

Benefits Handbook Date July 1, 2016

# **Optional Long Term Disability**

Marsh & McLennan Companies



## Optional Long Term Disability

*This Plan provides you with income in case you can't work for an extended period of time because of an injury or illness. Benefits under Marsh & McLennan Companies' Basic and Optional Long Term Disability Plans are based on your "pre-disability earnings" (e.g. annual base salary, excluding overtime, bonuses, commissions and other extra compensation) in effect prior to your date of disability, up to a maximum covered annual base salary of \$520,000. If you are approved to receive the Optional Long Term Disability benefit, the Plan provides you with a monthly benefit of 20% of your pre-disability earnings up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$8,667. The Company provides you with Basic Long Term Disability coverage of 40% of your pre-disability earnings up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$17,333. You can choose to purchase this additional optional coverage and, if you are eligible, coverage under the Long Term Disability Bonus Income Plan.*

### SPD and Plan Document

This section provides a summary of the Optional Long Term Disability Plan (the "Plan") as of January 1, 2016.

This section, together with the *Administrative Information* section and the applicable section about participation, forms the Summary Plan Description and plan document of the Plan.

### A Note about ERISA

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) is a federal law that governs many employer-sponsored plans including this one. Your ERISA rights in connection with this Plan are detailed in the *Administrative Information* section.

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## The Plan at a Glance

Plan Feature	Highlights
<b>How the Plan Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You can elect to cover an additional 20% of your monthly pre-disability earnings, up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$8,667. (The total maximum monthly benefit for the Optional Long Term Disability Plan and Basic Long Term Disability Plan combined is \$26,000.) This means that if you have an approved disability, you will receive a total of 60% (including the 40% provided under the Company's Basic Long Term Disability Plan) of your monthly pre-disability base salary for the approved duration of your disability.</li> <li>▪ Your benefit may be reduced by other disability income benefits (as described in "Other Sources of Disability Benefits" on page 14) and federal tax withholding.</li> <li>▪ See "How the Plan Works" on page 6 for details.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you are an employee of Marsh &amp; McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh &amp; McLennan Companies and you meet the eligibility requirements, you become eligible on your eligibility date.</li> <li>▪ See "Participating in the Plan" on page 3 for details.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You enroll in the Optional Long Term Disability Plan by going to Colleague Connect (<a href="https://colleagueconnect.mmc.com">https://colleagueconnect.mmc.com</a>), click <b>Career &amp; Rewards</b> and select <b>Mercer Marketplace benefits enrollment website</b> under Resources. You must enroll within 30 days of when you are first eligible. If you do not enroll when you are first eligible, Evidence of Insurability is required.</li> <li>▪ See "Participating in the Plan" on page 3 for details.</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence of Insurability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you enroll within 30 days of when you are first eligible, you do not have to provide Evidence of Insurability.</li> <li>▪ If you do not enroll within 30 days of when you are first eligible, you have to provide Evidence of Insurability.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost of Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If you elect Optional Long Term Disability coverage, you pay the full cost for coverage.</li> </ul>
<b>Disability Payment Details</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Your long term disability benefit is based on your annual base salary in effect before you become disabled, up to a maximum covered annual base salary of \$520,000.</li> <li>▪ Your payments under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan will begin with the seventh month of an approved disability. Prior to this time, you may be able to receive benefit payments from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Short Term Disability Plan</li> <li>– your Company's sick pay policy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ However, there are exceptions to the normal payment period if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– your disability starts on, or after, age 62</li> <li>– the Plan's Claims Administrator offers a lump-sum settlement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## Participating in the Plan

### Eligibility

If you are an employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies (other than MMA and any of its subsidiaries or Mercer PeoplePro) and you meet the requirements set forth below, you become eligible on your eligibility date.

### Eligibility Requirements

#### *Marsh & McLennan Companies Employees (other than MMA or Mercer PeoplePro)*

You are eligible if you are an employee classified on payroll as a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies (other than Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC and any of its subsidiaries (MMA) or Mercer PeoplePro).

Individuals who are classified on payroll as temporary employees or who are compensated as independent contractors are not eligible to participate.

