

DISABILITY INCOME GROUP INSURANCE POLICY NON-PARTICIPATING

POLICYHOLDER: Austal USA, LLC

POLICY NUMBER: 714683 001

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE: July 1

GOVERNING JURISDICTION: Alabama

Unum Life Insurance Company of America (referred to as Unum) will provide benefits under this policy. Unum makes this promise subject to all of this policy's provisions.

The policyholder should read this policy carefully and contact Unum promptly with any questions. This 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. This policy consists of:

- all policy provisions and any amendments and/or attachments issued;
- employees' signed applications; and
- the certificate of coverage.

This policy may be changed in whole or in part. Only an officer of Unum can approve a change. The approval must be in writing and endorsed on or attached to this policy. No other person, including a broker, may change this policy or waive any part of it.

Signed for Unum at Portland, Maine on the Policy Effective Date.

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Secretary

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BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

SHORT TERM DISABILITY PLAN

This short term disability plan provides financial protection for you by paying a portion of your income while you are disabled.

EMPLOYER'S ORIGINAL PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

PLAN YEAR:

July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023 and each following July 1 to July 1

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ELIGIBLE GROUP(S):

All Full-Time Employees excluding employees in the buy out plan, in active employment in the United States with the Employer

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT:

Employees must be in active employment at least 30 hours per week.

WAITING PERIOD:

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

For employees entering an eligible group after the plan effective date: First of the month coincident with or next following 30 days of continuous active employment

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

ENROLLMENT:

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

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

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

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY:

Evidence of insurability is required:

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

REHIRE:

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

WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE:

You must make contributions for your coverage.

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

ELIMINATION PERIOD:

14 days for disability due to an injury

14 days for disability due to a sickness

Benefits begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

WEEKLY BENEFIT:

30% of weekly earnings to a maximum benefit of \$3,500 per week

Some disabilities may not be covered under this plan.

Your Short Term Disability plan does not cover disabilities due to an occupational sickness or injury.

MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT:

11 weeks

OTHER FEATURES:

Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance Benefit

The above items are only highlights of this plan. For a full description of your coverage, continue reading your certificate of coverage and if you make contributions to the plan, refer to your confirmation of coverage. The plan includes enrollment, risk management and other support services related to your Employer's benefit program.

CLAIM INFORMATION

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

WHEN DO YOU NOTIFY UNUM OF A CLAIM?

We encourage you to notify us of your claim as soon as possible so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Notice of claim should be sent within 30 days after the date your disability begins. In addition, you must send Unum proof of your claim no later than one year after the date your disability begins unless your failure to do so is due to your lack of legal capacity. In no event can proof of your claim be submitted after the expiration of the time limit for commencing a legal proceeding as stated in this policy, even if your failure to provide proof of claim is due to a lack of legal capacity or if state law provides an exception to the one year time period.

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

HOW DO YOU FILE PROOF OF CLAIM?

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

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

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED AS PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM?

Proof of your claim, provided at your expense, must show:

- the date your disability began;
- the existence and cause of your sickness or injury;
- that your sickness or injury causes you to have limitations on your functioning and restrictions on your activities preventing you from performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation;
- that you are under the **regular care** of a **physician**;
- the name and address of any hospital or institution where you received treatment, including all attending physicians; and
- the appropriate documentation of your weekly earnings and any disability earnings.

In some cases, you will be required to give Unum authorization to obtain additional medical information and to provide non-medical information as part of your proof of claim, or proof of continuing disability. We may also require that you send us appropriate financial records, which may include income tax returns, which we believe are necessary to substantiate your income. We may request that you send periodic proof of your claim. This proof, provided at your expense, must be received within 45 days of a request by us. Unum will deny your claim, or stop sending you payments, if the appropriate information is not submitted.

We may require you to be examined by a physician, other medical practitioner and/or vocational expert of our choice. Unum will pay for this examination. We can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so. We may also require you to meet with and be interviewed by an authorized Unum Representative. Unum will deny your claim, or stop sending you payments, if you fail to comply with our requests.

TO WHOM WILL UNUM MAKE PAYMENTS?

Unum will make payments to you.

