



**Pacific Lutheran University**

Your Group Life Insurance Plan

Policy No. 801771 011

Underwritten by Unum Life Insurance Company of America

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## **CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE**

### **SUBJECT: GROUP LIFE INSURANCE WITH ACCELERATED BENEFIT**

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

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

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

If the terms and provisions of the certificate of coverage (issued to you) are different from the policy (issued to the Policyholder), the policy will govern. The policy 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 or attached to the policy. Any other person, including an agent, may not change the policy or waive any part of it.

The policy is delivered in and is governed by the laws of the governing jurisdiction and to the extent applicable by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and any amendments.

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

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# BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

## LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

This life insurance plan provides financial protection for your beneficiary(ies) by paying a benefit in the event of your death. The amount your beneficiary(ies) receive(s) is based on the amount of coverage in effect just prior to the date of your death according to the terms and provisions of the plan. You also have the opportunity to have coverage for your dependents.

### EMPLOYER'S ORIGINAL PLAN

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 1, 2018

### PLAN YEAR:

June 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020 and each following January 1 to January 1

**POLICY NUMBER:** 801771 011

### ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

Faculty in active employment in the United States with the Employer

### MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be working at least 1040 hours per year.

### WAITING PERIOD:

For employees in an eligible group on or before June 1, 2018: None

For employees entering an eligible group after June 1, 2018: First of the month coincident with or next following the date you enter an eligible group

### REHIRE:

If your employment ends and you are rehired within 1 year, your previous work while in an eligible group will apply toward the waiting period. All other policy provisions apply.

### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:

#### For You:

You pay the cost of your coverage.

#### For Your Dependents:

You pay the cost of your dependent coverage.

### ELIMINATION PERIOD:

Premium Waiver: 180 days

Disability-based benefits begin the day after Unum approves your claim and the elimination period is completed.

## **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT:**

### **AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOU**

Amounts in \$10,000 benefit units as applied for by you and approved by Unum.

All amounts are rounded to the next higher multiple of \$10,000, if not already an exact multiple thereof.

### **AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE AVAILABLE IF YOU BECOME INSURED AT CERTAIN AGES OR HAVE REACHED CERTAIN AGES WHILE INSURED**

If you have reached age 70, but not age 75, your amount of life insurance will be:

- 65% of the amount of life insurance you had prior to age 70; or
- 65% of the amount of life insurance shown above if you become insured on or after age 70 but before age 75.

There will be no further increases in your amount of life insurance.

If you have reached age 75 or more, your amount of life insurance will be:

- 50% of the amount of life insurance you had prior to your first reduction; or
- 50% of the amount of life insurance shown above if you become insured on or after age 75.

There will be no further increases in your amount of life insurance.

### **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY IS REQUIRED FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR INSURANCE OVER:**

\$350,000

Evidence of Insurability **is not required** for amounts of life insurance you had in force with your Employer's prior carrier on the termination date of the prior carrier's plan.

Evidence of Insurability **is required** for amounts of life insurance in excess of the greater of:

- The amount(s) of life insurance you had in force with your Employer's prior carrier on the termination date of the prior carrier's plan; or
- The amount(s) of life insurance over the amount shown above.

### **OVERALL MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOU:**

The lesser of:

- 5 x annual earnings; or
- \$500,000.

### **AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS**

#### **Spouse:**

Amounts in \$5,000 benefit units as applied for by you and approved by Unum.

All amounts are rounded to the next higher multiple of \$5,000, if not already an exact multiple thereof.

### **AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE AVAILABLE IF YOUR SPOUSE BECOMES INSURED AT CERTAIN AGES OR HAS REACHED CERTAIN AGES WHILE INSURED**

If your spouse has reached age 70, but not age 75, your spouse's amount of life insurance will be:

- 65% of the amount of life insurance your spouse had prior to age 70; or
- 65% of the amount of life insurance shown above if your spouse becomes insured on or after age 70 but before age 75.

There will be no further increases in your spouse's amount of life insurance.

If your spouse has reached age 75 or more, your spouse's amount of life insurance will be:

- 50% of the amount of life insurance your spouse had prior to your spouse's first reduction; or

- 50% of the amount of life insurance shown above if your spouse becomes insured on or after age 75.

There will be no further increases in your spouse's amount of life insurance.

**EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY IS REQUIRED FOR THE AMOUNT OF YOUR SPOUSE'S INSURANCE OVER:**

\$50,000

Evidence of Insurability **is not required** for amounts of life insurance your spouse had in force with your Employer's prior carrier on the termination date of the prior carrier's plan.

Evidence of Insurability **is required** for amounts of life insurance in excess of the greater of:

- The amount(s) of life insurance your spouse had in force with your Employer's prior carrier on the termination date of the prior carrier's plan; or
- The amount(s) of life insurance over the amount shown above.

**MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOUR SPOUSE:**

The lesser of:

- 100% of your amount of insurance; or
- \$250,000.

**Children:**

Amounts in \$2,500 benefit units as applied for by you and approved by Unum.

All amounts are rounded to the next higher multiple of \$2,500, if not already a multiple thereof.

**MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOUR CHILDREN:**

Attained age at death:

- Live birth to 14 days: \$10,000
- 14 days to 6 months: \$10,000
- 6 months to age 20 or to age 26 if a full-time student:

The lesser of:

- 100% of your amount of insurance; or
- \$10,000.

**OTHER FEATURES:**

- Accelerated Benefit
- Conversion
- Continuity of Coverage
- Portability

NOTE: Portability under this plan is available to an insured spouse in the event of divorce from an insured employee, subject to all terms and conditions otherwise applicable to ported spouse coverage.

**The above items are only highlights of this plan. For a full description of your coverage, continue reading your certificate of coverage section.** The plan includes enrollment, risk management and other support services related to your Employer's Benefit Program.

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

### **LIFE INSURANCE**

#### ***WHEN DO YOU OR YOUR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NOTIFY UNUM OF A CLAIM?***

We encourage you or your authorized representative to notify us as soon as possible, so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner.

If a claim is based on your disability, written notice and proof of claim must be sent no later than 90 days after the end of the elimination period.

If a claim is based on death, written notice and proof of claim must be sent no later than 90 days after the date of death.

If it is not possible to give proof within these time limits, it must be given no later than 1 year after the proof is required as specified above. These time limits will not apply during any period you or your authorized representative lacks the legal capacity to give us proof of claim.

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

If you have a disability, you must notify us immediately when you return to work in any capacity, regardless of whether you are working for your Employer.

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

You or your authorized representative, 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?***

If your claim is based on your disability, your proof of claim, provided at your expense, must show:

- that you are under the **regular care** of a **physician**;
- 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 or any gainful 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.



If claim is based on death, proof of claim, provided at your or your authorized representative's expense, must show the cause of death. Also a certified copy of the death certificate must be given to us.

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

### ***WHEN CAN UNUM REQUEST AN AUTOPSY?***

In the case of death, Unum will have the right and opportunity to request an autopsy where not forbidden by law.

### ***HOW DO YOU DESIGNATE OR CHANGE A BENEFICIARY? (Beneficiary Designation)***

At the time you become insured, you should name a beneficiary on your enrollment form for your death benefits under your life insurance. You may change your beneficiary at any time by filing a form approved by Unum with your Employer. The new beneficiary designation will be effective as of the date you sign that form. However, if we have taken any action or made any payment before your Employer receives that form, that change will not go into effect.

It is important that you name a beneficiary and keep your designation current. If more than one beneficiary is named and you do not designate their order or share of payments, the beneficiaries will share equally. The share of a beneficiary who dies before you, or the share of a beneficiary who is disqualified, will pass to any surviving beneficiaries in the order you designated.