#### *MMA Employees*

You are eligible if you are an employee classified on payroll as a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Corporate (MMA-Corporate), Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Northeast (MMA-Northeast) or Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC – Alaska (MMA-Alaska).

Individuals who are classified on payroll as temporary employees or who are compensated as independent contractors are not eligible to participate.

### Your Eligibility Date

There is no waiting period if you are actively at work. Your eligibility date is the first day you are actively at work on or after your date of hire.

### Enrollment

You enroll in the Optional Long Term Disability Plan by Go to Colleague Connect (<https://colleagueconnect.mmc.com>), click **Career & Rewards** and select **Mercer Marketplace benefits enrollment website** under Resources.

### When Coverage Starts and Ends

#### *When does coverage start?*

Your coverage begins on your eligibility date if you elected coverage within 30 days of when you were first eligible.

#### **“You,” “Your,” and “Employee”**

As used throughout this Handbook, “employee”, “you” and “your” always mean:

- For Marsh & McLennan Companies participants: a US regular employee of Marsh & McLennan Companies or any subsidiary or affiliate of Marsh & McLennan Companies (other than MMA or Mercer PeoplePro)
- For MMA participants: a US regular employee of MMA-Corporate, MMA-Northeast or MMA-Alaska.

Otherwise, if you are actively at work and you do not elect coverage within 30 days of when you are first eligible; your coverage begins once your Evidence of Insurability application is approved by the Claims Administrator.

If you are absent from work due to disability or leave of absence on the date your coverage would have become effective, your coverage will not become effective until you work one regular working day.

### ***When does eligibility for coverage end?***

Your eligibility for coverage ends:

- the date of your death
- the date the Plan is terminated
- the date you no longer meet the eligibility requirements
- the date you discontinue coverage
- the date you terminate your employment
- the date you commence a leave of absence
- the end of the period for which the premium has not been paid.

### ***If You Die***

Your Optional Long Term Disability Plan coverage ends on the date of your death. If you are receiving disability benefits under this plan, your last check will be prorated through the date of your death.

### ***If You Are on an Authorized Unpaid Leave of Absence***

Your Optional Long Term Disability Plan coverage is suspended on the date you begin an unpaid leave of absence authorized by the Company. Coverage will resume on the date you return to active employment as a salaried employee.

### ***If You No Longer Satisfy the Plan's Eligibility Requirements***

Your Optional Long Term Disability Plan coverage ends on the date you no longer satisfy the plan's eligibility requirements.

### ***Converting to an Individual Plan***

The Optional Long Term Disability Plan does not offer conversion privileges. You can not convert this disability plan benefit to an individual policy when you are no longer eligible for coverage.

## **Cost of Coverage**

If you elect Optional Long Term Disability coverage, you pay the full cost for coverage.

<b>Age as of prior December 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Contribution as a % of Monthly Base Salary per semi-monthly paycheck</b>	<b>Contribution as a % of Monthly Base Salary per weekly paycheck</b>
Under 25	0.0241%	0.0111%
25 to 29	0.0301%	0.0139%
30 to 34	0.0361%	0.0167%
35 to 39	0.0602%	0.0278%
40 to 44	0.0783%	0.0361%
45 to 49	0.1144%	0.0528%
50 to 54	0.1445%	0.0667%
55 to 59	0.1806%	0.0833%
60 and older	0.1866%	0.0861%

### **Cost Calculation Example:**

If your eligible base salary is \$45,000 and you are age 37, your cost is:

- $\$45,000 \div 12 \text{ months} = \$3,750 \times 0.0602\% = \$2.26$  per semi-monthly paycheck
- $\$45,000 \div 12 \text{ months} = \$3,750 \times 0.0278\% = \$1.04$  per weekly paycheck

### ***Will my cost for coverage increase as I get older?***

The cost of your Optional Long Term Disability Plan coverage is based on your age. As you get older, the incidence of disabilities increases, and the cost of providing coverage increases. Accordingly, your cost increases.

### ***When will my cost change?***

Because this benefit is based on your annual base salary (excluding overtime, bonuses, commission and other extra compensation) and your age, your cost and your coverage will change when your pay changes. Generally, these changes may occur each January 1.

The Company reserves the right to change the amount you are required to contribute at any time.