WHAT HAPPENS IF UNUM OVERPAYS YOUR CLAIM?

Unum has the right to recover any overpayments due to:

- fraud:
- any error Unum makes in processing a claim; or
- disability earnings.

You must reimburse us in full. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made which may include reducing or withholding future payments including the minimum weekly payment.

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

Any unpaid premium due for your coverage under this policy may be recovered by us by offsetting against amounts otherwise payable to you under this policy, or by other legally permitted means.

POLICYHOLDER PROVISIONS

WHAT IS THE COST OF THIS INSURANCE?

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

The initial premium for each **plan** is based on the initial rate(s) shown in the Rate Information Amendment(s).

Premium payments are required for an insured while he or she is receiving Short Term Disability benefit payments under this plan.

INITIAL RATE GUARANTEE AND RATE CHANGES

Refer to the Rate Information Amendment(s).

WHEN IS PREMIUM DUE FOR THIS POLICY?

Premium Due Dates: Premium due dates are based on the Premium Due Dates shown in the Rate Information Amendment(s).

The **Policyholder** must send all premiums to Unum on or before their respective due date. The premium must be paid in United States dollars.

WHEN ARE INCREASES OR DECREASES IN PREMIUM DUE?

Premium increases or decreases are due on the next premium due date following the change. Changes will not be pro-rated daily.

Unum will only adjust premium for the current policy year and the prior policy year. In the case of fraud, premium adjustments will be made for all policy years.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES UNUM REQUIRE FROM THE POLICYHOLDER?

The Policyholder must provide Unum with the following on a regular basis:

- information about employees:
 - who are eligible to become insured;
 - whose amounts of coverage change; and/or
 - whose coverage ends;
- occupational information and any other information that may be required to manage a claim; and
- any other information that may be reasonably required.

Policyholder records that, in Unum's opinion, have a bearing on this policy will be available for review by Unum at any reasonable time.

Clerical error or omission by Unum will not:

- prevent an employee from receiving coverage;
- affect the amount of an insured's coverage; or
- cause an employee's coverage to begin or continue when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

WHO CAN CANCEL OR MODIFY THIS POLICY OR A PLAN UNDER THIS POLICY?

This policy or a plan under this policy can be cancelled:

- by Unum; or
- by the Policyholder.

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

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

If Unum cancels or modifies this policy or a plan, for any of the reasons listed above, a written notice will be delivered to the Policyholder at least 31 days prior to the cancellation date or modification date. The Policyholder may cancel this policy or a plan if the modifications are unacceptable.

If any premium is not paid during the 31 day **grace period**, this policy or plan will terminate automatically at the end of the grace period. The Policyholder is liable for premium for coverage during the grace period. The Policyholder must pay Unum for premium due for the full period this policy is in force. In the event of termination, this policy or plan may be reinstated only as agreed upon by Unum and the Policyholder. If Unum agrees to reinstate this policy or plan, such reinstatement will not constitute waiver of the termination provision in the future.

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

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

DIVISIONS, SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATED COMPANIES INCLUDE:

All divisions, subsidiaries, and affiliated companies of the named Policyholder for whose employees premium is being paid.

CERTIFICATE SECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE?

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

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

WHEN ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE?

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

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

WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE BEGIN?

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

- the date you are eligible for coverage;
- the date you apply for coverage; or
- the date Unum approves your application, if evidence of insurability is required.

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

You can apply for coverage during an **annual enrollment period**. Evidence of insurability is required. Unum and your Employer determine when the annual enrollment period begins and ends. Coverage applied for during an annual enrollment period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on the later of:

- the first day of the next plan year; or
- the date Unum approves your application.

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

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

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

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

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

If you are on a **leave of absence**, other than a family and medical leave, 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.

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

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

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

- 1. the leave period required by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments; or
- 2. the leave period required by applicable state law.

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

We will not:

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

WHEN WILL CHANGES MADE BY YOUR EMPLOYER TAKE EFFECT?

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

If you are not in active employment due to injury or sickness, or if you are on a covered layoff or leave of absence, any change requested by your Employer will begin on the date you return to active employment.

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

WHEN DOES YOUR COVERAGE END?

