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Policy Group	Membership
Policy Name	Legal Assistance for Disability Appeals
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PURPOSE To provide legal assistance to SUN members who have been denied disability benefits and who choose to challenge the denial through a lawsuit to the Court of King’s Bench.

SCOPE Members

POLICY STATEMENT Upon proof of denial of disability benefits any SUN member in good standing may be eligible for financial assistance. The member must have utilized the disability appeal process first. The fund will not be available for challenges regarding partial settlements of disability claims.

PROCEDURE

Approval Process

- a) The Executive Director of SUN will determine if the request for assistance will be granted.
- b) SUN reserves the right to review evidence to determine eligibility to access the legal assistance fund for disability appeals.

Financial Assistance

- a) Up to \$5000 per member per claim will be granted to assist with the legal costs of a lawsuit against the insurer who has denied the disability benefit.
- b) Reimbursement will be to the lawyer contracted by the member upon receipt of invoice.



- c) Funding is to appeal a denial of disability benefits to the Court of King's Bench and that legal counsel will be paid upon receipt of the invoice from the lawyer retained by the member.
- d) Appeals of court decisions will not be funded from this fund.

APPROVED