

When complete, mail to:  
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P.O. Box 1064  
Sparks, MD 21152-1064  
Toll Free: 1-800-638-2972



ALL QUESTIONS  
MUST be answered in full  
or your form will be  
returned.

## ACCIDENT & SICKNESS CLAIM

**Claims must be received in the Fund office within 90 days of the date of disability**

► For complete instructions, please see page 4 ◀

### FOR PARTICIPANT ONLY.

PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN AND COMPLETE THIS SECTION (ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11)

- Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Male/Female
- Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Date disability began \_\_\_\_\_ Date (or estimated date) of return \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year Month/Day/Year
- Employer's Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Did this disability result from an accident on your job? Yes  No  If yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Did this disability result from an accident on another job? Yes  No  If yes, Employer name: \_\_\_\_\_,  
address \_\_\_\_\_, phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of injury \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you applied for workers' compensation for this disability? Yes  No
- Result: Accepted  Denied  (Enclose copy of denial letter)  Unknown at this time
- Have you received vacation pay, holiday pay or personal holiday pay during this period of disability?  
Yes  No  If yes, list actual dates paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year
- Is your disability due to an accident? Yes  No
- If the disability is due to any type of accident (not just a car accident), complete the Accident/Injury on page 3. Answer all applicable questions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements including any accompanying statements are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and hereby further authorize my attending physician, practitioner, or hospital in which confinement took place to furnish and disclose all facts concerning my physical condition that are within their knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### FOR PHYSICIAN ONLY.

PHYSICIAN MUST SIGN AND COMPLETE THIS SECTION (ITEMS 12 THROUGH 19)

- Nature of sickness or injury (*Describe complication, if any*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Did this sickness or injury occur as a result of patient's employment? Yes  No  If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Is disability due to pregnancy? Yes  No  Expected date \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

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**FULL-TIME BENEFITS begin** on the first day in the event of non-occupational accident or hospitalization. Benefits begin on the second day in the event of sickness for Plan I and Plan X, and the fourth day for Plans XX and XXX.

**PART-TIME BENEFITS begin** on the first day in the event of non-occupational accident or hospitalization. Benefits begin on the fourth day in the event of sickness for Plan I and Plan X, and the seventh day for Plans XX, XXX, and XL.

**ACCIDENT OR INJURY INQUIRY**

If benefits sought are due to any type of accident or injury, you must complete this section. Your failure to supply the complete information requested will cause a delay in processing your claim. If a third party is involved in the accident described below, your receipt of benefits is subject to your signing and compliance with the Fund's "Subrogation, Assignment of Rights, and Reimbursement Agreement" which will be provided.

1. Date of accident \_\_\_\_\_ Time of accident \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m./p.m.)  
Location of accident \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street or nearest cross street) City State
2. Give full description of the accident and how you were involved: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Give the name and address of any other party involved in the accident: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Give the other party's a.) insurance company b.) policy # c.) claim #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Give your a.) insurance company name b.) address c.) policy # d.) claim # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. If you have engaged an attorney to represent you, please give his or her name, address and telephone number:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of attorney Phone  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip
7. Described the current status of any litigation or settlement negotiations with a third part (including insurance companies) concerning your accident: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you received a judgment, order, or settlement with respect to your accident? Yes  No   
If yes, please state the amount that you received: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION:** I agree to reimburse the Fund from any compensation I receive from a third party for losses or expenses arising out of the accident and further agree to fully cooperate with the Fund in the recovery of benefits paid on my behalf, including providing to the Fund any information it requests regarding the accident or claims relating to it.

Signature

Date

## PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT & SICKNESS CLAIM

*The Fund wants to process your A&S benefit fast, but to do so we must have a complete and accurate claim form. Filing your A&S claim will require the cooperation of both your physician and employer representative. Please see the explanation for some blanks on the claim form. Original A&S claims must be received by the Fund office within 90 days of the date of disability. Continuation forms, (for claims in progress), must be returned within four weeks. Be sure to have your physician and employer representative fill out their sections and return the form to you for timely submission. Please read the instructions for **all** sections.*