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

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

- the date 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.

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

- while benefits are being paid;
- while you are fulfilling the requirements of your elimination period; or
- in accordance with the layoff and leave of absence provisions of this policy or plan.

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

WHAT ARE THE TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS?

You can start legal action regarding your claim 60 days after proof of claim has been given and up to 6 years from the later of when original proof of your claim was first required to have been given; or your claim was denied; or your benefits were terminated, unless otherwise provided under federal law.

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

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

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

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

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

- use the facts to decide whether you have coverage under the plan and in what amounts; and
- make a fair adjustment of the premium.

HOW MAY UNUM COMMUNICATE WITH YOU OR YOUR EMPLOYER?

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

HOW WILL UNUM HANDLE INSURANCE FRAUD?

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

It is a crime if you knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive Unum, or provide any information, including filing a claim, that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information. These actions, as well as submission of materially false information, will result in denial of your claim, and are subject to prosecution and

punishment to the full extent under state and/or federal law. Unum will pursue all appropriate legal remedies in the event of insurance fraud.

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

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

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

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

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

BENEFIT INFORMATION

HOW DOES UNUM DEFINE DISABILITY?

You are disabled when Unum determines that due to your **sickness** or **injury**:

- you are unable to perform the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation; and
- you are not working in any occupation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEN WILL YOU BEGIN TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS?

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

HOW MUCH WILL UNUM PAY YOU IF YOU ARE DISABLED?

We will follow this process to figure your payment:

- 1. Multiply your weekly earnings by 30%.
- 2. The maximum weekly benefit is \$3,500.
- 3. Compare the answer from Item 1 with the maximum weekly benefit. The lesser of these two amounts is your gross disability payment.

The amount figured in Item 3 is your weekly payment.

Your weekly payment may be reduced based on your disability earnings.

If, at any time after the elimination period, you are disabled for less than 1 week, we will send you 1/7th of your weekly payment for each day of disability.

WHAT ARE YOUR WEEKLY EARNINGS?

"Weekly Earnings" means your average gross weekly income as figured:

- a. from the income box on your W-2 form which reflects wages, tips and other compensation received from your Employer for the calendar year just prior to your date of disability; or
- b. for the period of your employment with your Employer if you did not receive a W-2 form prior to your date of disability.

Average gross weekly income is your total income before taxes. It is prior to any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. It does not include income received from car, housing or moving allowances, Employer contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, or income received from sources other than your Employer.

WHAT WILL WE USE FOR WEEKLY 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 weekly earnings from your Employer in effect just prior to the date your absence begins.

HOW LONG WILL UNUM CONTINUE TO SEND YOU PAYMENTS?

Unum will send you a payment each week up to the **maximum period of payment**. Your maximum period of payment is 11 weeks during a continuous period of disability.

WHEN WILL PAYMENTS STOP?

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

- the end of the maximum period of payment;
- the date you are no longer disabled under the terms of the plan, unless you are eligible to receive benefits under Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program;
- the date you fail to submit proof of continuing disability;
- after 12 months of payments if you are considered to reside outside the United States or Canada. You will be considered to reside outside these countries when you have been outside the United States or Canada for a total period of 6 months or more during any 12 consecutive months of benefits;
- the date you die.

WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?

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

- **occupational sickness or injury**, however, Unum will cover disabilities due to occupational sicknesses or injuries for partners or sole proprietors who cannot be covered by a workers' compensation law.
- intentionally self-inflicted injuries.
- active participation in a riot.
- loss of a professional license, occupational license or certification.

- commission of a crime for which you have been convicted.

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

Unum will not pay a benefit for any period of disability during which you are incarcerated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you become entitled to payments under any other group short term disability plan, you will not be eligible for payments under the Unum plan.

SHORT TERM DISABILITY

OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES

HOW CAN UNUM'S REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELP YOU RETURN TO WORK?

Unum has a vocational Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program available to assist you in returning to work. We will determine whether you are eligible for this program. In order to be eligible for rehabilitation services and benefits, you must be medically able to engage in a return to work program.

