

# **VSDP Employer Training Guide**

Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability

Management

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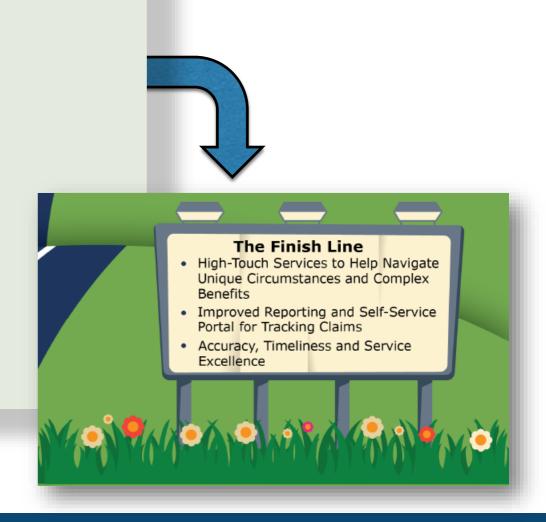


What You Will Learn

# How this transition impacts you and your employees

- New notification processes
- Reed Group services
- Information exchange and technology
- LeavePro<sup>tm</sup> Self-Service Portal
- New Daily Action Report (DAR)
- Roles of service teams
- Education & Outreach services
- Managing employee communication
- Getting help

Please refer to the "Test Your Knowledge" sheet in your training packet



## Introduction to the Managed Disability TPA Transition to Reed Group

Your third-party administrator (or, TPA) for Short-Term Disability and Long-Term Disability management is changing from Unum to Reed Group on May 1, 2015

## Even though a change is ahead, all plan benefits remain the same

Reed Group provides numerous services and tools that benefit you as an employer:

- We assign nurse case managers to every claim
- Our case management services are consistent and in compliance with your disability plans, and always with a focus on medically appropriate return to work
- Our systems automate tasks that are the common source of manual errors when submitting claims
- Eligible member information is integrated into our systems



Why Reed Group?

We help you manage employee disability absence

absence management administration

integrated technology solutions

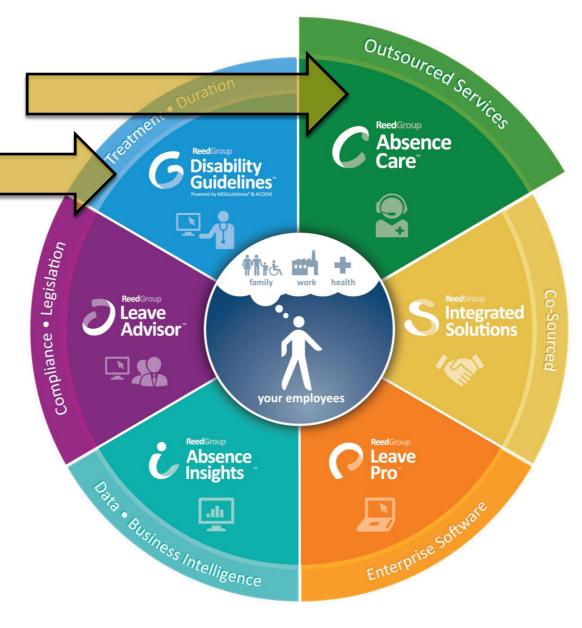
 clinical model that reference to Disability Guidelines

 focus on medically appropriate return to work

Employers and employees have access to a Self-Service Portal called LeavePro<sup>tm</sup>.

- online website
- access reports
- check non-clinical disability claims statuses
- assures medical claim detail for your employees is completely secured

Visit <u>reedgroup.com</u> for more information





## What Exactly Changes on May 1?

	As of Apr 30	On May 1 and After
Long-Term Disability Claims Information	Long-Term Disability claims information is provided to VRS from Unum	Long-Term Disability claims information is provided to VRS from Reed Group
		have ended
		Contact Unum for:
		Short-Term Disability claims with a
		Date of Disability prior to May 1
		distributed to designated contacts
		Employers are no longer contacted for salary information; Employers continue to be contacted for disability credits



## What is Different with Reed Group?

# Portal

Different Self-Service Please visit www.reedgroup.com/vsdp-claims to access the portal.

