement accounts (IRA)
- individual disability income plans
- no fault motor vehicle plans
- **salary continuation** or **accumulated sick leave** plans

***WHAT 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?***

When we determine that you may qualify for benefits under Item(s) 1, 2 and 3 in the deductible sources of income section, we will estimate your entitlement to these benefits. We can reduce your payment by the estimated amounts if such benefits:

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

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

- apply for the disability payments under Item(s) 1, 2 and 3 in the deductible sources of income section and appeal your denial to all administrative levels Unum feels are necessary; and
- sign Unum's payment option form. This form states that you promise to pay us any overpayment caused by an award.

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

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

If you receive a lump sum payment from any deductible sources of income, the lump sum will be pro-rated on a monthly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

### **HOW LONG WILL UNUM CONTINUE TO SEND YOU PAYMENTS?**

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

<u>Age at Disability</u>	<u>Maximum Period of Payment</u>
Less than age 60	To age 65, but not less than 5 years
Age 60	60 months
Age 61	48 months
Age 62	42 months
Age 63	36 months
Age 64	30 months
Age 65	24 months
Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months
Age 68	15 months
Age 69 and over	12 months

### **WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?**

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

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

## **WHAT DISABILITIES HAVE A LIMITED PAY PERIOD UNDER YOUR PLAN?**

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

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

Unum will continue to send you payments beyond the 24 month period if you meet one or both of these conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?**

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

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

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

## **WHAT DISABILITIES DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION HAVE LIMITED COVERAGE UNDER THIS PLAN?**

Your plan provides limited coverage for any disability caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from a **pre-existing condition**. A pre-existing condition is one for which:

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

If you have a disability caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your pre-existing condition,

- you will not be entitled to receive benefit payments during the first 12 months after your effective date of coverage;
- benefit payments are not payable for such period and will not be paid at any time; and
- to receive benefit payments after such period you must continue to be disabled and meet all other terms and conditions under the plan.

Benefit payments for which you qualified but were not entitled to receive due to your pre-existing condition are included in calculating the number of months of benefits and number of payments you have received for all purposes under this plan.

## **ARE INCREASES IN COVERAGE SUBJECT TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION?**

If your disability is caused by, contributed to by, or results from a pre-existing condition, your plan will provide a limited maximum monthly benefit in excess of \$5,000 which becomes effective on January 1, 2009.

A pre-existing condition is one for which:

- you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or took prescribed drugs or medicines in the 3 months just prior to January 1, 2009; and
- the disability begins in the first 12 months after January 1, 2009.

If you have a disability caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your pre-existing condition,

- you will not be entitled to receive the increased coverage amount during the first 12 months after January 1, 2009;
- the increased benefit amount is not payable for such period and will not be paid at any time; and
- to receive benefit payments after such period you must continue to be disabled and meet all other terms and conditions under the plan.

Benefit payments for which you qualified but were not entitled to receive due to your pre-existing condition are included in calculating the number of months of benefits and number of payments you have received for all purposes under this plan.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU RETURN TO WORK FULL TIME WITH THE EMPLOYER 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 Summary of Benefits' 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 WITH YOUR EMPLOYER WHEN THE PARTICIPATING GROUP CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM? (Continuity of Coverage)***

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

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

Your coverage is subject to payment of premium.

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

***WHAT IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION AFTER THE PARTICIPATING GROUP CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM OR YOU CHANGE EMPLOYERS AND BECOME INSURED UNDER THE UNUM PLAN? (Continuity of Coverage)***

Unum may send you a payment if your disability results from a pre-existing condition if you were in active employment and insured under the Unum plan on the date your disability began.

You may satisfy the pre-existing condition provision under:

1. the Unum plan, using the following rule:  
Rule: When determining if you have a pre-existing condition under the Unum plan we will credit the time you were previously covered under a group disability insurance plan or policy or employer-provided disability benefit arrangement if (a) your coverage was continuous to a date within 60 days prior to the effective date of your coverage under this plan; and (b) the prior coverage was substantially similar to this plan; or
2. the prior carrier's plan if benefits would have been paid had that policy remained in force.

We will determine your benefits according to the Unum plan.

***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, at our sole discretion. 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 at our sole discretion, 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 Summary of Benefits' 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.

## **DISABILITY PLUS RIDER**

### ***WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DISABILITY PLUS COVERAGE?***

You must be insured under the Unum Long Term Disability (LTD) plan to be eligible for the additional disability coverage described in this Rider. All of the Summary of Benefits' definitions apply to the coverage as well as Summary of Benefits' provisions specified in this Rider.

### ***WHEN WILL THIS COVERAGE BECOME EFFECTIVE?***

You will become insured for Disability Plus coverage on the later of:

- the effective date of this Rider; or
- your effective date under the LTD plan.

Disability Plus coverage will continue as long as the Rider is in effect and you are insured under the LTD plan.

### ***WHO PAYS FOR THE DISABILITY PLUS COVERAGE?***

The Participating Group pays the cost of your coverage.

### ***WHEN WILL YOU BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE DISABILITY PLUS BENEFITS?***

We will pay a monthly Disability Plus benefit to you when we receive proof that you are disabled under this rider and are receiving monthly payments under the LTD plan. Disability Plus benefits will begin at the end of the elimination period shown in the LTD plan.