Your claim file will be reviewed by one of Unum's rehabilitation professionals to determine if a rehabilitation program might help you return to gainful employment. As your file is reviewed, medical and vocational information will be analyzed to determine an appropriate return to work program.

We will make the final determination of your eligibility for participation in the program.

We will provide you with a written Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance plan developed specifically for you.

The rehabilitation program may include, but is not limited to, the following services and benefits:

- coordination with your Employer to assist you to return to work;
- adaptive equipment or job accommodations to allow you to work;
- vocational evaluation to determine how your disability may impact your employment options;
- job placement services;
- resume preparation;
- job seeking skills training; or
- education and retraining expenses for a new occupation.

WHAT ADDITIONAL BENEFITS WILL UNUM PAY WHILE YOU PARTICIPATE IN A REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

We will pay an additional disability benefit of 10% of your gross disability payment to a maximum benefit of \$250 per week.

This benefit is not subject to policy provisions which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount.

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

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

This benefit payment may be paid in a lump sum.

WHEN WILL REHABILITATION AND RETURN TO WORK ASSISTANCE BENEFITS END?

Benefits for the Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date Unum determines that you are no longer eligible to participate in Unum's Rehabilitation and Return to Work Assistance program; or
- any other date on which weekly payments would stop in accordance with this plan.

GLOSSARY

ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT means you are working for your Employer for earnings that are paid regularly and that you are performing the material and substantial duties of your regular occupation. You must be regularly scheduled to work on average at least the minimum number of hours as described under the minimum hours requirement in each plan.

Your work site must be:

- your Employer's usual place of business;
- an alternative work site at the direction of your Employer, including your home; or
- a location to which your job requires you to travel.

Normal vacation is considered active employment.

Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD means a period of time before the beginning of each plan year.

ELIMINATION PERIOD means a period of continuous disability which must be satisfied before you are eligible to receive benefits from Unum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

INSURED means any person covered under a plan.

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.

MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DUTIES means duties that:

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

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

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

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

PHYSICIAN means:

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

Unum will not recognize you, or your spouse, children, parents or siblings, a business or professional partner, or any person who has a financial affiliation or business interest with you, as a physician for a claim that you send to us.

PLAN means a line of coverage under the policy.

POLICYHOLDER means the Employer to whom the policy is issued.

REGULAR CARE means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY EARNINGS means your gross weekly income from your Employer as defined in the plan.

YOU means an employee who is eligible for Unum coverage.

LONG TERM DISABILITY/SHORT TERM DISABILITY

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

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

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

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.

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:

For residents of Colorado:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN? provision in the BENEFIT INFORMATION section of the policy and in the SPOUSE DISABILITY BENEFIT provision in the OTHER BENEFIT FEATURES section of the policy is amended to provide that any exclusion for disabilities caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from your intentionally self-inflicted injuries will be applied only if you were sane when the injury was inflicted.

For residents of Louisiana:

The HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED? provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 3 years.

For residents of Minnesota:

The HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED? provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

The WHAT ARE DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME? provision in the BENEFIT INFORMATION section of the policy is amended so that deductible sources of income will not include any amounts you receive as mandatory portions of any "no fault" motor vehicle plan or any amounts received from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise, until after you have been fully compensated from this other source.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy will be applied by deleting the phrase "or you had symptoms for which an ordinarily prudent person would have consulted a health care provider."

If your coverage includes the **Spouse Disability Rider** benefit the exclusions for mental illness and alcoholism applicable to the rider are removed.

For residents of Montana:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The definition of pre-existing condition found in the provisions **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** and **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED FOR A COST OF LIVING INCREASE?** in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy, is amended to limit a pre-existing condition to "a sickness or injury for which you received medical advice or treatment from a provider of health care services or medical advice or treatment was recommended by a provider of health care services" during the time period specified in the policy.

For residents of New Hampshire:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED? provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

For residents of North Carolina:

The definition of pre-existing condition found in the provisions **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER YOUR PLAN?** and **WHAT DISABILITIES ARE NOT COVERED FOR A COST OF LIVING INCREASE?** in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy, is amended by removing any reference to "symptoms arising from the sickness or injury, whether diagnosed or not."

