



# Reporting

## a Short Term Disability Claim

### Rice University

**STD Policy #:** 129790

Report by Phone:

Phone: 888-857-0157

Fax: 800-447-2498

Monday-Friday

7 a.m.

to

7 p.m.

Central

Report on the Web:

URL: [www.unum.com/claims](http://www.unum.com/claims)

#### WHEN TO REPORT A CLAIM

- If you are injured at work notify your manager or supervisor immediately, unless it is an emergency. Do not use this toll-free number or website for work-related injuries
- If your physician has determined you are unable to work due to illness, injury or for maternity reasons
- Up to thirty days in advance of a planned medical absence, such as prescheduled surgery or an expected maternity leave

#### HOW TO REPORT A CLAIM

- Notify your manager or supervisor of your absence from work. (If you are injured at work, notify your manager or supervisor immediately, unless it is an emergency. Do not use this toll-free number or website for work-related injuries.)
  - See your physician and provide him or her with a signed and dated copy of the authorization form (attached). This form authorizes the release of medical information we need in order to process any benefit for which you may be eligible.
  - Contact us to initiate your claim. Refer to “Information Needed to Submit a Claim” on page 2 of this brochure.
  - Either call the toll-free number or go to the website listed in the left column to initiate your claim request.
  - Fax or mail a copy of the completed authorization to the Unum Benefits Center.

#### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- A qualified Unum disability specialist will manage and certify your disability claim.
- You will receive notification via mail stating your certified length of disability.
- You will receive disability payment through Rice University based on your eligibility and as long as we certify disability according to the provisions of the plan.

Unum recognizes that a disabling illness or injury can create emotional, physical and financial challenges. We want you to feel confident in knowing that Unum is committed to providing you with specialized expertise and responsive service.

**INFORMATION NEEDED  
TO SUBMIT A CLAIM**

**The following information may be required when you make your claim request. Please be prepared. If someone else makes the call on your behalf, he or she will need to provide this information.**

- Name of the company where you work
- Policy number (printed on the front of this brochure)
- Physician's name, address, fax and phone number
- Your name and Social Security or employee ID number
- Complete address and phone number
- Date of birth
- Marital status
- Occupation (or job title)
- Supervisor's name and phone number
- A brief description of your medical condition including cause of condition (illness or injury), date of injury or beginning of illness, and whether it's work-related
- The dates of your first visit, your most recent visit, and your next scheduled visit with your physician for this condition
- Your last day worked and your first day absent from work due to this condition
- The date you expect to return to work (if you know), or the actual date if you have already returned to work at the time you call
- Work restrictions or limitations advised by your physician, if any
- Please initiate your leave request first before detaching page 3 and giving it to your physician.

*Prompt and complete information from you and your physician will help assure a timely decision and payment if you are eligible.*

### **Claim Fraud Warning Statements**

For your protection, the laws of several states, including Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma and others require the following statement to appear:

#### **Fraud Warning**

Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of insurance fraud, which is a felony.

#### **For California Residents**

For your protection, California law requires the following to appear: Any person who knowingly, presents a false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

#### **For Colorado Residents**

It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

#### **For Florida Residents**

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim or application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

### **For District of Columbia, Maine, Tennessee and Virginia Residents**

It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines or a denial of insurance benefits.

### **For New Jersey, New Mexico and Pennsylvania Residents**

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

### **For New York Residents**

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of each such violation.

### **For Puerto Rico Residents**

Any person who knowingly and with the intention of defrauding presents false information in an insurance application, or presents, helps, or causes the presentation of a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or any other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, shall incur a felony and, upon conviction, shall be sanctioned for each violation with the penalty of a fine of not less than five thousand (5,000) dollars and not more than ten thousand (10,000) dollars, or a fixed term of imprisonment for three (3) years, or both penalties. If aggravating circumstances are present, the penalty thus established may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years; if extenuating circumstances are present, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

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**Fax or mail a completed copy of this authorization to:**  
**Unum Benefits Center**  
 P.O. Box 100158  
 Columbia, SC 29202-3158  
 Fax: 800-447-2498

**Authorization Form**

**Note:** The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that we obtain this authorization from you. You are not required to sign the authorization, but if you do not, Unum may not be able to evaluate or administer your claim(s). Please sign and return this authorization to the address above.

I authorize any health care provider including, but not limited to, any health care professional, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy or other medically related facility or service; health plan; rehabilitation professional; vocational evaluator; insurance company; reinsurer; insurance service provider; third party administrator; producer; the Medical Information Bureau; the Association of Life Insurance Companies, which operates the Health Claims Index and the Disability Income Record System; government organization; and employer that has information about my health, financial or credit history, earnings, employment history, or other insurance claims and benefits to disclose any and all of this information to persons who administer claims for Unum Group, its insurance subsidiaries\* and duly authorized representatives ("Unum"). Information about my health may relate to any disorder of the immune system including, but not limited to, HIV and AIDS; use of drugs and alcohol; and mental and physical history, condition, advice or treatment, but does not include psychotherapy notes.

I understand that any information Unum obtains pursuant to this authorization will be used for evaluating and administering my claim(s) for benefits, which may include assisting me in returning to work. I further understand that the information is subject to redisclosure and might not be protected by HIPAA.

This authorization is valid for two (2) years from the date below, or the duration of my claim, whichever period is shorter. A photographic or electronic copy of this authorization is as valid as the original. I understand I am entitled to receive a copy of this authorization.

I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time except to the extent Unum has relied on the authorization prior to notice of revocation or has a legal right to contest a claim under the policy or the policy itself. I understand if I revoke this authorization, Unum may not be able to evaluate or administer my claim(s) and this may be the basis for denying my claim(s). I may revoke this authorization by sending written notice to the address above.

I understand if I do not sign this authorization or if I alter its content in any way, Unum may not be able to evaluate or administer my claim(s) and this may be the basis for denying my claim(s).

Please detach this page here. Submit to your health care provider.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Claimant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Social Security Number)

I signed on behalf of the claimant as \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate relationship). If Power of Attorney Designee, Guardian or Conservator, please attach a copy of the document granting authority.

\* This authorization is valid for the following Unum Group insurance subsidiaries: Unum Life Insurance Company of America, Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company and The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company.