If you do not name a beneficiary, or if all named beneficiaries do not survive you, or if your named beneficiary is disqualified, your death benefit will be paid to your estate.

Instead of making a death payment to your estate, Unum has the right to make payment to the first surviving family members of the family members in the order listed below:

- spouse;
- child or children;
- mother or father; or
- sisters or brothers.

If we are to make payments to a beneficiary who lacks the legal capacity to give us a release, Unum may pay up to \$2,000 to the person or institution that appears to have assumed the custody and main support of the beneficiary. This payment made in good faith satisfies Unum's legal duty to the extent of that payment and Unum will not have to make payment again.

Also, at Unum's option, we may pay up to \$1,000 to the person or persons who, in our opinion, have incurred expenses for your last sickness and death.

In addition, if you do not survive your spouse, and dependent life coverage is continued, then your surviving spouse should name a beneficiary according to the requirements specified above for you.

### **HOW WILL UNUM MAKE PAYMENTS?**

If your or your dependent's life claim is at least \$10,000, Unum will make available to the beneficiary a **retained asset account** (the Unum Security Account).

Payment for the life claim may be accessed by writing a draft in a single sum or drafts in smaller sums. The funds for the draft or drafts are fully guaranteed by Unum.

If the life claim is less than \$10,000, Unum will pay it in one lump sum to you or your beneficiary.

Also, you or your beneficiary may request the life claim to be paid according to one of Unum's other settlement options. This request must be in writing in order to be paid under Unum's other settlement options.

If you do not survive your spouse, and dependent life coverage is continued, then your surviving spouse's death claim will be paid to your surviving spouse's beneficiary.

All other benefits will be paid to you.

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

Unum has the right to recover any overpayments due to:

- fraud; and
- any error Unum makes in processing a claim.

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.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR ASSIGNABILITY RIGHTS FOR THE DEATH BENEFITS UNDER YOUR LIFE INSURANCE? (Assignability Rights)**

The rights provided to you by the plan for life insurance are owned by you, unless:

- you have previously assigned these rights to someone else (known as an "assignee"); or
- you assign your rights under the plan(s) to an assignee.

We will recognize an assignee as the owner of the rights assigned only if:

- the assignment is in writing, signed by you, and acceptable to us in form; and
- a signed or certified copy of the written assignment has been received and registered by us at our home office.

We will not be responsible for the legal, tax or other effects of any assignment, or for any action taken under the plan(s) provisions before receiving and registering an assignment.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACCELERATED BENEFIT

The insurance evidenced by this certificate provides life insurance, with the accelerated benefit option (An accelerated payment of your or your dependent's death benefit).

- This accelerated benefit product is NOT a long-term care policy.
- Accelerated benefits paid under the policy may be taxable and assistance should be sought from a personal tax advisor.
- If you receive payment of accelerated benefits under the policy, you may lose your right to receive certain public funds, such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Supplemental Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and possibly others.
- Amount of accelerated benefit:  
If you or your dependent becomes terminally ill while you or your dependent is insured by the plan, Unum will pay you a portion of your or your dependent's life insurance benefit one time. The payment will be based on 75% of your or your dependent's life insurance amount. However, the one-time benefit paid will not be greater than \$500,000.
- Your or your dependent's amount of life insurance will be reduced by the accelerated benefit payment.
- Example of accelerated benefit amount and the effect of the payment on the remaining amount of life insurance.

\$100,000	Your life amount
\$ 75,000	The accelerated benefit amount (accelerated payment of your death benefit)
\$ 25,000	The amount of life insurance remaining after payment of the accelerated benefit. (This is what will be paid to the beneficiary upon your death).

- Your or your dependent's right to exercise this option and to receive payment is subject to the following:
  - you or your dependent requests this election, in writing, on a form acceptable to Unum;
  - you or your dependent must be terminally ill at the time of payment of the Accelerated Benefit;
  - your or your dependent's physician must certify, in writing, that you or your dependent is terminally ill and your or your dependent's life expectancy has been reduced to 24 months or less; and
  - the physician's certification must be deemed satisfactory to Unum.
- Resolution of disputes regarding occurrence of qualifying events.  
If your or your dependent's physician and the physician appointed by Unum disagree on whether a qualifying event has occurred, the opinion of the physician

appointed by Unum is not binding on you or your dependent. The parties shall attempt to resolve the matter promptly and amicably.

In case the disagreement is not so resolved, you or your dependent has the right to mediation or binding arbitration conducted by a disinterested third party who has no ongoing relationship with either party.

As part of the final decision, the arbitrator or mediator shall award the costs of arbitration to one party or the other or may divide the costs equally or otherwise.

- There may be up to a 3% adjustment to the manual rates for this accelerated benefit.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This plan provides benefit units that you can choose. When you first become eligible for coverage, you may apply for any number of benefit units, however, you cannot be covered for more than the maximum benefit available under the plan.

**Evidence of insurability** is required for any amount of life insurance over the amount shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

You pay 100% of the cost yourself for any benefit unit. You will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the later of:

- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for insurance on or before that date, for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; or
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you apply for insurance, if you apply within 31 days after your eligibility date, for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; and
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form, if you apply for insurance on or before your eligibility date or within 31 days after your eligibility date, for any amount of insurance that is subject to evidence of insurability requirements.

### ***WHEN CAN YOU APPLY FOR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE IF YOU APPLY MORE THAN 31 DAYS AFTER YOUR ELIGIBILITY DATE?***

You can apply for coverage only during an **annual enrollment period**. Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of insurance.

Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends. Coverage will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form.

## **WHEN CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE?**

You can change your coverage by applying for additional benefit units at anytime during the plan year. You can increase your coverage any number of benefit units up to the maximum benefit available under the plan. Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of life insurance applied for during the plan year. A change in coverage that is made during a plan year will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form.

You also can change your coverage by applying for additional benefit units during an **annual enrollment period**. You can increase your coverage any number of benefit units up to the maximum benefit available under the plan.

Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of life insurance over the amount shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends. A change in coverage that is made during an annual enrollment period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on:

- the first day of the next plan year for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; and
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form for any amount of insurance that is subject to evidence of insurability requirements.

In addition, you can decrease your coverage any number of benefit units during the plan year or annual enrollment period. Any decrease in coverage will take effect immediately but will not affect a **payable claim** that occurs prior to the decrease.

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

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

## **ONCE YOUR COVERAGE BEGINS, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE NOT WORKING DUE TO INJURY OR SICKNESS?**

If you are not working due to injury or sickness, and if premium is paid, you may continue to be covered up to your retirement date.

## **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.

## ***ONCE YOUR COVERAGE BEGINS, WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ARE NOT WORKING DUE TO A STRIKE, A LOCKOUT OR OTHER LABOR DISPUTE?***

If you are not working due to a strike, a lockout or other labor dispute involving your Employer, and if premium is paid, coverage will be continued until:

- the expiration of 6 months from the date you ceased active employment; or
- the date you accept active employment with another Employer;

whichever occurs first.

Your Employer must inform you of your right to keep your coverage in force. You must pay, on time, to your Employer, an amount equal to the required premium during the continuation. Your Employer will forward your premium to us.

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

Once your coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage due to a change in your annual earnings or due to a plan change requested by your Employer will take effect on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date the change occurs or on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your evidence of insurability form, if evidence of insurability is required. You must be in active employment or on a covered layoff or leave of absence.

If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any increased or additional coverage due to a change in your annual earnings or due to a plan change will begin on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you return to active employment.

