



## Roadmap to Benefits

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# **Enrollment and Coordination of Benefits**

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# NEW HIRE ENROLLMENT



- Employer reports a new hire
- TeamCare welcome packet is sent to the Member with the following:
  - Summary Plan Description
  - Plan Benefit Profile
  - Summary of Benefits and Coverage
  - Enrollment form
  - Life Insurance Beneficiary form



# MEMBER ENROLLMENT

- Online Enrollment
- Paper Enrollment
  - ❖ Additional documents:
    - ❖ Marriage Certificate
    - ❖ Birth Certificate
    - ❖ Custody documents
    - ❖ Divorce Decree



Online enrollments are processed faster and the member receives on the status of the enrollment via e-mail.

# SPECIAL ENROLLMENT



Special enrollment allows the member to change the coverage level and/or which dependents are covered under the Plan (per Plan rules).

Life events triggering a special enrollment:

- ❖ Birth or adoption of a child
- ❖ Change in marital status
- ❖ Loss of other healthcare coverage
- ❖ Death of a dependent



# OPEN ENROLLMENT

Members that have tiered coverage are provided with the ability to change their coverage level during annual open enrollment.

Open Enrollment period – November of every year, members are notified in October.

# COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (“COB”)



COB is the process to determine which plan will pay first when a member or a dependent has health care coverage in addition to the TeamCare coverage.

Factors that affect the COB process:

Natural parents' birthday

Longer employment coverage

Divorce decree

Custody of child

Employer based coverage

Court orders



## **Benefit Basics**



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# ELIGIBILITY IS KEY



- New Hires have an 8-week establishing period with TeamCare (this is in addition to probation)
- Must be working during week of treatment
- For layoff or other inactive weeks, will need COBRA



**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

# RECENT BENEFIT IMPROVEMENTS

**Effective March 1, 2025**

- **Hearing Aid Benefits**

- The Hearing Aid benefit limit was increased from \$1,000 per ear every 36 months to **\$3,000 per ear every 36 months** for all active and retiree plans that had a dollar benefit limit.

- **Chiropractic Benefits**

- The annual dollar limit for Chiropractic services (for those plans with an annual dollar limit) was removed and replaced by a **24-visit limit per calendar year**. The coinsurance remains the same.



# PROCEDURES THAT NEED PRE-APPROVAL



## **BCBS-** required

- Bariatric
- Transplants
- ABA Therapy
- Gender Reassignment



## **TeamCare** (most common)

- Potential Cosmetic Procedures
- High Dollar Durable Medical Equipment
- Specialty Drugs
- Genetic Testing

# BENEFIT BASICS TO KNOW



- **Plan Benefit Profile (PBP)**

- Quick summary to all member benefits
  - Medical, Dental, Vision, STD
- Lists Deductible, Out of Pocket and other frequencies and limits
- If not listed separately on PBP, benefits paid as Major Medical
- Available on [MyTeamCare.org](http://MyTeamCare.org)



# BENEFIT BASICS TO KNOW

- **Available Wellness Benefits**

- Annual Physicals
- Routine Bloodwork
- Immunizations/Vaccines
- Screening tests

- **Primary Care Physicians**

- Partner in Healthcare
- Large network through BCBS
- Less expensive



# RX BASICS – UPS VS OTHER PLANS



## • UPS Cost

- Retail - \$5 copayment
  - Short-term prescriptions and non-maintenance medications
- Mail Order-\$0 copayment
  - 90-day supply
- Maintenance Choice
  - 90-day supply at local CVS

## • Other Plans Cost\*

- Retail -25% copayment
  - Short-term prescriptions and non-maintenance medications
- Mail Order -20% copayment
  - 90-day supply
- Maintenance Choice
  - 90-day supply at local CVS

Before the third fill, long-term maintenance medications must be filled through the Maintenance Choice Program or CVS/Caremark Mail Service or be subject to a 50% copayment.

