Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation

Johns Hopkins provides a $100,000 group term-life policy as part of your benefits package. Effective date of coverage is January first of the second year as a medical student. An enrollment form is not required, although completion of a beneficiary designation is necessary. UNUM Life Insurance Company of America underwrites the life insurance policy.

You should designate a beneficiary for this life insurance policy. If you die while covered by this plan, the payment to a designated beneficiary is not taxable to the recipient. If you do not have a designated beneficiary, payment is made after your estate goes through probate and the proceeds of the policy, when paid, are taxable to the recipient.

Our life insurance carrier, UNUM, has made available to our group plan participants a way to securely designate beneficiaries online. By using this new online portal, you can designate beneficiaries, make changes to the beneficiary designations or verify your beneficiaries at your convenience 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

After you designate your beneficiaries through this portal, you will receive a copy of your beneficiary designation by email from echosign@echosign.com for your records. UNUM has established a dedicated service team to answer any questions you may have about your beneficiary designation. The UNUM service team can be reached by phone 1-866-220-8460 or by email at amsteam@unum.com.