For residents of South Carolina:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The WHAT IF YOU HAVE A DISABILITY DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION WHEN YOUR EMPLOYER CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS TO UNUM? provision in the BENEFIT INFORMATION section of the policy, is amended to provide that Unum will credit the pre-existing condition period you satisfied under another similar group disability policy if you were covered under the prior policy within 30 days of being effective under this policy and you applied for this coverage when you first became eligible.

For residents of South Dakota:

The **Pre-existing Condition** limitation in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** limitation in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of Texas:

The HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED? provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy will be applied by deleting the phrase "or you had symptoms for which an ordinarily prudent person would have consulted a health care provider."

For residents of Utah:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it

will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

The HOW CAN STATEMENTS IN YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS COVERAGE BE USED? provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section of the policy is amended to provide that, except for fraud, misstatements made in your application cannot be used to reduce or deny coverage if your coverage has been in force for at least 2 years.

For residents of Vermont:

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

The limitation specifying the number of months payments will be made for a disability caused by a mental and nervous condition is removed.

The **MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT** stated in the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is reduced to 17.5 hours per week.

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of West Virginia:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

For residents of Wisconsin:

The **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **OTHER FEATURES** provision of the **BENEFITS AT A GLANCE** section of the policy is amended so that if the last number is greater than 12 months, it is reduced to 12 months and any **Pre-existing Condition** exclusion in the **BENEFIT INFORMATION** section of the policy is amended so that it will be applied only if the disability begins in the first 12 months after the insured's effective date of coverage for the applicable benefit, or such shorter time as provided in the policy.

ERISA

Additional Summary Plan Description Information

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

Name of Plan:

Austal USA, LLC Plan

Name and Address of Employer:

Austal USA, LLC 100 Austal Way Mobile, Alabama 36602

Plan Identification Number:

a. Employer IRS Identification #: 63-1238756

b. Plan #: 501

Type of Welfare Plan:

Disability Income

Type of Administration:

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

ERISA Plan Year Ends:

November 30

Plan Administrator, Name, Address, and Telephone Number:

Austal USA, LLC 100 Austal Way Mobile, Alabama 36602 (251) 434-8000

Austal USA, LLC 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:

Austal USA, LLC 100 Austal Way Mobile, Alabama 36602 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 714683 001. Contributions to the Plan are made as stated under "WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE" in the Certificate of Coverage.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO AMEND THE PLAN

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

EMPLOYER'S RIGHT TO REQUEST POLICY CHANGE

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

MODIFYING OR CANCELLING THE POLICY OR A PLAN UNDER THE POLICY

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

- by Unum; or
- by the Employer.

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

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

If Unum cancels or modifies the policy or a plan, for any of the reasons listed above, a written notice will be delivered to the Employer at least 31 days prior to the cancellation date or modification date. The Employer may cancel the policy or a plan if the modifications are unacceptable.

If any premium is not paid during the 31 day grace period, the policy or plan will terminate automatically at the end of the grace period. The Employer is liable for premium for coverage during the grace period. The Employer must pay Unum for premium due for the full period the policy is in force. In the event of termination, the policy or plan may be reinstated only as agreed upon by Unum and the Employer. If Unum agrees to reinstate the policy or plan, such reinstatement will not constitute waiver of the termination provision in the future.

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

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

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM

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

CLAIMS PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

APPEAL PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER ERISA

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

Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

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

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

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

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

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

Enforce Your Rights

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

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

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

Assistance with Your Questions

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

OTHER RIGHTS

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

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

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

These new rights and procedures include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice applies to Unum Group's United States insurance operations and is being provided on behalf of its affiliates listed below ("Unum" "we"), as required by the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act and state insurance laws. This Notice describes how we collect, share, and protect nonpublic personal information (NPI).

COLLECTING INFORMATION

We collect NPI about our customers to provide them with insurance products and services, perform underwriting, provide stop loss coverage, and administer claims. The types of NPI we collect for these purposes may include telephone number, address, Social Security number, date of birth, occupation, income, and medical history, including treatment. We may receive NPI from your applications and forms, medical providers, other insurers, employers, insurance support organizations and service providers.

