



**Personal Plans – Choice Plan**

**Your Group Short Term Disability Plan**



## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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

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

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

If the terms and provisions of the certificate of coverage (issued to you) are different from the Summary of Benefits (issued to the Employer), the Summary of Benefits will govern. The Summary of Benefits may be changed in whole or in part. Only an officer or registrar of Unum can approve a change. The approval must be in writing and endorsed on or attached to the Summary of Benefits. Any other person, including an agent, may not change the Summary of Benefits or waive any part of it.

The Summary of Benefits is delivered in and is governed by the laws of the governing jurisdiction.

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 Employer's address.

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

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

**1-800-321-3889  
OPTION NUMBER 2**

You may also write to Unum at:

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

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

**1-800-252-3439**

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

Web: [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us)

E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us)

### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

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

### ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

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

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OPCION NUMERO 2**

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

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### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

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

### UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

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

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# BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

## SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN

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

### ORIGINAL PLAN

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 1, 2006

**POLICY NUMBER:** 116739 012 (Personal Plans-Choice Plan)

### ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES):

All active full-time employees earning wages from an Employer who has elected to participate in the Choice Short Term Disability Plan made available by or through GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention

NOTE: If you work for more than one Employer and each Employer offers a Long Term Disability plan and/or a Short Term Disability plan, you must choose through which Employer you want to have Long Term Disability and/or Short Term Disability coverage. You can not be covered under more than one Long Term Disability plan or more than one Short Term Disability plan.

### MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

You must be working at least 20 paid hours per week.

### WAITING PERIOD:

None

### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:

Your Short Term Disability plan may be 100% contributory, 100% non-contributory or a combination as selected by you, your Employer or both.

### ELIMINATION PERIOD:

7 days for disability due to an injury

7 days for disability due to a sickness

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

### WEEKLY BENEFIT:

60% of weekly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$500 per week

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

### MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:

12 weeks

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

Your Short Term Disability plan does not cover disabilities due to an occupational sickness or injury, unless you are not required to be covered by a Workers' Compensation Law.

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

10% of your gross disability payment to a maximum benefit of \$250 per week.

In addition, we will make weekly payments to you for 3 weeks 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.

**OTHER FEATURES:**

Minimum Benefit

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



## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

### **SHORT TERM DISABILITY**

#### ***WHEN DO YOU NOTIFY UNUM OF A CLAIM?***

We encourage you to notify us of your claim as soon as possible, so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Written notice of a claim should be sent within 30 days after the date your disability begins. However, you must send Unum written proof of your claim no later than 90 days after your elimination period. If it is not possible to give proof within 90 days, it must be given no later than 1 year after the time proof is otherwise required except in the absence of legal capacity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unum will make payments to you.

## **WHAT IF YOUR CLAIM IS DENIED?**

In the event that your claim is denied, either in full or in part, Unum will notify you in writing and you will have 45 days from the date you receive the claim denial to submit additional information for administrative reconsideration.

## **WHAT DO YOU DO TO APPEAL?**

If your claim is denied after administrative reconsideration, you may file an appeal. Your appeal must be submitted within 180 days from the date you receive the claim denial and it should be sent in writing to the address specified in the claim denial.

A final decision on review will be made no 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 final 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.

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 (within the meaning of Lab. Reg. § 2560.503-1 (m) (8)) upon written request. 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. This person shall also be a person different from the person who made the administrative reconsideration, if requested, and such person will not be the original decision maker's subordinate (or the subordinate of the person who made the administrative reconsideration, if requested). In the case of a claim denied on the grounds of medical necessity or experimental treatment, Unum will consult with a health professional with appropriate training. The health care professional who is consulted on appeal will not be the individual who was consulted during the initial determination or his subordinate.

## **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 in an eligible class, the date you are eligible for coverage is the later of:

- the first day you are in an eligible class; or
- the day after you complete your **waiting period**, if any.

If you are working for more than one Employer and each Employer offers a Long Term Disability plan and/or a Short Term Disability plan, you must choose through which Employer you want to have Long Term Disability and/or Short Term Disability coverage. You can not be covered under more than one Long Term Disability plan or more than one Short Term Disability plan.

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

You will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form, if evidence of insurability is required.

Evidence of insurability is required:

- if you move from the Economy Plan (Policy #111604) to the Choice Plan (Policy #116739);
- when you are first eligible, if you are eligible on or after January 1, 2002;
- 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
- if you voluntarily cancelled your coverage and are reapplying.