- Training, upcoming events
- Run reports (ad hoc, automatic, recurring reports)
- Check on disability claims for your employees
- Check that medical records have been received
- Confirm a return to work date
- And request a change to an existing disability claim



We're going to talk about

processes

that impact you and your employees...



## **Short-Term Disability Process**

### File or Update a Claim

Employee contacts
 Reed Group via Phone or
 Self-Service Portal

Eligibility Packet\*

 Reed Group mails to Employee's Home Address at onset of claim Medical Information

 Employee sends to Reed Group via mail or fax within 30 days

#### Forms Reminder\*

 Reed Group mails to Employee's Home Address (if forms not received within 20 days) Determination Letter\*

 Reed Group mails to Employee's Home Address when a decision is made

"Determination Letter" is a letter from Reed Group approving or denying the claim. If the claim is denied, the letter will include information about the appeal process

Examples of Forms Requested:

- Attending Physician Statement
- Authorization for Release of Medical Information



#### Return to Work Process

#### Return to Work Call

Seven days prior to end date of disability Reed Group calls employee to confirm return to work or extension

Return to Work Letter\*

Reed Group mails to Employee's Home Address



If Employee has an Extension Request

Employee sends
Medical Information to
Reed Group via mail or fax
within 7 days of request

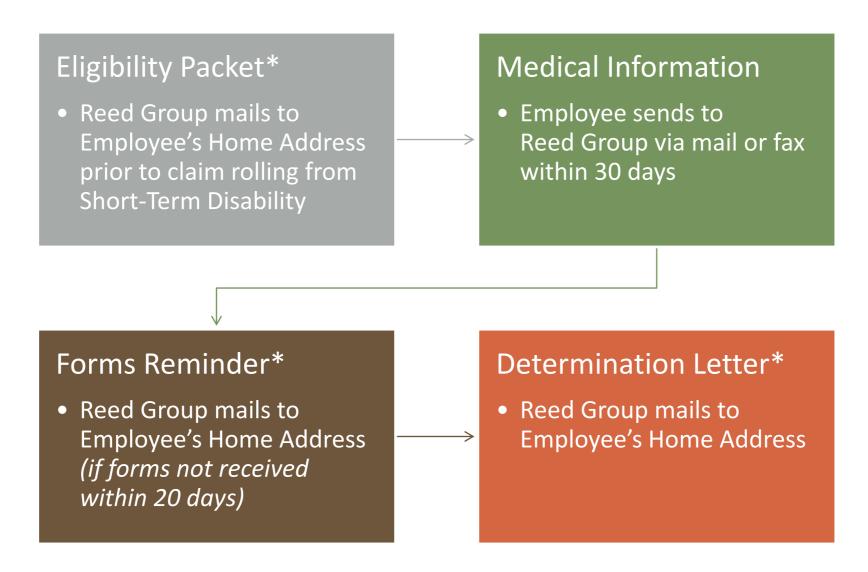
Extension Request Determination\*

Reed Group mails to Employee's Home Address

An Extension may be requested at any time including after leave approval and does not need to wait for the Return to Work Call