- Maximum copayment is \$200 per fill

# RX BASICS- ALL PLANS



**Brand vs Generic:** Required to use generic when available or be responsible for cost difference in addition to any copayment

**Formulary List:** Required to use medications on the Formulary list or be responsible for the full cost of the non-covered medication

**Self – Injectable medications:** TeamCare Plans provide a \$1,000 Out of Pocket Maximum



# MORE BASICS TO KNOW



- **Always Check the EOB**

- Don't pay upfront, wait for claim to be paid
- Compare what owed to what billed
- EOBs available online



- **Contact Information**

- Keep information current with TeamCare
  - Mailing Address, Phone and Email



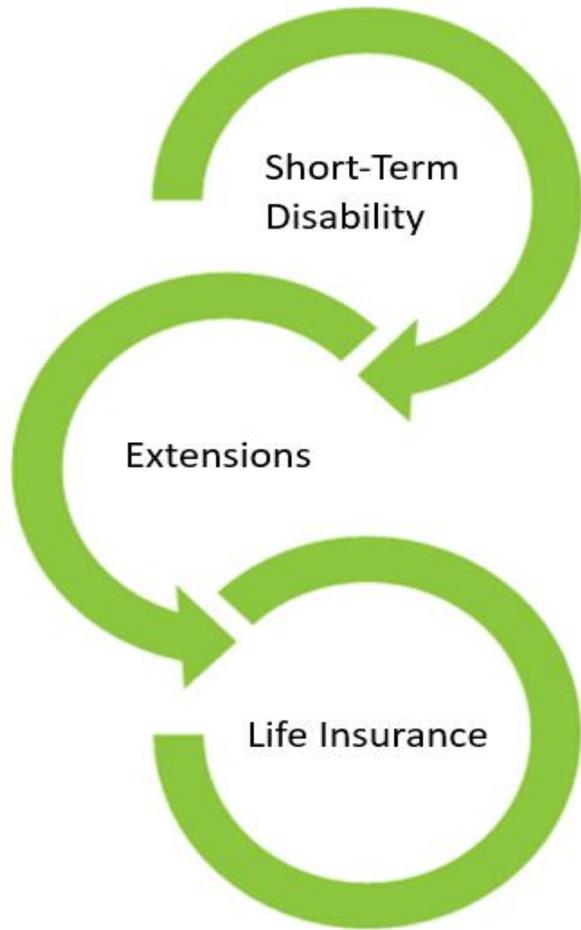


# **Short-Term Disability, Benefit Extensions & Life Insurance**

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# TEAMCARE ROADMAP TO BENEFITS

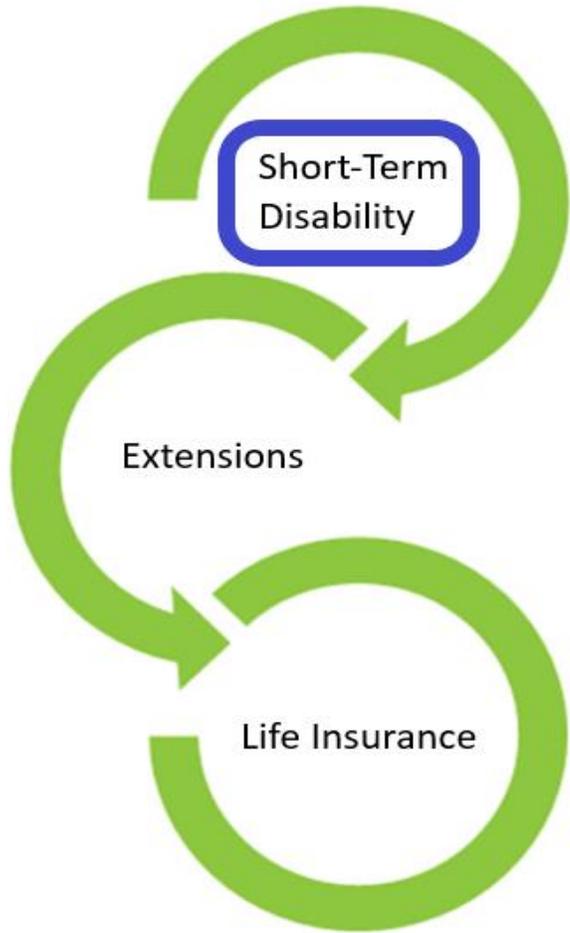


## Life happens... and TeamCare is ready.

People may need disability benefits because they have a medical condition that prevents them from working, leading to financial hardship, the need for financial support, and continued healthcare coverage.



# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY



Disabilities and When Benefits Start

Key Qualifiers

How to Apply – The Form

Best Filing Practice

Special Filing Requirements (UPS/TFF)

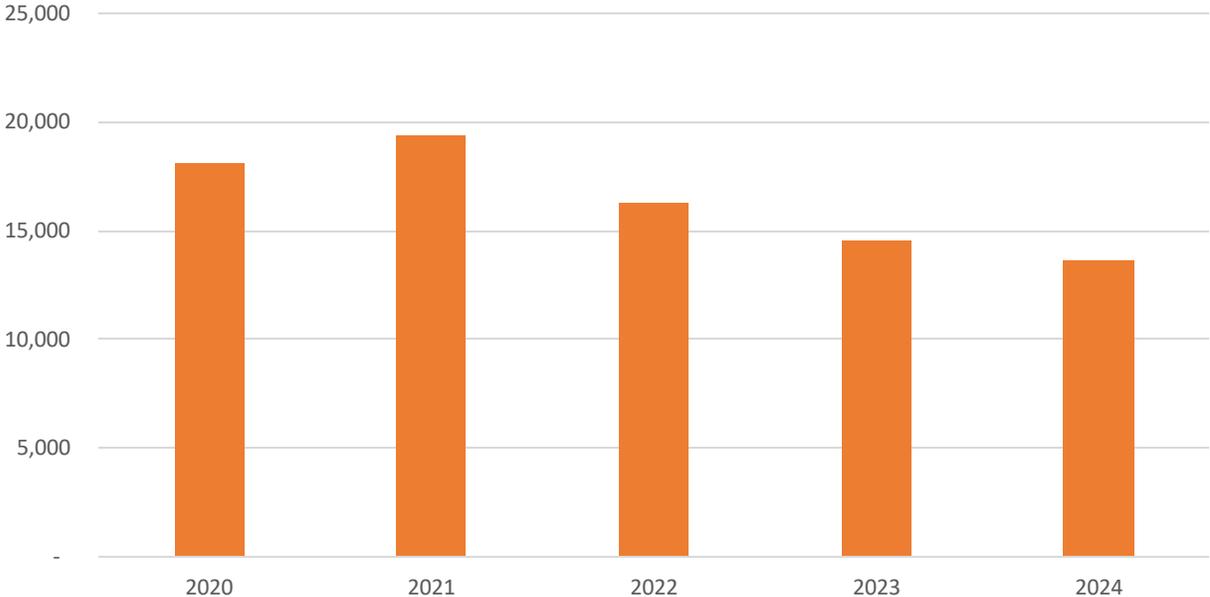
Continuation Form and Termination of Benefits



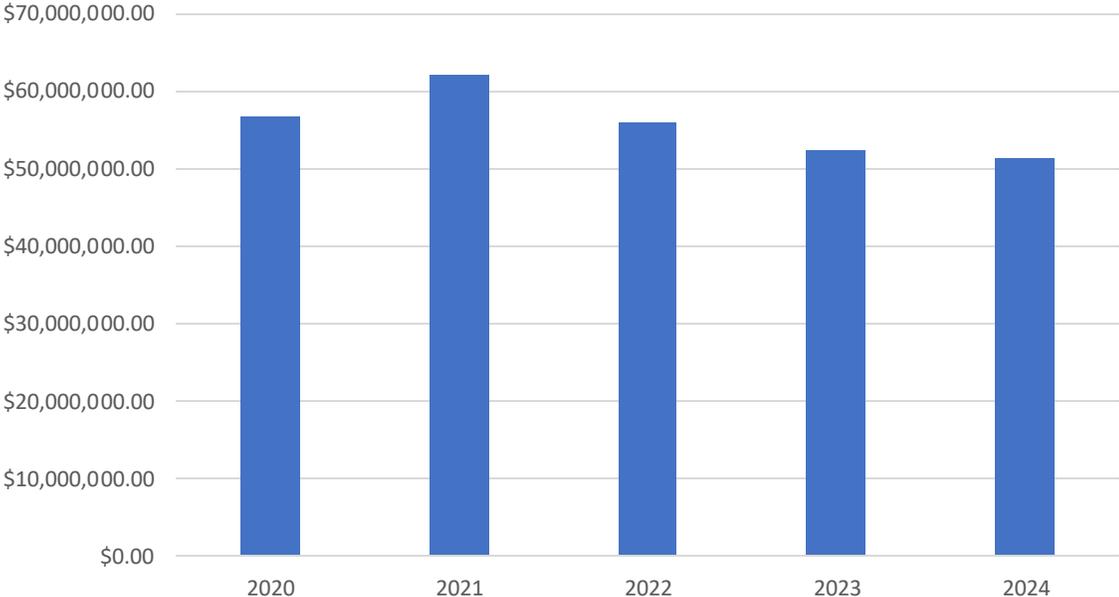
# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Statistics