You are disabled under this rider when Unum determines that due to sickness or injury:

- you lose the ability to safely and completely perform 2 **activities of daily living** without another person's assistance or verbal cueing; or
- you have a deterioration or loss in intellectual capacity and need another person's assistance or verbal cueing for your protection or for the protection of others.

### ***HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY IF YOU ARE DISABLED?***

The Disability Plus benefit is 33.3333% of monthly earnings to a maximum monthly benefit of the lesser of the LTD plan maximum monthly benefit or \$5,000.

This benefit is not subject to Summary of Benefits' provisions, except for the Total Benefit Cap, which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount such as Deductible Sources of Income.

### ***EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS***

All of the Summary of Benefits' provisions that exclude or limit coverage will apply to this Disability Plus Rider.

For Disability Plus coverage, you will be considered to have a pre-existing condition if:

- you received medical treatment, consultation, care or services including diagnostic measures, or took prescribed drugs or medicines in the 3 months just prior to your effective date under this rider; and
- the disability begins in the first 12 months after your effective date under this rider.

**This Rider will not cover a loss of activities of daily living or cognitive impairment that exists on your effective date of coverage.**

### ***CLAIMS INFORMATION***

The LTD claim information section under the Summary of Benefits applies to Disability Plus coverage. We may ask you to be examined, at our expense, by a physician and/or other medical practitioner of our choice. We may also require an interview with you.

### ***WHEN WILL DISABILITY PLUS BENEFIT PAYMENTS END?***

Benefit payments will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date you are no longer disabled under the Rider;
- the date you become ineligible for monthly payments under the LTD plan;
- the end of the maximum period of payment shown in the LTD plan; or
- the date you die.

No survivor benefits are payable for the Disability Plus coverage.

### ***WAIVER OF PREMIUM***

Premium for the Disability Plus coverage is not required while you are receiving monthly payments under the LTD plan.

### ***CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE***

All of the Summary of Benefits' continuity of coverage provisions will apply to this Disability Plus Rider.

## 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 for the cost of the modification, up to the greater of:

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

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

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

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

Receiving Social Security benefits may enable:

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

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

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

## GLOSSARY

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

Your work site must be:

- your Employer's usual place of business;
- an alternative work site at the direction of your Employer, 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.

**ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING** mean:

- Bathing - the ability to wash yourself either in the tub or shower or by sponge bath with or without equipment or adaptive devices.
- Dressing - the ability to put on and take off all garments and medically necessary braces or artificial limbs usually worn.
- Toileting - the ability to get to and from and on and off the toilet, to maintain a reasonable level of personal hygiene, and to care for clothing.
- Transferring - the ability to move in and out of a chair or bed with or without equipment such as canes, quad canes, walkers, crutches or grab bars or other support devices including mechanical or motorized devices.
- Continence - the ability to either:
  - voluntarily control bowel and bladder function; or
  - if incontinent, be able to maintain a reasonable level of personal hygiene.
- Eating - the ability to get nourishment into the body.

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

**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.

**EMPLOYER** means the entity, as reflected in the Summary of Benefits under the heading "Eligible Group(s)" as shown in the "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" Long Term Disability Plan, that actively employs the Members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) 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-W.

Indexing is only used to determine your percentage of lost earnings while you are disabled and working.

**INJURY** means a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

**INSURED** means any person covered under a plan.

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

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

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

**LIMITED** means what you cannot or are unable to do.

**MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DUTIES** means duties that:

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

**MAXIMUM CAPACITY** means, based on your restrictions and limitations:

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

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

**MEMBER** means a person who is a member or employee of a Participating Group and who is in active employment in the United States with an Employer.

**MENTAL ILLNESS** means a psychiatric or psychological condition regardless of cause such as schizophrenia, depression, manic depressive or bipolar illness, anxiety, personality disorders and/or adjustment disorders or other conditions. These conditions are usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, or other similar methods of treatment.

**MONTHLY BENEFIT** means the total benefit amount for which a Member 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.

**PARTICIPATING GROUP** means a local union association, school district, employer or benefit fund participating in the Policyholder, which has signed an Application for Participation in Policyholder Group Disability insurance program to elect coverage under the Policy issued to Policyholder (provided that the participation application has been signed and accepted by both the Policyholder and Unum). It is named on the first page of a Summary of Benefits issued by Unum and in all amendments thereto.

**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 Summary of Benefits.

**PHYSICIAN** means:

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

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

**PLAN** means a line of coverage under the Summary of Benefits.

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

**RECURRENT DISABILITY** means a disability which is:

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

**REGULAR CARE** means:

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

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

**RETIREMENT PLAN** means a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan. These are plans which provide retirement benefits to members and are not funded entirely by member contributions. Retirement Plan includes but is not limited to any plan which is part of any federal, state, county, municipal or association 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 Summary of Benefits. This continued payment must be part of an established plan maintained by your Employer for the benefit of all members covered under the Summary of Benefits. Salary continuation or accumulated sick leave does not include compensation paid to you by your Employer for work you actually perform after your disability begins. Such compensation is considered disability earnings, and would be taken into account in calculating your monthly payment.

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

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

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

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

**YOU** means a Member who is eligible for Unum coverage.

## **Additional Claim and Appeal Information**

### **APPLICABILITY OF ERISA**

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

### **HOW TO FILE A CLAIM**

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

### **CLAIMS PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

## **APPEAL PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **OTHER RIGHTS**

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

## **DISCRETIONARY ACTS**

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

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