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

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

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

- the date the Policy or a plan is cancelled;
- the date you no longer are in an eligible group;
- the date your eligible group is no longer covered;
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions; or
- the last day you are in active employment unless continued due to a strike, a lockout or other labor dispute or due to a covered layoff or leave of absence or due to an injury or sickness, as described in this certificate of coverage.

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

## ***WHEN ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO ELECT DEPENDENT COVERAGE?***

If you elect coverage for yourself or are insured under the plan, you are eligible to elect dependent coverage for your spouse only, your dependent children only or both.



## **WHEN ARE YOUR DEPENDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?**

The date your dependents are eligible for coverage is the later of:

- the date your insurance begins; or
- the date you first acquire a dependent.

## **WHAT DEPENDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?**

The following dependents are eligible for coverage under the plan:

- Your lawful spouse, including a legally separated spouse. You may not cover your spouse as a dependent if your spouse is enrolled for coverage as an employee.

"Spouse" wherever used includes domestic partner.

- Your domestic partner. Your domestic partner is the person named in your declaration of domestic partnership. You must execute and provide the plan administrator with such a declaration which states and gives proof that the domestic partner has had the same permanent residence as you for a minimum of 6 consecutive months prior to the date insurance would become effective for that domestic partner. You must not have signed a declaration of domestic partnership with anyone else within the last 6 months of signing the latest declaration of domestic partnership. Also, the domestic partner must be at least 18 years of age, competent to contract, not related by blood closer than would bar marriage, the sole named domestic partner, not married to anyone else and the declaration of domestic partnership must be approved and recorded by the plan administrator. You may not cover your domestic partner as a dependent if your domestic partner is enrolled for coverage as an employee.
- Your unmarried children from live birth but less than age 20. Stillborn children are not eligible for coverage.
- Your unmarried dependent children age 20 or over but under age 26 also are eligible if they are full-time students at an **accredited school**.
- Your unmarried **handicapped** dependent children age 26 or over who became handicapped prior to the child's attainment of age 26.

Unum must receive proof within 31 days of the date the child is eligible for coverage under the policy, and as required during the first two years. After the first two years, Unum will ask for proof when needed, but not more than once a year.

Children include your own natural offspring, lawfully adopted children and stepchildren. They also include foster children and other children who are dependent on you for main support and living with you in a regular parent-child relationship. A child will be considered adopted on the date of placement in your home.

No dependent child may be covered by more than one employee in the plan.

No dependent child can be covered as both an employee and a dependent.

## **WHEN DOES YOUR DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE BEGIN?**

This plan provides benefit units that you can choose for your dependents. When your dependents first become eligible for coverage, you may apply for any number of benefit units, however, your dependents cannot be covered for more than the maximum benefits available under the plan.

**Evidence of insurability** is required for any amount of dependent life insurance over the amount shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

You pay 100% of the cost yourself for dependent coverage. Your dependents will be covered at 12:01 a.m. on the later of:

- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date your dependents are eligible for coverage, if you apply for dependent insurance on or before that date, for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; or
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you apply for dependent insurance, if you apply for dependent insurance within 31 days after your dependent's eligibility date, for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; and
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your dependent's evidence of insurability form, if you apply for dependent insurance on or before your dependent's eligibility date or within 31 days after your dependent's eligibility date for any amount of insurance that is subject to evidence of insurability requirements.

## **WHEN CAN YOU APPLY FOR DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE IF YOU APPLY MORE THAN 31 DAYS AFTER YOUR DEPENDENT'S ELIGIBILITY DATE?**

You can apply for dependent coverage only during an annual enrollment period. Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of dependent life insurance.

Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends. Dependent coverage will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your dependent's evidence of insurability form.

## **WHEN CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE?**

You can change your dependent coverage by applying for additional benefit units at anytime during the plan year. You can increase your dependent coverage any number of benefit units up to the maximum benefits available under the plan. Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of dependent life insurance applied for during the plan year. A change in coverage that is made during a plan year will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your dependent's evidence of insurability form.

You also can change your dependent coverage by applying for additional benefit units during an annual enrollment period. You can increase your dependent coverage any number of benefit units up to the maximum benefits available under the plan.

Evidence of insurability is required for any amount of dependent life insurance over the amount shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends. A change in coverage that is made during an annual enrollment period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on:

- the first day of the next plan year for any amount of insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability requirements; and
- the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your dependent's evidence of insurability form for any amount of insurance that is subject to evidence of insurability requirements.

In addition, you can decrease your dependent coverage any number of benefit units during the plan year or annual enrollment period. Any decrease in dependent coverage will take effect immediately but will not affect a payable claim that occurs prior to the decrease.

### ***WHAT IF YOUR DEPENDENT IS TOTALLY DISABLED ON THE DATE YOUR DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE WOULD NORMALLY BEGIN?***

If your eligible dependent is **totally disabled**, your dependent's coverage will begin on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date your eligible dependent no longer is totally disabled. This provision does not apply to a newborn child while dependent insurance is in effect.

### ***WHEN WILL CHANGES TO YOUR DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE TAKE EFFECT?***

Once your dependent's coverage begins, any increased or additional dependent coverage due to a plan change requested by your Employer will take effect on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date the change occurs or on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date Unum approves your dependent's evidence of insurability form, if evidence of insurability is required, provided your dependent is not totally disabled. You must be in active employment or on a covered layoff or leave of absence.

If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, any increased or additional dependent coverage due to a plan change will begin on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date you return to active employment.

If your dependent is totally disabled, any increased or additional dependent coverage will begin on the first of the month coincident with or next following the date your dependent is no longer totally disabled.

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

### ***WHEN DOES YOUR DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE END?***

Your dependent's coverage under the Policy or a plan ends on the earliest of:

- the date the Policy or a plan is cancelled;
- the date you no longer are in an eligible group;
- the date your eligible group is no longer covered;

- the date of your death;
- the last day of the period for which you made any required contributions; or
- the last day you are in active employment unless continued due to a strike, a lockout or other labor dispute or due to a covered layoff or leave of absence or due to an injury or sickness, as described in this certificate of coverage.

Coverage for any one dependent will end on the earliest of:

- the date your coverage under a plan ends;
- the date your dependent ceases to be an eligible dependent;
- for a spouse, the date of divorce or annulment; or
- for a domestic partner, the date your domestic partnership ends.

Unum will provide coverage for a payable claim which occurs while your dependents are covered under the Policy or plan.

***WILL COVERAGE CONTINUE FOR A HANDICAPPED CHILD INSURED UNDER THE PLAN WHO IS AGE 26 OR OVER?***

Coverage will continue for a child age 26 or over who is handicapped, provided:

- the child is currently insured under the plan; and
- the child is unmarried; and
- you are the main source of support and maintenance.

Unum must receive proof within 31 days of the date the child attains 26 and as required during the first two years. After the first two years, Unum will ask for proof when needed, but not more than once a year.

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

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

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

Unum considers any statements you or your Employer make in a signed application for coverage or an evidence of insurability form a representation and not a warranty. If any of the statements you or your Employer make are not complete and/or not true at the time they are made, we can:

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

As a basis for doing this, we will use only statements made in a signed application by the Employer, or an application or an evidence of insurability form signed by you, a copy of which is or has been given to you or your beneficiary. Such statements cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if coverage with respect to which such statements were made, has been in force for at least 2 years.

Unum can only contest the validity of the policy during the first 2 years the policy is in force, except for non-payment of premium.

If an individual's age is misstated:

- the correct age will be used to determine if and in what amounts insurance is valid under the policy; and
- a fair adjustment of the premium will be made.