# of STD Claims



STD Benefits Paid



# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Disabilities and When Benefits Start

Non-Work-Related  
Accidental Bodily Injury



1<sup>st</sup> day of disability

Illness



8<sup>th</sup> day of disability

Pregnancy



8<sup>th</sup> day of disability

**IF treatment was received within 1 day prior or 3 days after the disability date**

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY



## Key Qualifiers

Absent from work for a compensable disability

Active at the onset

Receiving regular medical treatment

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## How to Apply

Initial Form Required  
Must be complete



## Fill out Form

- Member
- Doctor
- Employer

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY



**NOTE:** In addition to completing and returning this form to TeamCare:

- UPS employees must call The Hartford at 866-825-0186 or visit [abilityadvantage.thehartford.com](http://abilityadvantage.thehartford.com) to initiate your leave.
- TForce Freight employees must email [tffleave@tforcefreight.com](mailto:tffleave@tforcefreight.com) or visit the TELUS Health Portal at [tforce.abilityabsenceus.com](http://tforce.abilityabsenceus.com) to initiate your leave.

## SHORT-TERM DISABILITY CLAIM FORM - INITIAL REPORT OF DISABILITY

**FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BEFORE PAYMENT IS CONSIDERED**

Send to: TeamCare, PO Box 5107 Des Plaines IL 60017-5107 or Fax Form To: 847-518-9757

### SECTION 1 – PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION PLEASE PRINT

Participant's Identification Number:		Participant's Full Name:		Date of Birth:
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Participant's Complete Address:			Employer:	
If accident related, please answer the following questions:	Date of Accident:	Where did the accident occur? check one <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Auto <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
		How did the accident occur? _____		
Is your disability in any way work related? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
If yes, please explain: _____				
***If you have been denied by Workers' Compensation, attach a copy of the denial.				
Authorization: I hereby authorize any doctor, hospital, or insurance company to furnish and disclose all known facts.				
Signature of Participant _____		Participant's Phone Number _____		Date _____

## Participant's Information



### Fill out Form

- Member
- Doctor
- Employer

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## To initiate a STD Leave (UPS and TFF only)

### UPS employees

Call The Hartford at **866-825-0186** -or-  
Log into **[abilityadvantage.thehartford.com](http://abilityadvantage.thehartford.com)**

### TForce Freight employees

Email **[tffleave@tforcefreight.com](mailto:tffleave@tforcefreight.com)** -or-  
Log into TELUS Health Portal at  
**[tforce.abilitiabsenceus.com](http://tforce.abilitiabsenceus.com)**

## Participant's Information



## Fill out Form

- Member
- Doctor
- Employer

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Physician's Statement



Fill out Form

- Member
- Doctor**
- Employer

SECTION 2 – PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT PLEASE PRINT		
Patient's Name:	Date Disability Began: <b>DO NOT SUBMIT FORM BEFORE THIS DATE</b>	Diagnosis
All dates of treatment for this disability:		Surgery date and procedure performed:
Was patient hospitalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date: _____	What is the treatment plan?  For a pregnancy, please give the estimated delivery date: _____	Is condition due to patient's employment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Briefly explain:
ACTUAL OR ESTIMATED RETURN TO WORK DATE REQUIRED		
Actual return to work date: _____	OR	Estimated return to work date: _____
Physician's Signature:	Print Physician's Name:	Physician's Phone Number: Date Form Completed:

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Employer's Statement



Fill out Form

- Member
- Doctor
- Employer

### SECTION 3 – EMPLOYER'S STATEMENT PLEASE PRINT

What was the employee's last day paid or compensated (i.e., vacation)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Last day worked: \_\_\_\_\_