### ***Taxes***

#### ***Do I pay for coverage with before-tax or after-tax dollars?***

You pay for your Optional Long Term Disability Plan with after-tax dollars which are deducted from your paycheck.

#### ***Do I pay taxes on the long term disability payments I receive?***

Your optional long term disability benefit is not taxable.



## How the Plan Works

You can elect to cover an additional 20% of your monthly pre-disability earnings, up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$8,667. (The total maximum monthly benefit for the Optional Long Term Disability Plan and Basic Long Term Disability Plan combined is \$26,000.) This means that if you have an approved disability, you will receive a total of 60% (including the 40% provided under the Company's Basic Long Term Disability Plan) of your monthly pre-disability base salary for the approved duration of your disability.

Your benefit may be reduced by other disability income benefits (as described in "Other Sources of Disability Benefits" on page 14) and federal tax withholding.

## Disability Explanation

### ***What is the Plan's definition of disability?***

To be considered disabled, you must be "totally" disabled. During **the first 30 months of an approved disability** (including the first six months under the Short Term Disability Plan), you are considered totally disabled if you are unable to continuously perform the substantial and material duties of *your* present occupation (sometimes referred to as "your own occupation") because of an illness or injury, as long as you are not engaged in any other occupation or employment. Medical certification of disability is required, and you must be under the regular care of a licensed physician who is qualified to treat your condition. You are responsible for any costs you may incur to initially qualify for disability, such as providing medical records or submitting to an independent medical examination. The Plan does not cover these costs.

The Plan's definition of total disability changes **after 30 continuous months of disability payments** (including the first six months under the Short Term Disability Plan). After this period, you are considered totally disabled and eligible for benefits if you are continuously unable to engage in duties of *any* substantial gainful employment for which you are reasonably qualified by education, training or experience (sometimes referred to as "any occupation"). You must be under the regular care of a licensed physician who is qualified to treat your condition.

You or your doctor may be asked periodically to provide proof of your continuing disability. You will be responsible for any doctor's charges or other costs associated with providing such proof. The Plan does not cover these costs.

## Pregnancy

### ***Will I receive Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefits if I am pregnant?***

You may be eligible for benefits from the Optional Long Term Disability Plan if your pregnancy, childbirth or any complications prevent you from performing your job for more than six months. As with any disability, you must satisfy the requirements of an eligible disability, and your disability must be approved by the Claims Administrator.

## **Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

### ***Mental Health***

#### ***Can I receive benefits under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan if I have a mental health condition?***

You may be eligible for benefits under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan if your mental health condition prevents you from performing your job. As with any disability, you must satisfy the requirements of an eligible disability, and your disability must be approved by the Claims Administrator.

#### ***Are benefits limited for mental illness conditions?***

If you become disabled (as determined by the Claims Administrator) on or after January 1, 2006 because of a mental health condition that results from any cause, then, subject to all other Plan provisions, benefits will be payable:

- only for so long as you are confined in a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for the disabling condition; or
- when you are not so confined, a total of 24 months for all such disabilities during your lifetime.

Mental health condition means any psychological, behavioral or emotional disorder or ailment of the mind, including physical manifestations of psychological, behavioral or emotional disorders, but excluding demonstrable, structural brain damage. The 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment applies to both mental health and substance abuse conditions. The 24-month benefit limit is a combined mental health and substance abuse lifetime limit.

#### ***If I was approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability prior to January 1, 2006, does the 24-month benefit limit on non-confined treatment for a mental health condition apply?***

No, if you were approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability by the Claims Administrator prior to January 1, 2006, you are not subject to the 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment for a mental health condition.

If however, you were approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability benefits for non-confined treatment for a mental health condition prior to January 1, 2006, you return to work for at least six months, and then you become disabled again for the same mental health condition on or after January 1, 2006, you are subject to the 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment for a mental health condition.

The 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment applies to both mental health and substance abuse conditions. The 24-month benefit limit is a combined mental health and substance abuse lifetime limit.

## ***Substance Abuse***

### ***Can I receive benefits under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan if I have a substance abuse problem?***

You may be eligible for benefits under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan if your substance abuse problem prevents you from performing your job. As with any disability, you must satisfy the requirements of an eligible disability, and your disability must be approved by the Claims Administrator.