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

Unum wants to ensure you and your Employer do not incur additional insurance costs as a result of the undermining effects of insurance fraud. Unum promises to focus on all means necessary to support fraud detection, investigation, and prosecution.

It is a crime if you knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive Unum, or provide any information, including filing a claim, that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information. These actions, as well as submission of materially false information, will result in denial of your claim, and are subject to prosecution and punishment to the full extent under state and/or federal law. Unum will pursue all appropriate legal remedies in the event of insurance fraud.

***DOES THE POLICY REPLACE OR AFFECT ANY WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE?***

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

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

For purposes of the policy, your Employer acts on its own behalf or as your agent. Under no circumstances will your Employer be deemed the agent of Unum.

## **LIFE INSURANCE**

### **BENEFIT INFORMATION**

#### ***WHEN WILL YOUR BENEFICIARY RECEIVE PAYMENT?***

Your beneficiary(ies) will receive payment when Unum approves your death claim.

#### ***WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR PROOF OF DEATH?***

Unum will require a certified copy of the death certificate, enrollment documents and a Notice and Proof of Claim form.

#### ***HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF UNUM APPROVES YOUR DEPENDENT'S DEATH CLAIM?***

Unum will determine the payment according to the amount of insurance shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

#### ***HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOUR BENEFICIARY IF UNUM APPROVES YOUR DEATH CLAIM?***

Unum will determine the payment according to the amount of insurance shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

#### ***WHAT ARE YOUR ANNUAL EARNINGS?***

"Annual Earnings" means your annual teacher's contract salary in effect just prior to the date of loss. 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 ANNUAL 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 annual earnings from your Employer in effect just prior to the date your absence began.

#### ***WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE IF YOU BECOME DISABLED?***

Your life insurance coverage may be continued for a specific time and your life insurance premium will be waived if you qualify as described below.

#### ***HOW LONG MUST YOU BE DISABLED BEFORE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE LIFE PREMIUMS WAIVED?***

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

Your elimination period is 180 days.

## **WHEN WILL YOUR LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM WAIVER BEGIN?**

Your life insurance premium waiver will begin when we approve your claim, if the elimination period has ended and you meet the following conditions. Your Employer may continue premium payments until Unum notifies your Employer of the date your life insurance premium waiver begins.

Your life insurance premium will be waived if you meet these conditions:

- you are less than 60 and insured under the plan.
- you become disabled and remain disabled during the elimination period.
- you meet the notice and proof of claim requirements for disability while your life insurance is in effect or within three months after it ends.
- your claim is approved by Unum.

After we approve your claim, Unum does not require further premium payments for you while you remain disabled according to the terms and provisions of the plan.

Your life insurance amount will not increase while your life insurance premiums are being waived. Your life insurance amount will reduce or cease at any time it would reduce or cease if you had not been disabled.

## **WHEN WILL YOUR LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM WAIVER END?**

The life insurance premium waiver will automatically end if:

- you recover and you no longer are disabled;
- you fail to give us proper proof that you remain disabled;
- you refuse to have an examination by a physician chosen by Unum;
- you reach age 70; or
- premium has been waived for 12 months and you are considered to reside outside the United States or Canada. You will be considered to reside outside the United States or Canada when you have been outside these countries for a total period of 6 months or more during any 12 consecutive months for which premium has been waived.

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

You are disabled when Unum determines that:

- during the elimination period, you are not working in any occupation due to your **injury** or **sickness**; and
- after the elimination period, due to the same injury or sickness, you are unable to perform the duties of any **gainful occupation** for which you are reasonably fitted by training, education or experience.

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

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

We may require you to be examined by a physician, other medical practitioner 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.

### ***APPLYING FOR LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM WAIVER***

Ask your Employer for a life insurance premium waiver claim form.

The form has instructions on how to complete and where to send the claim.

### ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHILE YOU ARE SATISFYING THE DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS? (See Conversion Privilege)***

You may use this life conversion privilege when your life insurance terminates while you are satisfying the disability requirements. Please refer to the conversion privilege below. You are not eligible to apply for this life conversion if you return to work and, again, become covered under the plan.

If an individual life insurance policy is issued to you, any benefit for your death under this plan will be paid only if the individual policy is returned for surrender to Unum. Unum will refund all premiums paid for the individual policy.

The amount of your death benefit will be paid to your named beneficiary for the plan. If, however, you named a different beneficiary for the individual policy and the policy is returned to Unum for surrender, that different beneficiary will not be paid.

If you want to name a different beneficiary for this group plan, you must change your beneficiary as described in the Beneficiary Designation page of this group plan.

### ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)***

When coverage ends under the plan, you and your dependents can convert your coverages to individual life policies, without evidence of insurability. The maximum amounts that you can convert are the amounts you and your dependents are insured for under the plan. You may convert a lower amount of life insurance.

You and your dependents must apply for individual life insurance under this life conversion privilege and pay the first premium within 31 days after the date:

- your employment terminates; or
- you or your dependents no longer are eligible to participate in the coverage of the plan.

If you convert to an individual life policy, then return to work, and, again, become insured under the plan, you are not eligible to convert to an individual life policy again. However, you do not need to surrender that individual life policy when you return to work.

Converted insurance may be of any type of the level premium whole life plans then in use by Unum. The person may elect one year of Preliminary Term insurance under the level premium whole life policy. The individual policy will not contain disability or other extra benefits.



**WHAT LIMITED CONVERSION IS AVAILABLE IF THE POLICY OR THE PLAN IS CANCELLED? (CONVERSION PRIVILEGE)**

You and your dependents may convert a limited amount of life insurance if you have been insured under your Employer's group plan with Unum for at least five (5) years and the Policy or the plan:

- is cancelled with Unum; or
- changes so that you no longer are eligible.

The individual life policy maximum for each of you will be the lesser of:

- \$2,000; or
- your or your dependent's coverage amounts under the plan less any amounts that become available under any other group life plan offered by your Employer within 31 days after the date the Policy or the plan is cancelled.

**PREMIUMS**

Premiums for the converted insurance will be based on:

- the person's then attained age on the effective date of the individual life policy;
- the type and amount of insurance to be converted;
- Unum's customary rates in use at that time; and
- the class of risk to which the person belongs.

If the premium payment has been made, the individual life policy will be effective at the end of the 31 day conversion application period.

**DEATH DURING THE THIRTY-ONE DAY CONVERSION APPLICATION PERIOD**

If you or your dependents die within the 31 day conversion application period, Unum will pay the beneficiary(ies) the amount of insurance that could have been converted. This coverage is available whether or not you have applied for an individual life policy under the conversion privilege.

**APPLYING FOR CONVERSION**

Ask your Employer for a conversion application form which includes cost information.

When you complete the application, send it with the first premium amount to:

Unum - Conversion Unit  
2211 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04122-1350  
1-800-343-5406

**WILL UNUM ACCELERATE YOUR OR YOUR DEPENDENT'S DEATH BENEFIT FOR THE PLAN IF YOU OR YOUR DEPENDENT BECOMES TERMINALLY ILL? (Accelerated Benefit)**

If you or your dependent becomes terminally ill while you or your dependent is insured by the plan, Unum will pay you a portion of your or your dependent's life insurance benefit one time. The payment will be based on 75% of your or your dependent's life insurance amount. However, the one-time benefit paid will not be greater than \$500,000.