## Long-Term Disability Process

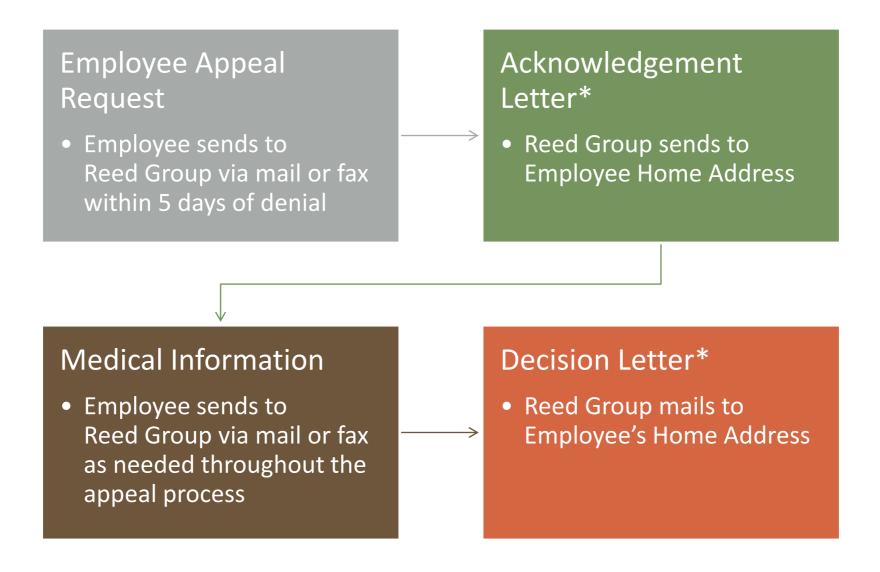


#### Examples of Forms Requested:

- Long-Term Disability Repayment Agreement
- Request for Health Insurance Credit (VRS-45)
- W-4 Form



## **Appeals Process**



The Determination Letter that was sent when claim was denied includes information about the appeal process



What Stays The Same?

Reed Group provides services as documented in the <u>Virginia Sickness and Disability Program Handbook for State Employees:</u>

- Scope of Reed Group Services
- Coordination with Other Benefits
- Non-clinical claims Information Employers are Allowed to See



Scope of Reed Group Services

New and Updated Short-Term Disability Claims

Income replacement levels

Return to work determination

Catastrophic condition

Major chronic condition

Transition to Long-Term Disability

Work-related and non-work-related disabilities



### **Coordination with Other Benefits**

Workers' Compensation

Social Security Disability Insurance

Outside income or other benefits for the same disability

VSDP Long-Term Care\*

\*indirectly via a report sent to VRS



## Non-Clinical Claim Information Employers are Authorized to See

The date the employee initiated a disability claim

Whether the employee's claim is for Short-Term Disability, Long-Term Disability or a catastrophic or major chronic condition

Authorized start and end dates of the disability period

Dates to begin paying the employee at 100 percent, 80 percent or 60 percent of predisability income

Estimated return to work date

Physical restrictions

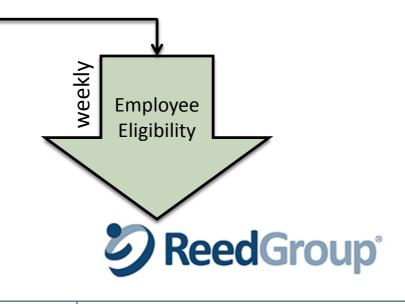
Number of hours a day your employee is able to work

When a case is closed





# Information Exchange and Technology





Initial Employee eligibility information sent from VRS Navigator to Reed Group

Employee provides to Agency and Agency provides to VRS Navigator: Employee home address of 123 Maple Lane

Both VRS Navigator and Reed Group have Employee home address of: 123 Maple Lane



Employee information updated directly in Reed Group systems overrides "A"

Employee provides to Reed Group upon Short-Term Disability intake: Employee home address of **456 Ash Street** 

VRS Navigator has address of

123 Maple Lane

and Reed Group has address of



New VRS Navigator information overrides "B"

Employee provides to Agency and Agency provides to VRS Navigator: Employee home address of **789 Oak Circle** 