### ***Are benefits limited for substance abuse?***

If you become disabled (as determined by the Claims Administrator) on or after January 1, 2006 because of alcoholism or the non-medical use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, or any other such substance then, subject to all other Plan provisions, benefits will be payable:

- only for so long as you are confined in a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for the disabling condition; or
- when you are not so confined, a total of 24 months for all such disabilities during your lifetime.

The 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment applies to both mental health and substance abuse conditions. The 24-month benefit limit is a combined mental health and substance abuse lifetime limit.

### ***If I was approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability prior to January 1, 2006, does the 24-month benefit limit on non-confined treatment for substance abuse apply?***

No, if you were approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability by the Claims Administrator prior to January 1, 2006, you are not subject to the 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment for substance abuse.

If however, you were approved for Short Term and/or Long Term Disability benefits for non-confined treatment for a substance abuse prior to January 1, 2006, you return to work for at least six months, and then you become disabled again for the same substance abuse problem on or after January 1, 2006, you are subject to the 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment for a substance abuse problem.

The 24-month Long Term Disability benefit limit on non-confined treatment applies to both mental health and substance abuse conditions. The 24-month benefit limit is a combined mental health and substance abuse lifetime limit.

## Exclusions

### ***Are there any restrictions or exclusions?***

Yes, there are exclusions. Benefit will not be paid for:

- disabilities not treated by a licensed physician who is qualified to treat your condition
- intentionally self-inflicted injuries
- disabilities as a result of declared or undeclared war or act of war
- disabilities as a result of the commission of a felony or attempt to commit a felony, or to which a contributing cause was your being engaged in an illegal occupation.

**Note:** Prior to July 1, 2006, a benefit is paid for disabilities as a result of declared or undeclared war or act of war outside the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Barbados, and the Cayman Islands for covered employees assigned on a temporary basis by the Company outside their country of regular employment but no benefit is paid for disabilities as a result of voluntary participation in a riot.

## Returning to Work

### ***Recurrent Disability***

If you return to work as an active full time employee during the six-month elimination period, you will be able to return as an active full time employee for up to 14 days without interrupting the six-month elimination requirement.

After your elimination period, if you return to work as an active full-time employee and have a recurrent disability that is due to the same cause or related cause within six months of your return to work, then the period of disability prior to your return to work and the period of time up to the recurrent disability will be considered one period of disability for the purposes of satisfying the elimination period requirements.

If you return to work for six months or more, any recurrence of disability will be treated as a new disability and a new elimination period and maximum duration of benefits will apply.

### ***How does the Plan work if I return to work part-time?***

If you remain disabled after the elimination period, however return to work while you are disabled then the benefit calculations are as follows:

For the following 12-month period; multiply your monthly pre-disability earnings by 60%, up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$26,000. Then add to your current monthly earnings; if the sum exceeds your monthly pre-disability earnings, then determine the amount of excess by subtracting your monthly pre-disability earnings from the sum. This means that your monthly benefit and your current monthly earnings may provide an amount up to 100% of your pre-disability earnings.

For example, assume your monthly pre-disability earnings was \$10,000 (for a monthly benefit of \$6,000 (\$10,000 × 60%)); you return to work part-time and receive monthly earnings in the amount of \$4,400. Add your monthly benefit of \$6,000 to your current monthly earnings of \$4,400, which equals \$10,400. Then subtract your monthly pre-disability earnings of \$10,000 from \$10,400 to determine an excess of \$400. Your monthly benefit would equal 100% your monthly pre-disability earnings of \$10,000.

### *How are benefits calculated after the 12<sup>th</sup> monthly benefit has been paid?*

After you have received a monthly benefit for a 12-month period, and you continue to be disabled and working, the following benefit calculation would apply:

$$\text{Monthly Benefit} = ((A - B) \div A) \times C$$

A = Your monthly pre-disability earnings

B = Your current monthly earnings

C = The monthly benefit payable if you were Totally Disabled

Your monthly benefit will not be less than the Plan's minimum monthly benefit

## **Rehabilitation Benefits**

### ***Explanation of Rehabilitation Employment***

#### *What is Vocational Rehabilitation?*

Vocational rehabilitation is employment or services that prepare you, if disabled, to resume gainful employment. Vocational Rehabilitation Services are provided by the Claims Administrator. These services may include vocational testing or training, work-place modification, prosthesis, or job placement.