Your or your dependent's right to exercise this option and to receive payment is subject to the following:

- you or your dependent requests this election, in writing, on a form acceptable to Unum;
- you or your dependent must be terminally ill at the time of payment of the Accelerated Benefit;
- your or your dependent's physician must certify, in writing, that you or your dependent is terminally ill and your or your dependent's life expectancy has been reduced to 24 months or less; and
- the physician's certification must be deemed satisfactory to Unum.

Premium payments must continue to be paid on the full amount of life insurance unless you qualify to have your life premium waived.

Also, premium payments must continue to be paid on the full amount of your dependent's life insurance.

If you have assigned your rights under the plan to an assignee or made an irrevocable beneficiary designation, Unum must receive consent, in writing, that the assignee or irrevocable beneficiary has agreed to the Accelerated Benefit payment on your behalf in a form acceptable to Unum before benefits are payable.

An election to receive an Accelerated Benefit will have the following effect on other benefits:

- the death benefit payable will be reduced by any amount of Accelerated Benefit that has been paid; and
- any amount of life insurance that would be continued under a disability continuation provision or that may be available under the conversion privilege will be reduced by the amount of the Accelerated Benefit paid. The remaining life insurance amount will be paid according to the terms of the Policy subject to any reduction and termination provisions.

Benefits paid may be taxable. Unum is not responsible for any tax or other effects of any benefit paid. As with all tax matters, you or your dependent should consult your personal tax advisor to assess the impact of this benefit.

## **LIFE INSURANCE**

### **OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES**

#### ***WHAT IF YOU ARE NOT IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT WHEN THE POLICYHOLDER CHANGES GROUP INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM? (CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE)***

Unum will provide coverage for you and your dependent(s) if you and your dependent(s) are covered by the prior policy on the day before the effective date of this policy, and if you would be eligible for coverage under this policy if you were in active employment on the effective date of this policy.

If you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence on the effective date of this policy, we will consider your layoff or leave of absence to have started on that date, and coverage for you and your dependent(s) under this provision will continue for the layoff or leave of absence period provided in this policy, or the layoff or leave of absence period remaining under the prior policy on the effective date of this policy, whichever period is shorter.

If you are absent from work due to injury or sickness on the effective date of this policy, then coverage under this provision will continue until the earliest of the date:

- you are no longer injured or sick,
- you return to active employment,
- you are approved for a disability extension of benefits or accrued liability under the prior policy, including premium waiver, or
- your employment ends.

Also, if you incur a covered loss but are not in active employment under this policy, any benefits payable under this policy 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 the prior carrier is liable.

Coverage for you and your dependent(s) are subject to payment of required premium and all other terms of this policy, except that the portable insurance coverage terms of this policy will not apply to coverage provided under this provision.

#### ***WHAT COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE IF YOU END EMPLOYMENT OR YOU WORK REDUCED HOURS? (Portability)***

If your employment ends with or you retire from your Employer or you are working less than the minimum number of hours as described under Eligible Groups in this plan, you may elect portable coverage for yourself and your dependents.

In case of your death, your insured dependents also may elect portable coverage for themselves. However, children cannot become insured for portable coverage unless the spouse also becomes insured for portable coverage.

#### ***PORTABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND AMOUNTS AVAILABLE***

The portable insurance coverage will be the current coverage and amounts that you and your dependents are insured for under your Employer's group plan.

However, the amount of portable coverage for you will not be more than:

- the highest amount of life insurance available for employees under the plan; or
- 5x your annual earnings; or
- \$750,000 from all Unum group life and accidental death and dismemberment plans combined,

whichever is less.

The amount of ported life insurance must be equal to or greater than the amount of ported accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

The amount of portable coverage for your spouse will not be more than:

- the highest amount of life insurance available for spouses under the plan; or
- 100% of your amount of portable coverage; or
- \$750,000 from all Unum group life and accidental death and dismemberment plans combined,

whichever is less.

The amount of ported life insurance must be equal to or greater than the amount of ported accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

The amount of portable coverage for a child will not be more than:

- the highest amount of life insurance available for children under the plan; or
- 100% of your amount of portable coverage; or
- \$20,000,

whichever is less.

The amount of ported life insurance must be equal to or greater than the amount of ported accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

The minimum amount of coverage that can be ported is \$5,000 for you and \$1,000 for your dependents. If the current amounts under the plan are less than \$5,000 for you and \$1,000 for your dependents you and your dependents may port the lesser amounts.

Your or your dependent's amount of life insurance will reduce or cease at any time it would reduce or cease for your eligible group if you had continued in active employment with your Employer.

### ***APPLYING FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE***

You must apply for portable coverage for yourself and your dependents and pay the first premium within 31 days after the date:

- your coverage ends or you retire from your Employer; or
- you begin working less than the minimum number of hours as described under Eligible Groups in this plan.

Your dependents must apply for portable coverage and pay the first premium within 31 days after the date you die.

You are not eligible to apply for portable coverage for yourself if:

- you have an **injury** or **sickness**, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy; or
- you failed to pay the required premium under the terms of this plan.

You are not eligible to apply for portable coverage for a dependent if:

- you do not elect portable coverage for yourself;
- you have an injury or sickness, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy;
- your dependent has an injury or sickness, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy; or
- you failed to pay the required premium under the terms of this plan.

In case of your death, your spouse is not eligible to apply for portable coverage if:

- your surviving spouse is not insured under this plan;
- your surviving spouse has an injury or sickness, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy; or
- you failed to pay the required premium under the terms of this plan for your spouse.

In case of your death, your child is not eligible for portable coverage if:

- your surviving spouse is not insured under this plan;
- your surviving spouse is insured under this plan and chooses not to elect portable coverage;
- your surviving spouse has an injury or sickness, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy;
- your child has an injury or sickness, under the terms of this plan, which has a material effect on life expectancy; or
- you failed to pay the required premium under the terms of this plan for your child.

If we determine that because of an injury or sickness, which has a material effect on life expectancy, you or your dependents were not eligible for portability at the time you or your dependents elected portable coverage, the benefit will be adjusted to the amount of whole life coverage the premium would have purchased under the Conversion Privilege.

### ***APPLYING FOR INCREASES OR DECREASES IN PORTABLE COVERAGE***

You or your dependents may increase or decrease the amount of life insurance coverage. The minimum and maximum benefit amounts are shown above. However, the amount of life insurance coverage cannot be decreased below \$5,000 for you and \$1,000 for your dependents. All increases are subject to evidence of insurability. Portable coverage will reduce at the ages and amounts shown in the LIFE INSURANCE "**BENEFITS AT A GLANCE**" page.

### ***ADDING PORTABLE COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS***

If you choose not to enroll your dependents when your dependents were first eligible for portable coverage, you may enroll your dependents at any time for the amounts allowed under the group plan. Evidence of insurability is required.

You may enroll newly acquired dependents at any time for the amounts allowed under the group plan. Evidence of insurability is required.

### ***WHEN PORTABLE COVERAGE ENDS***

Portable coverage for you will end on the date you fail to pay any required premium.

Portable coverage for a spouse will end for the following reasons:

- the date you fail to pay any required premium; or
- the date your surviving spouse fails to pay any required premium.

Portable coverage for a child will end for the following reasons:

- the date you fail to pay any required premium;
- the date your surviving spouse fails to pay any required premium;
- the date your child no longer qualifies as a dependent; or
- the date the surviving spouse dies.

If portable coverage ends due to failure to pay required premium, portable coverage cannot be reinstated.

### ***PREMIUM RATE CHANGES FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE***

Unum may change premium rates for portable coverage at any time for reasons which affect the risk assumed, including those reasons shown below:

- changes occur in the coverage levels;
- changes occur in the overall use of benefits by all insureds;
- changes occur in other risk factors; or
- a new law or a change in any existing law is enacted which applies to portable coverage.