VRS Navigator has address of

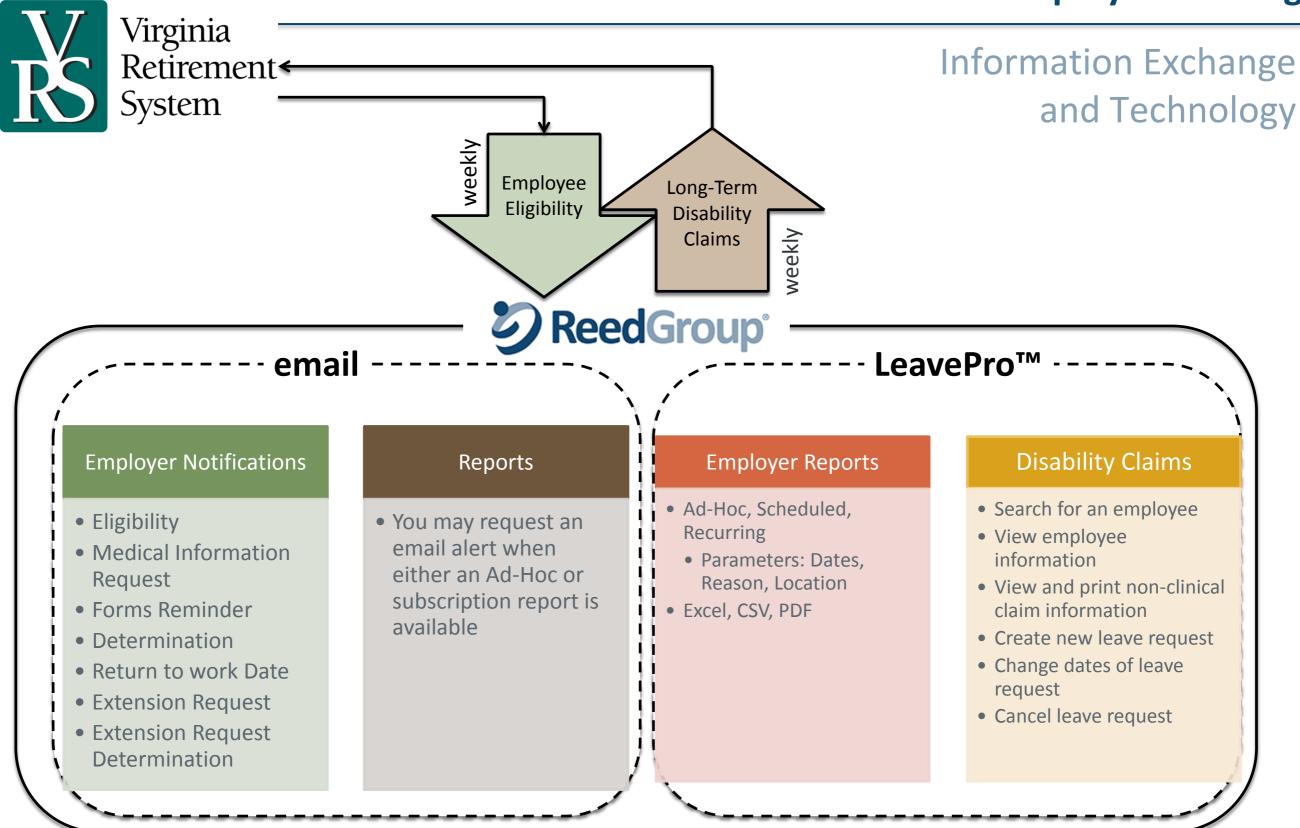
789 Oak Circle

**456 Ash Street** 

and Reed Group has address of

789 Oak Circle





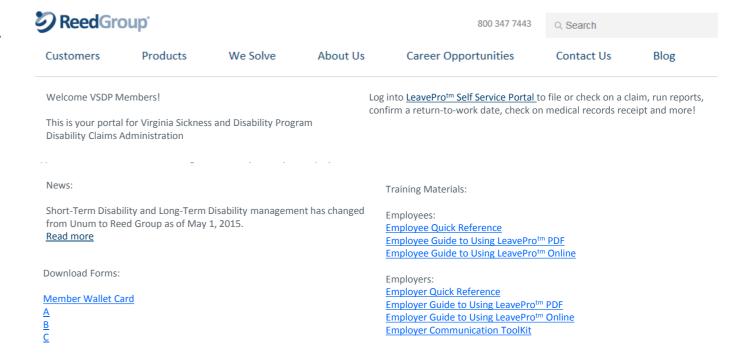


## **VSDP Claims Home Page**

Employers and employees access to a Claims Home Page specifically designed for VSDP:

### www.reedgroup.com/vsdp-claims

- News
- Upcoming events
- Employer Tools:
  - Training Guide for Employers
  - Quick Reference Card (QRC)
  - Reference Manual
  - o Employee Toolkit
  - Access Request Forms
- Employee Tools:
  - Training Guide for Employees
  - Member Wallet Cards
- Self-Service Portal





### Who Does What > Roles of Service Teams

#### Reed Group

- Account Management
  - Three Reed Group Account Coordinators are based in Virginia to partner with you, providing increased personalized attention to employer requests.
  - Escalations, LeaveProTM Self-Service Portal, Training, Reports and Access Requests
- Service Center
  - Disability Claims Processing
  - Nurse Case Managers

#### **VRS Customer Contact Center**

- Questions about disability plan rules
- Additionally provides answers about pension plans and other benefits



## **Education & Outreach Services**

- For employers
- What Reed Group looks like to employees
- Talking points for employees
- Email template for employees
- Access requests

# **Education & Outreach Services for Employers**

Three Reed Group Account Coordinators are based in Virginia with responsibility for providing High-Touch Services for Employers.