#### *What is rehabilitation employment?*

Rehabilitation employment, which is part of a program of vocational rehabilitation that is approved by the Claims Administrator, is any gainful occupation or employment for wage or profit, provided such rehabilitative employment is performed during a period in which you are unable to fully perform your regular employment with the Company.

### ***Explanation of Rehabilitation Benefits***

#### *What is a rehabilitation benefit?*

A rehabilitation benefit is an adjusted benefit that is paid if you are on Long Term Disability and begin an approved program of rehabilitative employment to help you eventually return to full-time work.

The rehabilitative employment may or may not be full-time, and it may or may not be in the job you previously held.

### *What effect does rehabilitation employment have on my benefit under this plan?*

The Optional Long Term Disability Plan's disability benefits are not reduced by rehabilitative employment. Only the Basic Long Term Disability Plan's disability benefits are reduced by rehabilitative employment.

### **Eligibility for Rehabilitation Benefits**

#### *How do I know if I am eligible for rehabilitation benefits?*

If you are receiving Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefits, you are eligible to participate in the rehabilitation program. The program is designed to meet your specific disability needs, and the Claims Administrator and your physician have to approve your participation in the program.

#### *Is there a penalty for not participating in the work rehabilitation program?*

There is no penalty if you do not participate in the rehabilitation employment program.

## **Disability Payment Details**

### ***What is considered eligible pay for determining the amount of my disability benefit?***

For purposes of this Plan, eligible pay is your annual base salary in effect prior to your date of disability, up to a maximum of \$520,000 per year, or \$43,333.33 per month. The maximum monthly benefit payment amount for the Plan is \$8,667 ( $\$43,333.33 \times 20\%$ ). The total maximum monthly benefit for the Optional Long Term Disability Plan and Basic Long Term Disability Plan combined is \$26,000 (\$8,667 plus \$17,333 respectively).

### ***Maximum Benefit***

The Plan's maximum monthly benefit amount is \$8,667.

## **Getting Paid**

Your payments under the Optional Long Term Disability Plan will begin with the seventh month of an approved disability. Prior to this time, you may be able to receive benefit payments from:

- the Short Term Disability Plan
- your Company's sick pay policy.

However, there are exceptions to the normal payment period if:

- your disability starts on, or after, age 62
- the Plan's Claims Administrator offers a lump-sum settlement.

The total combined amount received from the Basic Long Term Disability Plan, the Optional Long Term Disability Plan, rehabilitative or other employment, another employer's disability plan and any other income received as a result of your disability cannot be more than 100% of your monthly pre-disability base salary.

### ***How is the benefit payment amount for the Plan calculated?***

The benefit payment amount is calculated by multiplying your monthly pre-disability earnings times 20%. For example, if your monthly pre-disability earnings is \$10,000 (\$120,000 per year), your monthly benefit payment amount would be:  $\$10,000 \times 20\% = \$2,000$  monthly benefit payment.

### ***Benefits Payment Method***

Benefits are paid by the Claims Administrator monthly by the first business day of the month for the prior month's benefit. Your first long term disability payment will be provided after you have been approved for disability by the Claims Administrator, no earlier than the first of the month following seven continuous months of disability. At your option, your benefit can be either:

- mailed by check to your bank, or
- mailed by check to your home address.

### ***How many checks will I receive?***

You will receive separate checks for the Basic Long Term Disability Plan benefit and the Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefit, if you participate in Optional Long Term Disability. Additionally, you may receive up to two additional checks if your eligible pre-disability earnings exceed the IRS Compensation Limit and you participate in the Optional Long Term Disability Plan.

