



Important Information to Assist with Completion of DB 450 Claim Form - Part C

Valued Customer:

There are two sections of the DB 450 Claim Form (Employer Section Part C) where clarification may be helpful. We hope this document will aid in completion of the claim form.

Requesting Reimbursement:

In the Employer Section (Part C) of the DB 450 Claim form, we ask if wages were paid during the disability period, and whether or not the employer wishes to be reimbursed by Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company.

Article 9 (NY DBL Law) § 237 of the New York Workers' Compensation Law states an employer, may be reimbursed by the New York DBL carrier during a claim for any time the employer has advanced monies to the claimant if the claim for reimbursement is filed with the carrier prior to payment of benefits by the carrier. Here are some items for your consideration when determining whether or not to be reimbursed by Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company:

- Advancement of monies by the employer must be employer-sponsored monies.
- Vacation and PTO time are not considered employer-sponsored, but instead are considered employee-earned time, and thus are not a reduction to DBL benefits nor a basis for reimbursement.
Note: Required sick time via state or city ordinances (e.g. NYC) may not be considered employer-sponsored and therefore benefits may be payable to the employee.
- Salary continuation and sick time are considered employer-sponsored and are reimbursable by Equitable.
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- Reimbursement of benefit money to the employer allows the employer to continue salary, and withhold the appropriate FICA taxes.
- Reimbursed funds from Equitable are payable to the employer and taxes are not withheld.
- When requesting reimbursement, be sure to include the entire period of time that reimbursement is requested should the claim extend to full duration of New York DBL.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/Employers/EmployerHandbook.pdf>

Taxability of Benefits:

Please see the below excerpt from IRS Publication 15A to assist you in calculating the taxable percent of benefits. Taxability is expected to be less than 100 percent when the employee is contributing to the cost of the coverage.

Excerpt from IRS Publication 15A, Page 17 and 18: *Group policy.* If both the employer and the employee contributed to the sick pay plan under a group insurance policy, figure the taxable sick pay by multiplying total sick pay by the percentage of the policy's cost that was contributed by the employer for the 3 policy years before the calendar year in which the sick pay is paid. If the policy has been in effect fewer than 3 years, use the cost for the policy years in effect or, if in effect less than 1 year, a reasonable estimate of the cost for the first policy year.

Example. Alan is employed by Edgewood Corporation. Because of an illness, he was absent from work for 3 months during 2015. Key Insurance Company paid Alan \$2,000 sick pay for each month of his absence under a policy paid for by contributions from both Edgewood and its employees. All of the employees' contributions were paid with after-tax dollars. For the 3 policy years before 2015, Edgewood paid 70% of the policy's cost and its employees paid 30%.

Because 70% of the sick pay paid under the policy is due to Edgewood's contributions, \$1,400 ($\$2,000 \times 70\%$) of each payment made to Alan is taxable sick pay. The remaining \$600 of each payment that is due to employee contributions is not taxable sick pay and is not subject to employment taxes. Also, see *Example of Figuring and Reporting Sick Pay*, later in this section.

For more information please visit: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p15a.pdf>

NOTICE AND PROOF OF CLAIM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS

IMPORTANT: USE THIS FORM ONLY WHEN THE CLAIMANT BECOMES SICK OR DISABLED WHILE EMPLOYED OR BECOMES SICK OR DISABLED WITHIN FOUR (4) WEEKS AFTER TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. OTHERWISE USE GREEN CLAIM FORM DB-300.

PART B - HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S STATEMENT (Please Print or Type)

THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S STATEMENT MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY AND THE FORM MAILED TO THE INSURANCE CARRIER OR SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER, OR RETURNED TO THE CLAIMANT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE FORM.

For item 7d, give approximate date. Make some estimate. If disability is caused by or arising in connection with pregnancy, enter estimated delivery date under "Remarks". (Even if considerable question exists, estimate date. Avoid using terms such as unknown or undetermined).