The change in premium rates will be made on a class basis according to Unum's underwriting risk studies. Unum will notify the insured in writing at least 31 days before a premium rate is changed.

### ***APPLYING FOR CONVERSION, IF PORTABLE COVERAGE ENDS OR IS NOT AVAILABLE***

If you or your dependent is not eligible to apply for portable coverage or portable coverage ends, then you or your dependent may qualify for conversion coverage. Refer to Conversion Privilege under this plan.

Ask your Employer for a conversion application form which includes cost information.

When you complete the application, send it with the first premium amount to:

Unum - Conversion Unit

2211 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04122-1350  
1-800-343-5406

## GLOSSARY

**ACCREDITED SCHOOL** means an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning for full-time students beyond the 12th grade level.

**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.

**ANNUAL EARNINGS** means your annual income received from your Employer as defined in the plan.

**ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD** means a period of time before the beginning of each plan year and ending on the plan anniversary date.

**ELIMINATION PERIOD** means a period of continuous disability which must be satisfied before you are eligible to have your life premium waived by Unum.

**EMPLOYEE** means a person who is in active employment in the United States with the Employer.

**EMPLOYER** means the Policyholder, and includes any division, subsidiary or affiliated company named in the policy.

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

**GAINFUL OCCUPATION** means an occupation that within 12 months of your return to work is or can be expected to provide you with an income that is at least equal to 60% of your annual earnings in effect just prior to the date your disability began.

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

**HANDICAPPED** means permanently and continuously incapable of self sustaining support by reason of mental or physical incapacity.

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



**INJURY** means:

- **for purposes of Portability**, a bodily injury that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause.
- **for all other purposes**, 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.

**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.

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

**PHYSICIAN** means:

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

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

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

**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.

**RETAINED ASSET ACCOUNT** is an interest bearing account established through an intermediary bank in the name of you or your beneficiary, as owner.

**SICKNESS** means:

- **for purposes of Portability**, an illness, disease or symptoms for which a person, in the exercise of ordinary prudence, would have consulted a health care provider.
- **for all other purposes**, an illness or disease. Disability must begin while you are covered under the plan.

**TOTALLY DISABLED** means that, as a result of an injury, a sickness or a disorder:

Your dependent:

- is confined in a hospital or similar institution; or
- is confined at home under the care of a physician for a sickness or injury.

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

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

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

## GROUP LIFE

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

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

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

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

If you had group life coverage in place with your employer through another carrier when your employer changed carriers to Unum, your prior coverage may be continued under the Unum plan to the extent the laws of your resident state require such right to continue.

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

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

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

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#### For residents of Colorado:

The **HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended so that after your coverage has been in force for two (2) or more years your coverage may not be rescinded for any reason.

#### For residents of Connecticut:

The **WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by deleting the exclusion for use of drugs, poisons, fumes or other chemical substances and amended to restate the crime or felony exclusion to read, "an attempt to commit or commission of a felony."

#### For residents of Illinois:

The ***WHAT LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the phrase "contributed to by."

The ***WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the phrase "contributed to by" and by limiting the application of the drug and chemical substance exclusion to "voluntary" use of a prescription or non prescription drug, poison, fume or other chemical substance.

**For residents of Louisiana:**

The ***HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended so that after your coverage has been in force for two (2) or more years your coverage may not be rescinded for any reason.

The ***WHAT DEPENDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended by providing that unmarried dependent children may be covered from live birth until age 21 or such older age as stated in the policy.

**For residents of Minnesota:**

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to include the additional right to continue coverage for up to 18 months at no more than 102% of the cost of your coverage under the group policy if your coverage terminates or you are laid off.

The ***PORTABLE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND AMOUNTS AVAILABLE*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy and the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy, if applicable, are amended to provide that you may continue your coverage in the amount you are insured for under the group policy. However, the amount of your ported life insurance must be equal to or greater than the amount of your ported accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

The ***PREMIUM RATE CHANGES FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy and the **AD&D INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy, are amended to provide that Unum may not change rates until your or your dependents' ported coverage has been in effect for 18 months.

The ***WHAT HAPPENS IF Unum OVERPAYS YOUR CLAIM?*** in the **LIFE INSURANCE CLAIM INFORMATION** section of the policy and the ***HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?*** in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy are amended by deleting all references to fraud and the provision ***HOW WILL Unum HANDLE INSURANCE FRAUD?*** in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is removed.

**For residents of Montana:**

The ***WHAT LIMITED CONVERSION IS AVAILABLE IF THE POLICY OR THE PLAN IS CANCELLED? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that the period of time you must be insured under the plan is 3 years.

**For residents of New Hampshire:**

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that your Employer must notify you of your right to convert your coverage. You have 15 days from the date your Employer notifies you of your conversion privileges to convert your coverage.

The ***HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended so that after your coverage has been in force for two (2) or more years your coverage may not be rescinded for any reason.

**For residents of New York:**

The ***APPLYING FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy and the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy is amended by removing the prohibition on porting coverage if you, your spouse or your dependent are injured or sick.

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy and ***APPLYING FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy and the **AD&D INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy, are amended to provide you have 90 days to convert or port your coverage from the date your life insurance terminates, or if the employer notifies you of your conversion or port rights within 90 days, 45 days from the date of that notice.

The ***WHAT SEATBELT(S) AND AIRBAG BENEFIT WILL UNUM PROVIDE?*** provision in the **AD&D INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the requirement that the driver must have a valid driver's license.

The ***WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **AD&D INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the exclusion for being intoxicated.

**For residents of North Carolina:**

The ***APPLYING FOR PORTABLE COVERAGE*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy and the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES** section of the policy is amended by removing the prohibition on porting coverage if you, your spouse or your dependent are injured or sick.

**For residents of North Dakota:**

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that your Employer must notify you of your right to convert your coverage. You have 15 days from the date your Employer notifies you of your conversion privileges to convert your coverage.

The ***WHAT LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to limit the suicide exclusion to 12 months after the effective date of coverage.

The **SICKNESS** definition in the **GLOSSARY** section of the policy is amended to mean an illness or disease.

**For residents of Oklahoma:**

The ***HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended so that after your coverage has been in force for two (2) or more years your coverage may not be rescinded for any reason.

The ***WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to limit the suicide and self inflicted injury exclusion to suicide while sane or insane.

**For residents of Oregon:**

The ***WHAT LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that in the event of death by suicide during the suicide exclusion period, a refund of premiums will be made.

**For residents of Pennsylvania:**

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that your Employer must notify you of your right to convert your coverage. You have 15 days from the date your Employer notifies you of your conversion privileges to convert your coverage. In no event will the time allowed for you to exercise the life conversion privilege be extended beyond 90 days from the date your life insurance terminates.

The ***HOW MUCH WILL Unum PAY YOUR BENEFICIARY IN THE EVENT OF YOUR ACCIDENTAL DEATH OR YOU FOR YOUR DEPENDENT'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH OR FOR CERTAIN OTHER COVERED LOSSES?*** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the requirement that for a claim to be payable, a death that results from an accidental bodily injury must occur within 365 days from the date of the accident.

**For residents of South Carolina:**

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that your Employer must notify you of your right to convert your coverage. You have 15 days from the date your Employer notifies you of your conversion privileges to convert your coverage.

The ***WHAT ARE THE TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended to allow up to 6 years from the date proof of claim is required to start a legal action regarding your claim.

The war exclusion in the ***WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to read, "participation in a war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war."

