

## Team Member Guide for Leave of Absences



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### • To be eligible for FMLA leave, you must:

- Have 12 months of service
- Have worked 1,250 hours in the last 12 months

### • How is My FMLA Entitlement Calculated?

• If you are eligible and your leave qualifies, you have the right under the FMLA for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave in a 12-month period calculated as a "rolling" 12-month period measured backward from the date of any FMLA leave usage.

### • What if I Need Additional Leave?

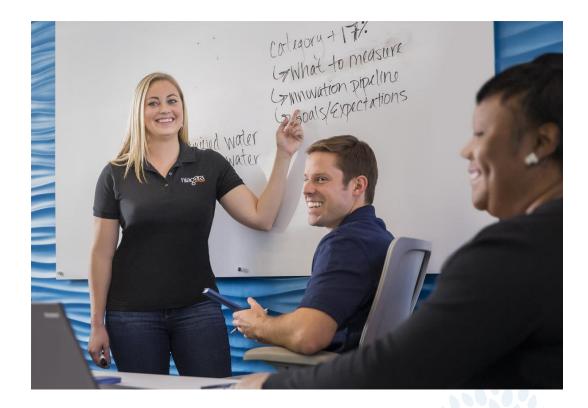
• If you need an extension of your leave, you should notify Unum. You will be required to provide additional certification of the serious health condition.

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- Do I Need to Use Vacation/Sick/PTO While on Leave?
- You **must** use **accrued PTO** during any otherwise unpaid FMLA and/or state leave unless otherwise mandated by state law.
- Any paid time off used will be counted against your available leave under the FMLA and/or state leave law. Please contact **local Human Resources representative** regarding how much paid time off you have available. If you do not meet the terms and conditions of Niagara's paid leave program for your leave, your entitlement to take unpaid FMLA will not be affected.
- After you have exhausted your paid leave, the remainder of your leave will be without pay. If you are receiving workers' compensation or disability benefits, then you may/may not use your accrued paid time off.

### **Leave/Claim Intake Process**

- When you call Unum, and select the option to initiate a new leave, the customer service team will walk you through a detailed Q&A in order to:
  - Validate your identity
  - Establish an ongoing relationship with you
  - Gather information to set up the Unum team for success in decision-making
  - Give the you the next steps
  - Answer any questions you may have





## **My Benefits**

- Will My Benefits Continue While I Am on Leave?
- Health Insurance:
- During your leave, Niagara will continue to pay its portion of your group health insurance premiums and you must pay your share, if any, of the health insurance premiums.
- A packet will be mailed from OneSourceVirtual to your address in Workday that will include instructions on how to pay your premiums.
- You have a 30-day grace period in which to make such premium payments. If you do
  not pay your share of the insurance premiums on a timely basis, your insurance
  coverage for yourself and/or your dependents may be terminated for the remainder of
  your leave.

## **My Benefits**

- Other Benefits (Life, Disability, etc.):
- Niagara will continue other benefits (e.g., life insurance, disability insurance, etc.) while you are on leave. If Niagara pays your premiums for other benefits, when you return from leave you will be expected to reimburse Niagara for your share of the payments made on your behalf. Please contact <u>your Benefits department</u> for information regarding your other benefits during your leave.



## How to File a Claim



Secure & easy access:

 Convenient access, day or night

 Website security to safeguard personal data

Our online claims service is part of our commitment to help make the

 Short and simple process that saves time

Committed to you

process easier for you.

## File your disability claim statement online 24/7

An easy, secure way to ensure prompt service for employees Unum offers a secure and easy way for you to submit your employer statement for an employee's disability claim online. Our Web services are simple to use, with 24-hour access — allowing you to support the claim process at your convenience. It's one more way we provide prompt service to you and your employees.

#### To get started, follow these directions:



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#### **Claim submission**

Our secure site helps eliminate delays and confusion. Here are a few main features:

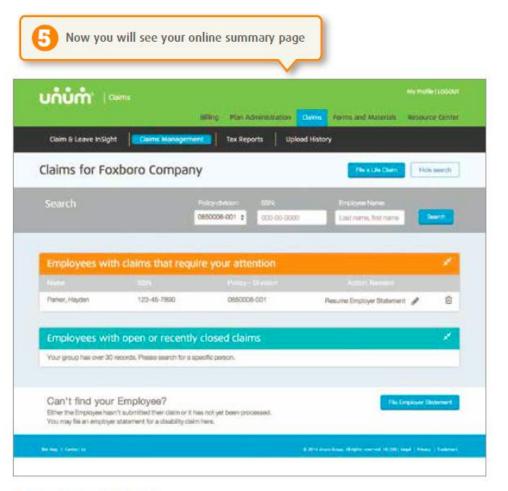
File your statement paper-free, 24 hours a day,

7 days a week.