### ***Payment Period***

#### ***When do payments end?***

Your payments will end on the first of the following to occur:

- the date you cease to be disabled (as determined by the Claims Administrator)
- the date you die
- the date you reach age 65 (if your birthday is on the first of the month. Otherwise, payments continue until the end of the month in which you reach age 65.), unless you become disabled on, or after, age 62 (see "Benefit Schedule Based on Age" on page 13 for details)
- the date you reach the 24-month limit for disabilities that are the result of mental health and/or substance abuse, if you become disabled on or after January 1, 2006
- the date you are no longer under the regular care of a physician or refuse the Administrators request to submit to an examination by a physician

- the date your current monthly earnings exceed 80% of your pre-disability earnings.

### ***Payment Period Exceptions***

There are exceptions to the normal payment period if:

- your disability starts on, or after, age 62
- the Plan's Claims Administrator offers a lump-sum settlement.

### ***Benefit Schedule Based on Age***

#### ***How long are benefits paid if I become disabled on, or after, age 62?***

If you become disabled on, or after, age 62, benefits will be paid according to this schedule (based on your age at the time you became disabled):

- age 62, benefits last for up to 3½ years
- age 63, benefits last for up to 3 years
- age 64, benefits last for up to 2½ years
- age 65, benefits last for up to 2 years
- age 66, benefits last for up to 1¾ years
- age 67, benefits last for up to 1½ years
- age 68, benefits last for up to 1¼ years
- age 69 or older, benefits last for up to 1 year.

### ***Lump-Sum Payments***

#### ***Can I receive a lump-sum benefit in lieu of monthly payments?***

In certain cases, where there is little or no chance of recovery, the Claims Administrator may offer a lump-sum benefit.

If you accept a lump-sum settlement:

- your employment with the Company will be terminated on the date you accept the offer
- your participation in Marsh & McLennan Companies benefit programs ceases on the date you accept the offer. However, you (and your covered family members) would be eligible for COBRA medical and dental benefit continuation coverage
- you must accept such a settlement under each of the Marsh & McLennan Companies long term disability plans under which you are covered.



## ***Non-assignment of Benefits***

You cannot assign, pledge, borrow against or otherwise promise any benefit payable under the Benefits Program before you receive that benefit. In addition, your interest in the program is not subject to the claims of creditors.

## **Other Sources of Disability Benefits**

### ***What impact does receiving other disability income benefits have on my optional long term disability plan benefit?***

Your Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefit is not reduced by any disability income you receive from other sources (offset income).

## **Subrogation**

### ***Is my Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefit subject to subrogation?***

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Plan is entitled to equitable or other permitted remedies, including a lien or constructive trust, to recover any amounts received as a result of a judgment, settlement or other means of compensation for conditions or injuries which have resulted in the payment of benefits under this plan.

This will include, but is not limited to, damages for pain and suffering and lost income. The Plan is entitled to recover these amounts from you, any covered family member or beneficiary, or any other person holding them, up to the amount of all payments made or payable in the future plus costs of recovery. The Plan has a priority interest in any and all funds recovered in any full or partial recovery, including funds intended to compensate for attorney's fees and other expenses.

As a condition of receiving benefits under this plan, you agree that:

1. You will promptly notify the Claims Administrator of any settlement negotiations, settlement, or judgment in any litigation related to an event or condition for which you have received, or expect to receive, benefits under this plan; and
2. Future benefits, even for an unrelated event or condition, may be reduced by the amount of any judgment or settlement, or similar compensation which the Plan would be entitled to under the rules above but is unable to recover.

## **Filing a Claim**

As long as you have already completed the Application for Disability, no additional claim form is needed. After you have been on short term disability for four months and it is anticipated that you may be eligible for long term disability coverage, any additional paperwork needed will be requested directly to your home address.

Additional documentation typically required includes:

- an Authorization Form to release your medical information

- an Integration Acknowledgement Form which advises you about the integration of other income benefits with this plan and requires you to agree to reimburse the Company if an overpayment occurs
- additional paperwork as needed.

You must complete all requested documentation to receive Optional Long Term Disability Plan benefits.

***Who decides if I am eligible to receive a disability benefit?***

The Claims Administrator has full discretion and authority to control and manage the operation of this plan, including determining eligibility to receive benefits under the Plan.

***How do I appeal a benefit determination or denied claim?***

There are special rules, procedures and deadlines that apply to appeals of benefit determinations and denied claims, and you have special legal rights under ERISA. Please refer to the *Administrative Information* section for a description of the appeal process.