**For residents of South Dakota:**

The ***WHAT LIMITED CONVERSION IS AVAILABLE IF THE SUMMARY OF BENEFITS OR THE PLAN IS CANCELLED? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by removing the \$10,000 limitation on the individual life policy maximum available.

The definition of **PHYSICIAN** in the **GLOSSARY** section of the policy is amended so that the limitation on the provision of physician services by family members reads as follows:

Unum will not recognize as a physician the claimant or any member of the claimant's family residing in the claimant's household.

The ***WHAT ACCIDENTAL LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by deleting the exclusions for intoxication, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and use of a chemical substance.

**For residents of Texas:**

The ***WHAT DEPENDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended by providing that unmarried dependent children may be covered until age 26 or such older age as stated in the policy regardless of student status.

**For residents of Vermont:**

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

The ***WHAT INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE WHEN COVERAGE ENDS? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that your Employer must notify you of your right to convert your coverage. You have 15 days from the date your Employer notifies you of your conversion privileges to convert your coverage. In addition, in no event will the time allowed for you to exercise the life conversion privilege be extended beyond 90 days from the date your life insurance terminates.

**For residents of Washington:**

The **ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT** definition in the **GLOSSARY** section of the policy is amended to include the following:

A period of up to 6 months during which you are not working due to a strike, lockout or other labor dispute is considered active employment. Your employer may require you to pay premium during this period of time.

The ***WILL Unum ACCELERATE YOUR OR YOUR DEPENDENT'S DEATH BENEFIT FOR THE PLAN IF YOU OR YOUR DEPENDENT BECOMES TERMINALLY ILL? (Accelerated Benefit)*** in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended by changing the life expectancy requirement to 24 months or less, or such longer period as stated in the policy.

The ***WHAT LOSSES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to remove any exclusion for death caused by suicide.

**For residents of West Virginia:**

The ***WHAT LIMITED CONVERSION IS AVAILABLE IF THE POLICY OR THE PLAN IS CANCELLED? (Conversion Privilege)*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that the period of time you must be insured under the plan is 3 years.

**For residents of Wisconsin:**

The ***HOW CAN STATEMENTS MADE IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED?*** provision in the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the policy is amended so that after your coverage has been in force for two (2) or more years your coverage may not be rescinded for any reason.

The ***WHEN WILL YOUR LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM WAIVER BEGIN?*** provision in the **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended to provide that once your waiver claim is approved, premium waiver is retroactive to the end of the elimination period.



## ERISA

### Additional Summary Plan Description Information

If the policy provides benefits under a Plan which is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the following provisions apply. These provisions, together with your certificate of coverage, constitute the summary plan description. The summary plan description and the policy constitute the Plan. Benefit determinations are controlled exclusively by the policy, your certificate of coverage and the information contained in this document.

**Name of Plan:**

Pacific Lutheran University Health & Welfare Plan

**Name and Address of Employer:**

Pacific Lutheran University  
12180 Park Avenue South  
Tacoma, Washington  
98447

**Plan Identification Number:**

- a. Employer IRS Identification #: 91-0565571
- b. Plan #: 504

**Type of Welfare Plan:**

Life

**Type of Administration:**

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

**ERISA Plan Year Ends:**

May 31

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

Pacific Lutheran University  
12180 Park Avenue South  
Tacoma, Washington  
98447  
(253) 535-7185

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

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

Pacific Lutheran University  
12180 Park Avenue South  
Tacoma, Washington  
98447

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

**Funding and Contributions:**

The Plan is funded by insurance issued by Unum Life Insurance Company of America, 2211 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04122 (hereinafter referred to as "Unum") under policy number 801771 011. Contributions to the Plan are made as stated under "WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE" in the Certificate of Coverage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- by Unum; or
- by the Employer.

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

- the number of employees insured is less than 10 lives or 20% of those eligible, whichever is greater; or
- the Employer does not promptly provide Unum with information that is reasonably required; or
- the Employer fails to perform any of its obligations that relate to the policy; or
- the premium is not paid in accordance with the provisions of the policy that specify whether the Employer, the employee, or both, pay the premiums; or
- the Employer does not promptly report to Unum the names of any employees who are added or deleted from the eligible group; or
- Unum determines that there is a significant change, in the size, occupation or age of the eligible group as a result of a corporate transaction such as a merger, divestiture, acquisition, sale, or reorganization of the Employer and/or its employees; or
- the Employer fails to pay any portion of the premium within the 31 day grace period.

If Unum cancels or modifies the policy or a plan, for reasons other than the Employer's failure to pay premium, a written notice will be delivered to the Employer at least 31 days prior to the cancellation date or modification date. The Employer may cancel the policy or plan if the modifications are unacceptable.

If any portion of the premium is not paid during the grace period, Unum will either cancel or modify the policy or a plan automatically at the end of the grace period. The Employer is liable for premium for coverage during the grace period. The Employer must pay Unum all premium due for the full period each plan is in force.

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

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

## **HOW TO FILE A CLAIM**

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

## **CLAIMS PROCEDURES**

### **If a claim is based on death**

In the event that your claim is denied, either in full or in part, Unum will notify you in writing within 90 days after your claim was filed. Under special circumstances, Unum is allowed an additional period of not more than 90 days (180 days in total) within which to notify you of its decision. If such an extension is required, you will receive a written notice from Unum indicating the reason for the delay and the date you may expect a final decision. Unum's notice of denial shall include:

- the specific reason or reasons for denial with reference to those Plan provisions on which the denial is based;
- a description of any additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and why that material or information is necessary; and
- a description of the Plan's procedures and applicable time limits for appealing the determination, including a statement of your right to bring a lawsuit under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse determination from Unum on appeal.

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.

### **If a claim is based on your disability**

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**

### **If an appeal is based on death**

If you or your authorized representative appeal a denied claim, it must be submitted within 90 days after you receive Unum's notice of denial. You have the right to:

- submit a request for review, in writing, to Unum;
- upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of, all relevant documents as defined by applicable U.S. Department of Labor regulations; and
- submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim to Unum.

Unum will make a full and fair review of the claim and all new information submitted whether or not presented or available at the initial determination, and may require additional documents as it deems necessary or desirable in making such a review. A final decision on the review shall be made not later than 60 days following receipt of the written request for review. If special circumstances require an extension of time for processing, you will be notified of the reasons for the extension and the date by which the Plan expects to make a decision. If an extension is required due to your failure to submit the information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension will specifically describe the necessary information and the date by which you need to provide it to us. The 60-day extension of the appeal review period will begin after you have provided that information.

The final decision on review shall be furnished in writing and shall include the reasons for the decision with reference, again, to those policy provisions upon which the final decision is based. It will also include a statement describing your right to access to documents and describing your right to bring a lawsuit under Section 502(a) of ERISA if you disagree with the determination.

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.

**If an appeal is based on your disability**

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

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

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

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

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

- the specific reason(s) for the determination;
- a reference to the specific Plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;

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

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

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

## **YOUR RIGHTS UNDER ERISA**

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

### Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

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

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

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

### Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

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

discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### Enforce Your Rights

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

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

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

### Assistance with Your Questions

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

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

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

These new rights and procedures include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# **PROTECTION FOR YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE POLICY THE WASHINGTON LIFE AND DISABILITY INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

## **PREFACE**

This brochure briefly describes the coverage provided through the Washington Life & Disability Insurance Guaranty Association ("Association").