Evidence of insurability is not required if you are moving from the Premier Plan (Policy #111605) to the Choice Plan (Policy #116739)

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

### ***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 or temporary 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 paid **leave of absence**, and if premium is paid, you will be covered through the end of the twelfth month that immediately follows the month in which your paid leave of absence begins.

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

Once your coverage begins, any increase in your coverage due to a change in your weekly/monthly earnings or due to a plan change requested by your Employer will take effect on the date the change is reported to the Policyholder, if you are in active employment or if you are on a covered leave of absence. If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any increase in your coverage will begin on the date you return to active employment.

Any decrease in coverage will take effect on the date reported to the Policyholder, but will not affect a **payable claim** that occurs prior to the decrease.

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

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

- the date the policy or a plan is cancelled;
- the date you no longer are in an eligible class;
- the date your eligible class is no longer covered;
- the last day of the period for which you or your Employer made any required contributions;
- the last day you are in active employment except as provided under the covered leave of absence provision; or
- the date your Employer no longer is a participating Employer of GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

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

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

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

Unum considers any statements you, your Employer or the Policyholder make in a signed application for coverage a representation and not a warranty. If any of the material statements you, your Employer 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. A copy of the statements will be provided to you or your beneficiary. These statements cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least two years.

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

- use the facts to determine if you have coverage under the plan according to the policy provisions and in what amounts; and
- make a fair adjustment of the premium.

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

Unum wants to ensure you, your Employer and the Policyholder 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 THE POLICYHOLDER ACT AS UNUM'S AGENT?***

For purposes of the policy, under no circumstances will the Policyholder be deemed the agent of Unum.

### ***DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ACT AS UNUM'S AGENT?***

Under no circumstances will your Employer be deemed the agent of Unum.

## **SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT INFORMATION**

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

You are disabled when Unum determines that:

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

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

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

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

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

If your disability is the result of an injury that occurs while you are covered under the plan, your elimination period is 7 days.

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

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

Yes, provided you meet the definition of disability.

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

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

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

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

We will follow this process to figure your payment:

1. Multiply your weekly earnings by 60%.
2. The maximum **weekly benefit** is \$500.
3. Compare the answer from Item 1 with the maximum weekly benefit. The lesser of these two amounts is your **gross disability payment**.
4. Subtract from your gross disability payment any **deductible sources of income**.

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

### **WHAT ARE YOUR WEEKLY EARNINGS?**

"Weekly Earnings" means your gross weekly income from services with your Employer which was last reported to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention prior to the date of your disability. It may include your total income just before taxes and before any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 403(b) annuity, Section 125 plan, or qualified transportation plan. It may include income actually received from bonuses, overtime pay, housing allowance or any other extra compensation, or income received from sources as last reported to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The amount that you receive or are entitled to receive as disability income payments under any:
  - state compulsory benefit **act** or **law**.
  - automobile liability insurance policy.
  - other group insurance plan.
  
2. The amount that you receive:
  - under a **salary continuation** or **accumulated sick leave** plan.
  - under Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones Act).
  - from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise that represents recovery for income replacement (lost wages).

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

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

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

- 401(k) plans
- profit sharing plans
- thrift plans
- tax sheltered annuities
- stock ownership plans
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation
- pension plans for partners
- military pension and disability income plans
- credit disability insurance
- franchise disability income plans
- a retirement plan from another Employer
- individual retirement accounts (IRA)
- individual disability income plans

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

The minimum weekly payment is: \$25.

Unum may apply this amount toward an outstanding overpayment.

However, the minimum weekly payment will not be paid if you are receiving salary continuation or accumulated sick leave payments from your Employer.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unum will send you a payment each week up to the **maximum period of payment**. Your maximum period of payment is 12 weeks during a continuous period of disability.

## **WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?**

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

- when you are able to work in your regular occupation on a **part-time basis** but you choose not to;
- the end of the maximum period of payment;
- the date you are no longer disabled under the terms of the plan, unless you are eligible to receive benefits under Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program;
- the date you fail to cooperate or participate in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program;
- the date you fail to submit proof of continuing disability;

- the date your disability earnings exceed the amount allowable under the plan;
- the date you die.

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

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

- **occupational sickness or injury**, however, Unum will cover disabilities due to occupational sicknesses or injuries for individuals who are not required to be covered by a workers' compensation law.
- intentionally self-inflicted injuries.
- active participation in a riot.
- loss of a professional license, occupational license or certification.
- commission of a crime for which you have been convicted under state or federal law.

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

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

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

If you return to work on the 15th day, your current disability will be treated as a new claim. The new claim will be subject to all of the provisions of this plan and you will be required to satisfy a new elimination period.