Upload documents from your computer.

If your plan includes Claim & Leave InSight<sup>sM</sup>, you have access to our Web-based reporting system, which provides upto-the-minute information on employee claims and leaves. This versatile tool provides:

- Real-time views of new claims and leaves, changes in status
- Unique benchmarking insights to compare your program results with similar organizations
- Key drivers and emerging trends so you can take action



#### From this page you can:

- · Provide your statement for a claim that an employee has initiated
- · Start a claim on behalf of an employee by filing your statement
- Upload information to support an employee's claim for example, payroll documents or job descriptions



If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ask Unum at 1-800-ASK-UNUM or 1-800-275-8686.

## **Unum Customer App**



## Claims management for employees on the go

#### With the Unum Customer App, you'll be able to easily access important claim and leave information:



 View claim and leave status or file a new claim/leave



 Contact your claims representative — and more

Send a message to their claim specialist

Access Unum's Contact Center



As the leading provider of group disability insurance,<sup>1</sup> Unum is always looking for ways to improve the claims experience for your employees. With the Unum Customer App, they can file a new claim or access claim information anytime, anywhere from their mobile phone.

#### Instant, real-time view of current claim status

Unum's mobile application helps employees easily access and monitor family and medical leave and claim details from their mobile devices. Employees can:

- File a new claim or leave
- Check the status of their claim or Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA) absences\*
- · Send letters and documents to Unum
- Review recent payment information

#### Convenient features help employees manage their claims

Because this app is designed for mobile devices, employees benefit from convenient features that can help simplify the overall claims process. The app allows employees to:

> Take a picture with their phone of documents needed to process their claim, such as medical records or requested forms, and upload them directly to their file

Add or update bank information to keep their claim payment direct deposit information current

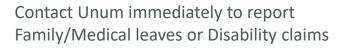
Submit intermittent hours for their family and medical leave



## **Team Member Responsibilities**

## **Employee Responsibilities**







Notify your Human Resources of leave request



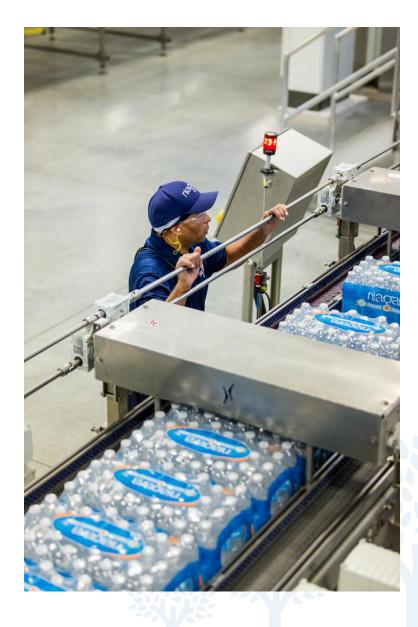
Supply requested documentation to Unum within specified timeframes



Provide Unum with signed copy of relevant authorization to release information



Notify Unum and your HR manager of any changes in return to work status or date



## **Intermittent Leave**

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### **Reporting Intermittent Leave**

- How Should I Report Intermittent Absences to Unum?
- If you have an intermittent leave, you must notify Unum within 2 business days each time you need to take intermittent leave. Please also notify your Human Resource Representative. Otherwise, your leave under the FMLA and/or State leave law, where applicable, may be delayed/denied.
- You can report time to Unum via webs services, mobile app or telephonically.
  - When reporting intermittent time Unum will request the following information:
    - Reason for the absence
    - Start/end time of absence
    - Duration of lunch (if within absence timeframe)
    - If for treatment, physician name and appointment

## **Certifying Intermittent Leave**

- In order to manage intermittent leaves effectively, Unum carefully screen medical certifications submitted to determine the health care provider's expectations. Unum Requires:
  - The health care provider to certify that intermittent leave is necessary
  - The probable frequency of episodes, if known
  - The estimated treatment schedule, if known





## **Returning to Work**

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- How Do I Notify Unum and My Human Resources Representative of My Return to Work Plans?
- If you are able to return to work sooner than your current estimated return to work date, you should notify Unum and your HRM/HRG as soon as practicable.
- If your leave is for your own health condition, you **will** be required to present your employer with a fitness-for-duty certificate as a condition of being restored to employment.
- If your leave request is for your own serious health condition and there is any need for additional accommodation, please contact your local Human Resources <u>representative</u>.

# Are There Other Types of Leave Available?

 For information regarding other types of leave possibly available through your employer, please review your Niagara Team Member Handbook on Splash or contact your local Human Resources representative.

### **Resources**

- Unum Customer Service: 1-800-ASK-UNUM or 1-800-275-8686
- Team Member Portal: <u>WWW.Unum.com/claims</u>