1. Claimant's Name: _____	2. Date of Birth: _____	3. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
4. Diagnosis/Analysis: a. Claimant's Symptoms: _____ b. Objective Findings: _____		Diagnosis Code: _____
5. Claimant Hospitalized? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No From _____ To _____		
6. Operation Indicated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No a. Type _____ b. Date _____		
7. Enter Dates for the Following: a. Date of your first treatment for this disability: _____ b. Date of your most recent treatment for this disability: _____ c. Date claimant was unable to work because of this disability: _____ d. Date claimant will be able to perform usual work: _____ e. If disability is pregnancy related, please estimate delivery date: _____		
8. In your opinion, is this disability the result of injury arising out of and in the course of employment or occupational disease? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", has form C-4 been filed with the Workers' Compensation Board? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Remarks: (attach additional sheet, if necessary) _____		
I affirm that I am a: <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractor <input type="checkbox"/> Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist <input type="checkbox"/> Podiatrist <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse-Midwife		
License Number: _____ Licensed in the State of: _____		
ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY AND WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD PRESENTS, CAUSES TO BE PRESENTED, OR PREPARES WITH KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO OR BY AN INSURER, OR SELF-INSURER, ANY INFORMATION CONTAINING ANY FALSE MATERIAL STATEMENT OR CONCEALS ANY MATERIAL FACT SHALL BE GUILTY OF A CRIME AND SUBJECT TO FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.		

Health Care Provider's Signature: _____	Date: _____
Health Care Provider's Name: (Please Print) _____	Telephone Number: () _____
Office Address: (Number, Street , City or Town, State & Zip) _____	

HIPAA NOTICE - In order to adjudicate a workers' compensation claim, WCL13-a (4) (a) and 12 NYCRR 325-1.3 require health care providers to regularly file medical reports of treatment with the Board and the carrier or employer. Pursuant to 45 CFR 164.512 these legally required medical reports are exempt from HIPAA's restrictions on disclosure of health information.

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PART C - EMPLOYER'S STATEMENT

Employee's full name: (As shown on Social Security Card)		Social Security Number:																																																								
Employee's Address: (Street, City, State & Zip Code)		Date of Birth:																																																								
Date of employment: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	Check days normally worked: <input type="checkbox"/> Sun. <input type="checkbox"/> Mon. <input type="checkbox"/> Tues. <input type="checkbox"/> Wed. <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.																																																									
If Part Time, give particulars:																																																										
Is employee a Union member? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If "Yes," is employee entitled to Union Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Occupation:																																																								
Date employee last worked:	Date employee returned to work:	Were wages continued during disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																																																								
Were wages employer-sponsored sick pay? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No From: _____ To: _____	Were wages Vacation, PTO, or Mandated Sick Time (e.g. NYC)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No From _____ To _____																																																									
Is reimbursement requested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="5" style="text-align:center; font-size:small;">EARNINGS 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE LAST WORKED PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF DISABILITY.</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width:15%;">Month</th> <th style="width:15%;">Day</th> <th style="width:15%;">Year</th> <th style="width:15%;">No. Days Worked</th> <th style="width:15%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align:right;">Total</td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			EARNINGS 8 WEEKS PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE DATE LAST WORKED PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF DISABILITY.					Month	Day	Year	No. Days Worked	Amount																																									Total				
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Is disability due to job? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																																																										
If "Yes," has a compensation claim been filed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																																																										
Indicate Weekly Value of Board, Lodging and Tips: _____																																																										
Is this employee currently covered by Social Security? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																																																										
If "No," state grounds for exemption: _____																																																										
Is employee enrolled in a Long Term Disability Plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," effective date. _____ Equitable NY Disability Policy Number: _____																																																										
Based on the employer/employee premium contributions made over the last 3 years, what percentage of the Weekly Disability benefit it is considered taxable? _____ % LTD _____ %. (See section 6 of IRS Publication 15-A for information on determining the taxable percentage.) (If blank, we will code the benefit as 100% taxable until you submit written notice of the correct taxable %.)																																																										
Employer's Name:		Employer's Identification Number:																																																								
Address: (Street, City, State & Zip Code)		Telephone Number: ()																																																								
Signed by:	Date:	Title:																																																								

THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD EMPLOYS AND SERVES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

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Signature - Please read the statement that applies to your state of residence and sign the bottom of the second page.