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

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

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

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

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

## **SHORT TERM DISABILITY**

### **OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES**

#### ***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.

If we determine you are eligible to participate in a Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program, you must participate in order to receive disability benefits. We will provide you with a written Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance plan developed specifically for you. You must comply with the terms of the Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance plan in order to receive disability benefits.

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 \$250 per week.

This benefit is not subject to policy provisions which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount such as Deductible Sources of Income.

In addition, we will make weekly payments to you for 3 weeks 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?**

Benefit payments 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 weekly payments would stop in accordance with this plan.

## GLOSSARY

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

**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 regularly provides personal services at the Employee's usual and customary place of employment with the Employer or at any other place that the Employer's business requires the Employee to go. The person must be duly recorded as an Employee on the payroll records of the Employer and is compensated for such services by salary or wages.

**EMPLOYER** means a church or ministry organization that is eligible to utilize products and services made available by or through GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention or its successor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 leave of absence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PARTICIPANT** means a person who meets the eligibility requirements of an eligible class listed in this policy and is participating in the Group Long Term Disability and/or Group Short Term Disability plan of GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

**PERSONAL PLANS** means the portion of the Short Term and Long Term Disability plans which is available by or through the GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**PHYSICIAN** means:

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

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

**PLAN** means a line of coverage under the policy.

**POLICYHOLDER** means GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**REGULAR CARE** means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WEEKLY EARNINGS** means your weekly income from services with your Employer which was last reported to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention prior to the date of disability. It may include your total income just before taxes and before any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 403(b) annuity, Section 125 plan, or qualified transportation plan. It may include income actually received from bonuses, overtime pay, housing allowance or any other extra compensation, or income received from sources as last reported to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

**YOU** means an employee who is eligible for Unum coverage.



## **Additional Claim and Appeal Information**

### **APPLICABILITY OF ERISA**

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

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

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

### **CLAIMS PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

## **APPEAL PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **OTHER RIGHTS**

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

## **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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVERAGE UNDER  
THE TEXAS LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION  
(For Insurers declared insolvent or impaired on or after September 1, 2011)**

Texas law establishes a system to protect Texas policyholders if their life or health insurance company fails. The Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association ("the Association") administers this protection system. Only the policyholders of insurance companies that are members of the Association are eligible for this protection which is subject to the terms, limitations, and conditions of the Association law. (The law is found in the Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 463.)

**It is possible that the Association may not protect all or part of your policy because of statutory limitations.**

**Eligibility for Protection by the Association**

When a member insurance company is found to be insolvent and placed under an order of liquidation by a court or designated as impaired by the Texas Commissioner of Insurance, the Association provides coverage to policyholders who are:

- Residents of Texas (**regardless of where the policyholder lived when the policy was issued**)
- Residents of other states, ONLY if the following conditions are met:
  - The policyholder has a policy with a company domiciled in Texas;
  - The policyholder's state of residence has a similar guaranty association; and
  - The policyholder is not eligible for coverage by the guaranty association of the policyholder's state of residence.

**Limits of Protection by the Association**

**Accident, Accident and Health, or Health Insurance:**

- For each individual covered under one or more policies: up to a total of \$500,000 for basic hospital, medical-surgical, and major medical insurance, \$300,000 for disability or long term care insurance, or \$200,000 for other types of health insurance.

**Life Insurance:**

- Net cash surrender value or net cash withdrawal value up to a total of \$100,000 under one or more policies on a single life; or
- Death benefits up to a total of \$300,000 under one or more policies on a single life; or
- Total benefits up to a total of \$5,000,000 to any owner of multiple non-group life policies.

**Individual Annuities:**

- Present value of benefits up to a total of \$250,000 under one or more contracts on any one life.

**Group Annuities:**

- Present value of allocated benefits up to a total of \$250,000 on any one life; or
- Present value of unallocated benefits up to a total of \$5,000,000 for one contractholder regardless of the number of contracts.

**Aggregate Limit:**

- \$300,000 on any one life with the exception of the \$500,000 health insurance limit, the \$5,000,000 multiple owner life insurance limit, and the \$5,000,000 unallocated group annuity limit.

These limits are applied for each insolvent insurance company.

**Insurance companies and agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association for the purpose of sales, solicitation, or inducement to purchase any form of insurance. When you are selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. For additional questions on Association protection or general information about an insurance company, please use the following contact information.**

Texas Life and Health  
Insurance Guaranty Association  
515 Congress Avenue, Suite 1875  
Austin, TX 78701  
800-982-6362 or [www.txlifega.org](http://www.txlifega.org)

Texas Department of Insurance  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
800-252-3439 or  
[www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)