What date did the employee actually return to work? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use a future date)

Was the employee on layoff?  Yes  No  
Date of layoff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date recalled: \_\_\_\_\_

Has a claim been filed for Workers' Compensation related to this disability?  
 Yes  No

Employer's Signature:

Print Employer's Name and Position:

Employer's Phone Number:

Date Form Completed:

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Best Filing Practice



Document Upload Center  
Message Center

FORMS AND DOCUMENTS  
[MyTeamCare.org](https://www.myteamcare.org)



Fax to **(847) 518-9757**



Mail to PO Box 5107, Des Plaines, IL 60017-5107

Protect your members' personal information. Email is not a secure way to send STD forms.

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY —



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## **Special Filing Requirements**

### **UPS and TForce Freight Members**

- STD wages do not come from TeamCare in certain states
- Members must file as noted on this screen (also on the STD Initial Form)
- Benefit statements required in certain cases
  - Message Center at MyTeamCare.org
  - Fax (847) 518-9757

### **UPS & TForce Freight Members Working in CA or RI**

California [edd.ca.gov](http://edd.ca.gov)

Rhode Island [dlt.ri.gov/tdi](http://dlt.ri.gov/tdi)

**Benefit Statement to TeamCare**

### **UPS Members Working in NJ or NY**

File claim with The Hartford

- Call **(866) 825-0186 -or-**
- [abilityadvantage.thehartford.com](http://abilityadvantage.thehartford.com)

### **TForce Freight members working in NJ**

Claims can be filed by email/phone/fax

- [nj.gov/labor/myleavebenefits](http://nj.gov/labor/myleavebenefits)
- Call **(609) 292-7060**
- Fax **(609) 984-4138**
- **Benefit Statement to TeamCare**

### **TForce Freight members working in NY**

File claim with MetLife

- [metlife.com/mybenefits](http://metlife.com/mybenefits)
- Call **(833) 622-0135**

# SHORT-TERM DISABILITY

## Continuation of STD

Continuation Form has the same 3 Sections as Initial Form:

1. Participant
2. Physician
3. Employer

Length of disability



## Termination of STD

Return to work

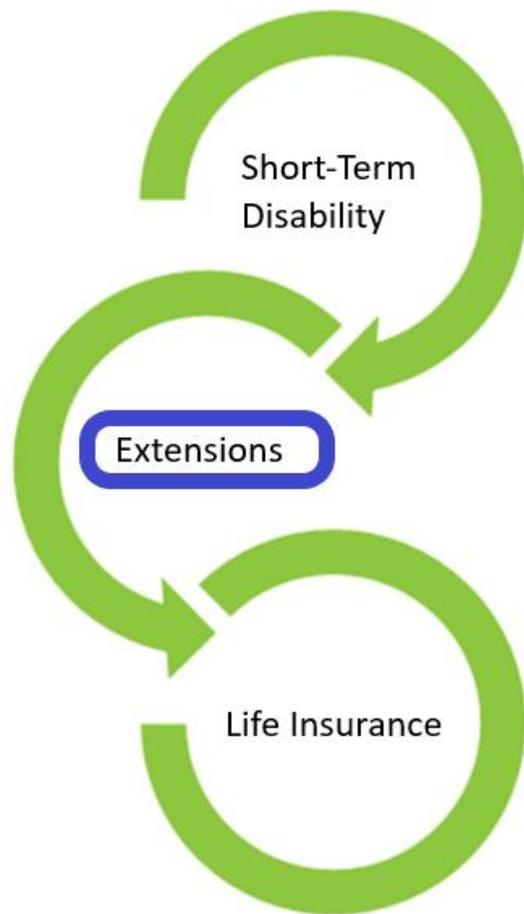
No longer disabled

Lack of medical treatment

Retirement

Maximum benefit paid

# BASIC AND MAJOR MEDICAL EXTENSIONS



Qualifications

Benefit Details

Termination of Extensions



# BASIC AND MAJOR MEDICAL EXTENSIONS

## Qualifications

Prior to losing coverage:

Severely restricted from normal activities (disabled)