With the exception of any source(s) of income reported above in this form, I certify by my signature that I have not received and am not eligible to receive any source of income, except for my disability benefits from this plan. Further, I understand that should I receive income of any kind or perform work of any kind during any period Equitable Financial Life Insurance Company, hereinafter called "The Insurance Company", and/or its Third Party Administrator, hereinafter called "TPA", has approved my disability claim, I must report all details to The Insurance Company and/or its TPA, immediately. If I receive disability income benefits greater than those which should have been paid, I understand that I will be required to provide a lump sum repayment to the Plan. The Insurance Company and /or its TPA has the option to reduce or eliminate future disability payments in order to recover any overpayment balance that is not reimbursed.

For residents of all states EXCEPT Arizona, Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

For Residents of Arizona: For your protection Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

For Residents of Alabama: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

For Residents of California: For your protection, California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

For residents of Colorado: It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

For residents of Florida: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

For residents of Kentucky: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim or an application for insurance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

For residents of Maine, Tennessee, and Washington: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

For Residents of Maryland: Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit and who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

For residents of New Jersey: Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties. Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

For residents of Ohio: Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

For residents of Oklahoma: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

For residents of Oregon: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto that the insurer relied upon is subject to a denial and/or reduction in insurance benefits and may be subject to any civil penalties available.

For residents of Pennsylvania: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material hereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

Signature - Please read the statement that applies to your state of residence and sign the bottom of the page.

For residents of Puerto Rico: Any person who knowingly and with the intention of defrauding presents false information in an insurance application, or presents, helps, or causes the presentation of a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or any other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, shall incur a felony and, upon conviction, shall be sanctioned for each violation by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or a fixed term of imprisonment for three (3) years, or both penalties. Should aggravating circumstances be present, the penalty thus established may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years, if extenuating circumstances are present, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

For residents of Virginia: Any person who, with the intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated the state law.

For residents of New York: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

The statements contained in this form are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

Date

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is our standard method of payment. When making our claim decision we may contact you to obtain your banking information.

ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor

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. The total amount of combined paid family and disability leave an employee may take in a 52 consecutive week period may not exceed 26 weeks. Benefit payments are based on your average weekly wages for the eight weeks immediately prior to your disability, and are subject to the maximum allowable by the law in effect on the initial day of disability. Your employer or union may provide for different benefits which are at least as favorable as statutory benefits under an approved Disability Benefits Plan or Agreement.
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. In no event should you wait more than 26 weeks from that date to file a claim. You may obtain Form DB-450 from your employer, its insurance carrier, your health care provider or by contacting the Workers' Compensation Board. (See address and telephone number below.) **Do not** assume that your employer has filed a claim on your behalf; **claim filing is your responsibility.**
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. If you disagree with their rejection, you have a legal right to request a review of the rejection by the Workers' Compensation Board. IMPORTANT:** If within 45 days of filing your claim you do not receive benefits and do not receive a Notice of Rejection (Form DB-451), promptly contact the Workers' Compensation Board at the telephone number below.
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. **If you do not file for disability benefits, the no-fault insurer may reduce your no-fault payments. IMPORTANT:** In such cases, if you are not entitled to disability benefits, immediately advise the no-fault insurance carrier.
8. Your employer may not ask you to waive your right to disability benefits nor may your employer deduct more than 60cents 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. **You cannot be discharged or discriminated against for filing a claim for disability benefits.**

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:

Group Claims Department
P.O. Box 14294
Lexington, KY 40512-4294
Fax 1-855-864-0530

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Workers' Compensation Board**