- (1) Only participants are eligible — no dependents are eligible for Accident & Sickness Benefits. We use your Social Security Number to locate your records. Please be sure that no numbers are transposed.
- (2) Please provide your zip-plus-4 digit extension if possible. Include area code; we may need to call you to process your claim quickly.
- (3) (5) **Provide details on the reverse of the form, or your claim must be returned. Answer all 12 questions and sign and date the accident inquiry section.** If your accident occurred on the job, Workers' Compensation (WC) is liable, but if there is any doubt, file a claim with both WC and the Fund, to avoid denial for late submission with either party.
- (7) WC claims are filed with the employer's carrier, not the Fund office.
- (8) If you are in the process of filing a WC claim when you file your A&S claim with the Fund office, indicate "Unknown at this time." If your WC claim has been denied, include the denial letter. You must then appeal to the WC Commission. If your WC claim is approved, send that too, as sometimes there is a Supplemental Benefit provided by the Fund.
- (9) If your employer has paid you vacation pay, PHs, etc., you are not entitled to A&S benefits for those days.
- (10)(11) An accident may be on the job or off the job. The Fund will process your claim as long as it has the right to recover from the liable party. Provide full accident details. If another party may be liable, you may receive a second form from the Fund office which requires attorney, and other insurance information called a "Subrogation, Assignment of Rights" agreement. If you are in an accident for which you are immediately hospitalized, the A&S Benefit waiting period may not apply.  
**Sign and date your section. Forms which are not signed and dated are invalid.**
- (12) The Fund uses the nature of sickness or injury to determine the potential length of your absence, and to gauge the necessity and frequency of continuation forms. If your disability is related to a nervous and/or mental condition, you must be seen by a board eligible or board certified psychiatrist or licensed or certified PhD psychologist within 7 days from the date your disability began.
- (13) For subrogation purposes as explained in the Participant's section.
- (14) As a diagnosis, **pregnancy** is not considered disabling. There must be a complication which prevents you from doing your job, and the physician must indicate what the medical condition is.
- (15) With the diagnosis, the procedure performed allows the Fund office to estimate the length of your disability.
- (16) **All dates should be included.** Fund rules require that treatment must occur **during the period of disability**, not before. (If you see a physician and are disabled, work another day or more, and then begin your absence, you may not collect the A&S Benefits.) Also, payment will only be made up to **three days prior** to the first date of treatment. If you are absent for five days before you see the doctor, your claim will only be considered as beginning three days before the date of treatment and waiting periods still apply. The physician must be able to verify your disability within a reasonable time after the Fund begins covering you, and the Fund rule is three days. Home visits are acceptable; telephone consultations are not. The physician must **see you**. However, if you are being treated for an ongoing condition, you do not have to visit the doctor **within three days**, as long as documentation is received from the doctor. Hospital admissions may indicate that a waiting period is waived.
- (17) If this item is left blank, no benefits can be paid. The physician must attest to the beginning date of your disability, and the end date. If he cannot specify an end date because you are still being treated, **he must project date**. Your benefit is calculated based on a number of days you are absent. The Fund office cannot assume a number. **Tell your physician he MUST project a date for you to be paid.**
- (20) There are differences in the A&S Benefit for full time and part time participants.
- (21) We double-check date of hire against our records.
- (22) The date last worked will tell the Fund office when to consider beginning payment if the physician's information indicates you were disabled on that day. If the Fund office makes an overpayment because it was not notified of a return to work, the overpayment must be paid back to the Fund.
- (23) The employer representative must indicate your base rate exactly, or the benefit will be calculated incorrectly.
- (24) You are not paid A&S Benefits for your regular day off.
- (25) Average hours worked during preceding 5 weeks. This determines how many hours a part time participant will be paid.
- (26) Vacation, PH, holiday pay. To verify that A&S will not be paid for these days.
- (27) Reason for leaving work. If you are on leave of absence, dismissed, suspended, laid off or quit, for example, you are no longer eligible.
- (28) The employer may know whether a WC claim has been filed.
- (29) Although most claims are accurate, the Fund verifies all seeming discrepancies on claim forms. That includes items which the participant may have filled out, but which are supposed to be filled out by the physician or employer. **ONLY the physician or employer may fill out their sections.** The participant should not fill out **any blank** on those sections.

— The Fund office may require updated forms on a regular basis. —

Should you have any questions about how to fill out this form, please contact Participant Services at (800) 638-2972. We will be glad to help you.