The Association is a nonprofit unincorporated legal entity created by the Washington Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, Chapter 48.32A RCW ("Act"). Every life and disability insurance company authorized to do business in Washington is a member of the Association. A Board of Directors ("Board"), composed of representatives from member insurers, and the Insurance Commissioner, ex officio, oversee the operation of the Association. The expenses of the Association are paid by assessments made against each member insurer. Persons covered by the Act are not charged for the expenses of the Association or the protection provided under the Act.

Coverage is provided for certain life and disability insurance. However, the Association does not cover all such insurance. Coverage that is provided is subject to the limitations and exclusions provided by the Act.

The purpose of this brochure is to help you understand the general nature and the conditions of the protection provided under the Act. It is only a summary, however, and if you have specific questions that are not discussed here you may contact either the Association or the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Washington Life and Disability Insurance  
Guaranty Association Company  
P.O. Box 2292  
Shelton, WA 98584  
360-426-6744

Supervision Division  
Office of the Insurance Commissioner  
P.O. Box 40259  
Olympia, WA 98504-0259  
360-725-7214

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **1. WHAT INSURANCE POLICIES ARE COVERED UNDER THE ACT?**

The Act applies to life insurance policies, disability insurance policies, and annuity contracts issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in Washington. The term "disability insurance," as used in the Act, includes not only disability income insurance, but also policies commonly referred to as "health insurance" (which includes long term care policies). Together, all of these policies and contracts are sometimes referred to as "covered policies," a term used in this brochure.

### **2. ARE THERE POLICIES OR INSURERS NOT COVERED BY THE ACT?**

The Act specifically excludes certain types of policies or portions of policies, including, but not limited to: The portion of a policy not guaranteed by the insurer; the portion of a policy to the extent the interest rate or crediting rate exceeds the limits in the Act; policies of reinsurance, unless assumption certificates have been issued; policies issued in Washington by an insurer at a time when the insurer was not licensed or did not have a certificate of authority; policies issued to a self-insured plan or program; certain unallocated employee benefit plan annuities protected by federal law; and

unallocated annuity contracts not issued to or in connection with a benefit plan or a government lottery.

The Act also does not apply to policies or contracts issued by health care service contractors, health maintenance organizations, fraternal benefit societies, self funded multiple employer welfare arrangements, mandatory state pooling plans, mutual assessment companies, insurance exchanges, or an organization that has a certificate or license limited to issuance of certain charitable gift annuities.

### 3. WHO IS PROTECTED UNDER THE ACT?

You are covered by the Act if you are an owner of or certificate holder under a policy or contract (other than an unallocated annuity contract or structured settlement annuity), and:

- You are a Washington resident; or
- You are not a Washington resident, but only if: the insurer is domiciled in Washington; there is an association similar to the Washington Association in your state of residency; and you are not covered in your state of residency, because the insurer was not licensed in that state; or
- You are a beneficiary, assignee, or payee of one of the above, regardless of where you reside (except for nonresident certificate holders under group policies).

Owners of unallocated annuity contracts are covered if the contract was issued to or in connection with a specific benefit plan whose plan sponsor has its principal place of business in Washington, or the contract was issued to or in connection with a government lottery and the owner is a Washington resident.

A payee under a structured settlement annuity (or beneficiary of a deceased payee) is also covered, if the payee is a Washington resident, or the payee is not a Washington resident, but the contract owner is a resident; or the insurer that issued the annuity is domiciled in Washington and coverage is not available in the state in which the payee resides.

Residency is generally determined at the time of entry of an order of liquidation against the insurer. If you move to another state and reside there when such an order is entered, you may still have protection under the law of that state. You should contact the insurance department in your new state of residence to find out about guaranty act protection there.

### 4. HOW DOES THE ASSOCIATION PROTECT COVERED PERSONS AGAINST LOSS?

After an order of liquidation is entered against a company, the Association begins its work of carrying out the purpose of the Act, which is to assure the performance of insurance obligations of that company. The Association is authorized to carry out its duties by working with insurance companies in good standing to assume or take over the covered policies. The association may also directly provide benefits and coverage as authorized by the Act. The Association has the authority to collect the funds necessary to provide protection to covered persons against losses on their covered policies.

### 5. WHERE DOES THE ASSOCIATION GET THE MONEY TO PROVIDE THIS PROTECTION?

The Association is authorized to collect money from all life and disability insurance companies doing business in Washington. The funds collected from an assessment are

used to pay claims to covered persons and/or to fund the assumption of covered policies by another insurer.

**6. DOES THE ASSOCIATION PAY OUT THE MONEY IT COLLECTS RIGHT AWAY OR DO COVERED PERSONS HAVE TO WAIT?**

The Association generally cannot make an assessment for covered policies issued by a company until after an order of liquidation has been entered against the company, and a reasonable estimate can be made of the amount of money needed. Insurance companies receiving an assessment notice must make their payments within thirty days.

Because it takes time for an action to be commenced against a financially impaired insurer, for a Court to issue an order, and for funds to be collected to satisfy the obligations of that insurer, some delay, hopefully short, is unavoidable before payments can be made. Although it is impossible to predict how long this process will take in any given case, an average time period of twelve to eighteen months is not unusual.

When necessary, the Association may borrow money to make payments more promptly, particularly in cases that will take an unusual amount of time to be resolved.

**7. WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE ACT?**

The Act provides the following maximum amounts of protection:

Life Insurance Death Benefits.....	\$500,000
Disability Benefits and Health Benefits (including Long Term Care Benefits).....	\$500,000
Present Value of Individual Annuities.....	\$500,000
Unallocated Annuity Contracts, other certain government retirement plans (limit is per contract owner or plan sponsor).....	\$5,000,000
Government Retirement Plans in Unallocated Annuities established under Internal Revenue Code § § 401, 403(b), or 457 (limit is per participant).....	\$100,000

This protection becomes effective at the time of entry of a Court order of liquidation against the insurer. Of course, if the amount owed under the contract or policy is less than the maximum benefit under the Act, the covered person will be entitled to protection only up to the actual amount owed.

Furthermore, the maximum protection available to each covered person remains the same, regardless of the number of contracts through which he or she has a claim.

**8. IF A HUSBAND AND WIFE EACH INDIVIDUALLY OWN A COVERED POLICY, IS THE PROTECTION UNDER THE ACT PROVIDED TO EACH OF THEM?**

Yes. As long as the residency requirements are met, both would be entitled to the protection provided by the Act, up to the maximum amount.

**9. WHY DOESN'T MY INSURANCE COMPANY ADVERTISE THE FACT THAT ITS POLICIES AND CONTRACTS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE ACT?**

Under Washington law, insurance companies are prohibited from advertising that their policies or contracts may be covered under the Act.

You should not rely on coverage under the Act when selecting an insurance company.

#### 10. WHY HASN'T MY AGENT TOLD ME ABOUT THE GUARANTY ACT?

Your insurance agent is subject to the same prohibitions as your insurance company. As a representative of the company, an agent must exercise great care when soliciting business and consequently, will generally not discuss the subject of a guaranty act with clients.

#### 11. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF THE ACT?

You should contact the Association if you believe your rights have been violated under the Act. If you are dissatisfied with the actions of the Association, you may also contact the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

#### CONCLUSION

This notice has been prepared by the Washington Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Association. Its purpose is to inform the public in a general way of the protections that are available in this state on insurance policies and annuity contracts issued by companies authorized to do business in Washington. The Association does not, by this notice, endorse any company or its products, but rather seeks to address some of the concerns that you may have regarding the security of insurance policies and annuity contracts.

For more information or answers to specific questions you may contact the Washington Life and Disability Insurance Guaranty Association or the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, whose addresses and telephone numbers are shown in the Preface.

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