Condition existed

Condition compensable

Expenses incurred



# BASIC AND MAJOR MEDICAL EXTENSIONS

## Benefit Details

### Basic and Major Medical

Coverage only for:

- Disabled individual
- Disabling diagnosis
- No dependent coverage

No monetary benefit;  
health coverage only  
(excludes dental and vision)

Not available if other  
coverage exists



### Basic Benefit

Up to 13-week duration  
Same benefits as when active

### Major Medical

Up to 24-months  
Major Medical benefits (80/20)  
No out-of-pocket max

# BASIC AND MAJOR MEDICAL EXTENSIONS

## Termination of Extensions

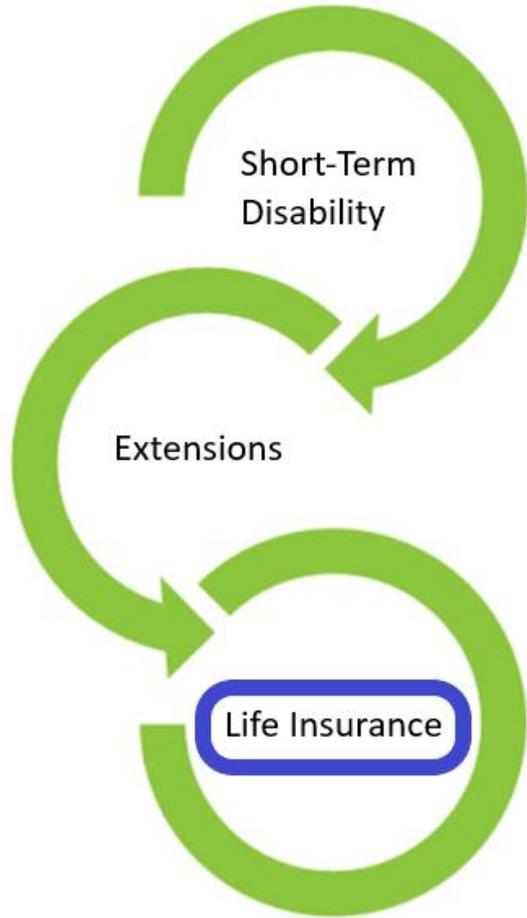


### 13-Week Basic and 24-Month Major Medical

Date eligible for other insurance coverage

Date no longer disabled

# LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS



Types of Life Insurance Benefits

Basic Qualifications

Designating a Beneficiary

Family Protection



# LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

## Types of Life Insurance Benefits

Regular

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Dependent (Spouse or Child)



# LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

## Basic Qualifications

Active coverage on date of death  
(31-day grace period for regular benefit)

Certified death certificate required

Claims must be filed within 3 years of the date of death

Notice of Claim must be filed to claim the benefit



# LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

## Designating a Beneficiary



Members can designate a beneficiary:

- Life Insurance Preference Beneficiary Form
- Form must be signed and dated to be valid

If there isn't a named beneficiary on file, the benefit amount will be paid in order as follows:

- Surviving spouse
- Surviving children, in equal shares
- Parents, in equal shares
- Siblings, in equal shares
- Member's estate



# LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

## Family Protection



Free coverage, same Active Plan, for up to 5 years

No out-of-network claims 2 years preceding member's death

Active contributions required on member's date of death

No other health insurance available



# What to know about Appeals



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# WHAT TO KNOW WHEN FILING AN APPEAL



TeamCare has a two-step appeal process

How to submit an appeal

ONLINE		Logging in at <b>MyTeamCare.org</b> and select Message Center or Document Upload Center under My Documents on your Dashboard
FAX		847-518-9794
MAIL		TeamCare A Central States Health Plan PO Box 5126 Des Plaines, IL 60017-5126

**An Appeal Must Include:**

- Member's name and address
- Member's identification number
- Claim number, if known
- Patient's name
- Relationship of patient to plan member
- The date of loss for which the claim was made
- Exact reason of dissatisfaction of claim handling
- Documents and records to support your position

# HOW TO MAXIMIZE TEAMCARE BENEFITS



- Utilize in-network providers
- Predetermination of benefits for specialty services
- Inform TeamCare of any family or beneficiary changes
- Understand Short-Term Disability benefits
- Know Retiree eligibility requirements