Our job is to serve you, so you can best serve your employees.



During the first quarter of transition, we are providing the following specialized services to help your organization implement effective change:

- Online meetings to provide answers to questions as they arises
  - WebEx support calls
- On-site visit to focus on special needs of your agency
  - Reach out to employers who did not attend training (in person or WebEx training by region)
  - On-going in-person training and support as needed
  - Participation in on-going employer roundtable sessions



Toolkit: What Reed Group looks like to employees

#### **Wallet Card**



No action needs to be taken by employees

Put simply....

The phone number and website are changing

## Toolkit: Answers to Employee Questions

# Even though a change is ahead, all plan benefits remain the same

#### What is the benefit to employees?

- Clinical expertise that provides better care while on disability
- Improved service, processing and website for managing disability claims

#### What is changing?

- Phone number and website for filing disability claims
- No action needs to be taken by other employees

- On May 1 and after:
  - Contact <u>Reed Group</u> Service Center for Short Term Disability claims with a Date of Disability **May 1** and after and all Long-Term Disability claims: 877-928-7021
  - Contact <u>Unum</u> for Short Term Disability claims with a Date of Disability prior to **May 1:** 1-800-652-5602

#### Who to Call

Call your employer for questions about the transition

Call the VRS Customer Contact Center at 888-VARETIR (888-827-3847)

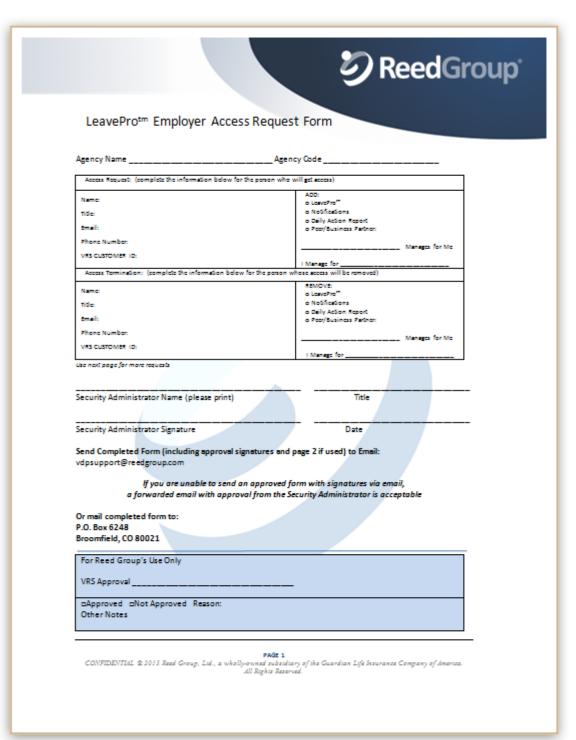
## Toolkit: LeavePro<sup>tm</sup> Access Request Form

You may need to complete an Access Request form if:

- LeavePro<sup>tm</sup> Registration doesn't work
- Changes in responsibilities (who should / should not access employee non-clinical claims information)
- Current UNUM access is not correct
  - o LeavePro<sup>tm</sup>
  - Notifications
  - o Daily Action Report
  - o Peer/Business Partner

IMPORTANT! Access is dependent on how your Agency's data is set up in VRS Navigator. Contact Reed Group Account Coordinators for Agency-specific information.

Form can be found at: www.reedgroup.com/vsdp-claims



## **Toolkit: Contact Information**

Disability Plan Rules	Claims Processing	For Employers Only: Escalations, LeavePro™ Self- Service Portal, Training, Reports and Access Requests
VRS Customer Care Center	Reed Group Service Center	Reed Group Account Coordinators
888-varetire 888-827-3847	877-928-7021  P.O. Box 6248  Broomfield, CO 80021	VDPsupport@reedgroup.com  844-507-5391
www.varetire.org/VSDP-ER	www.reedgroup.com/vsdp-claims  Fax: 720-456-4784	