SHARING INFORMATION

We share the types of NPI described above primarily with people who perform insurance, business and professional services for us, such as helping us perform underwriting, provide stop loss coverage, pay claims, detect fraud, and to provide reinsurance or auditing. We may share NPI with medical providers for insurance and treatment purposes and with insurance support organizations. The organizations may retain the NPI and disclose it to others for whom it performs services. In certain cases, we may share NPI with group policyholders for reporting and auditing purposes, with parties for a proposed or final sale of insurance business or for study purposes. We may also share NPI when otherwise required or permitted by law, such as sharing with governmental or other legal authorities. When legally necessary, we ask your permission before sharing NPI about you. Our practices apply to our former, current and future customers.

We do not share your health NPI to market any product or service. We also do not share any NPI to market non-financial products and services.

The law allows us to share NPI as described above (except health information) with affiliates to market financial products and services. The law does not allow you to restrict these disclosures. We may also share with companies that help us market our insurance products and services, such as vendors that provide mailing services to us. We may share with other financial institutions to jointly market financial products and services. When required by law, we ask your permission before we share NPI for marketing purposes.

When other companies help us conduct business, we expect them to follow applicable privacy laws. We do not authorize them to use or share NPI except when necessary to conduct the work they are performing for us or to meet regulatory or other governmental requirements.

Unum companies, including insurers and insurance service providers, may share NPI about you with each other. The NPI might not be directly related to our transaction or experience with you. It may include financial or other personal information such as employment history. Consistent with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, we ask your permission before sharing NPI that is not directly related to our transaction or experience with you.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

We have physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that protect the confidentiality and security of NPI. We give access only to employees who need to know the NPI to provide insurance products or services to you.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You may request access to certain NPI we collect to provide you with insurance products and services. You must make your request in writing, providing your full name, address, telephone number and policy number, to the address below. We will reply within 30 business days of receipt. If you request, we will send copies of the NPI to you or make available to you at our office. If the NPI includes health information, we may provide the health information to you

through a health care provider you designate. We will also send you information related to disclosures. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover our copying costs.

This section applies to NPI we collect to provide you with coverage. It does not apply to NPI we collect in anticipation of a claim or civil or criminal proceeding.

CORRECTION OF INFORMATION

If you believe the NPI we have about you is incorrect, please write to us and include your full name, address, telephone number and policy number if we have issued a policy, and the reason you believe the NPI is inaccurate. We will reply within 30 business days of receipt. If we agree with you, we will correct the NPI and notify you and insurance support organizations that may have received NPI from us in the preceding 7 years. We will also, if you ask, notify any person who may have received the incorrect NPI from us in the past 2 years.

If we disagree with you, we will tell you we are not going to make the correction and the reason(s) for our refusal. We will also tell you that you may submit a statement to us. Your statement should include the NPI you believe is correct and the reason(s) why you disagree with our decision not to correct the NPI in our files. We will file your statement with the disputed NPI to be accessible. We will include your statement any time the disputed NPI is reviewed or disclosed. We will also give the statement to insurance support organizations that gave us NPI and to any person designated by you, if we disclosed the disputed NPI to that person in the past two years.

COVERAGE DECISIONS

If we decide not to issue coverage to you, we will provide you with the specific reason(s) for our decision. We will also tell you how to access and correct certain NPI. You may submit a written request for the reason(s) for our decision within 90 business days of our decision. We will reply within 21 business days of receipt with the specific reasons, if not initially furnished, and specific items of information that supported our decision.

CONTACTING US

For additional information about Unum's commitment to privacy and to view a copy of our HIPAA Privacy Notice, please visit: unum.com/privacy or coloniallife.com. You may also write to: Privacy Officer, Unum, 2211 Congress Street, B267, Portland, Maine 04122 or at Privacy@unum.com.

We reserve the right to modify this notice. We will provide you with a new notice if we make material changes to our privacy practices.

Unum is providing this notice to you on behalf of the following insuring companies: Unum Life Insurance Company of America, Unum Insurance Company, First Unum Life Insurance Company, Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, Provident Life and Casualty Insurance Company, Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company, The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company and Starmount Life Insurance Company.

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