



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK BECAUSE OF A NON-OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS OR INJURY, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO DISABILITY BENEFITS

- 1. Your employer is required by law to provide for the payment of disability benefits to his/her employees.
2. Statutory disability benefits are payable for any non-work related injury or illness (including disability due to pregnancy) beginning with the 8th consecutive day of disability. Benefits are payable for up to 26 weeks.
3. TO CLAIM BENEFITS you should file written notice and proof of disability (Claim Form DB-450) with your employer or the insurance carrier named below within 30 days from the first day of your disability, or all or part of your claim may be rejected.
4. You are entitled to be treated by any physician, chiropractor, dentist, nurse-midwife, podiatrist or psychologist of your choice. Unlike workers' compensation, your medical bills will not be paid by your employer or the insurance carrier, unless your employer and/or union provides for the payment of medical bills under an approved Disability Benefits Plan or Agreement.
5. Disability benefits are to be paid directly to you by the insurance carrier, not through your employer, unless your employer is an approved self-insurer.
6. If your employer or the insurance carrier contends that you are not entitled to the payment of disability benefits, they are required to send you a Notice of Rejection, within 45 days of the filing of your claim, telling you the reasons benefits are not being paid.
7. If your disability is the result of an automobile accident and you have filed a claim for no-fault benefits, you must also file a claim (Form DB-450) for disability benefits.
8. Your employer may not ask you to waive your right to disability benefits nor may your employer deduct more than 60 cents a week (unless the additional contribution is part of an approved plan) from your pay to contribute to the payment of disability benefits insurance premiums.

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A CLAIM FORM OR NEED HELP IN FILLING IT OUT, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ABOUT A NON-WORK RELATED INJURY OR ILLNESS, CONTACT ANY OFFICE OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD.

This information is a simplified presentation of your rights as required by Section 229 of the Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. Your employer's disability benefits insurance carrier is:

Prescribed by the Chair, Workers' Compensation Board