

# Reporting an Absence or Disability



Personalized support—  
every step of the way!



## Reporting an Absence or Disability

This guide explains the steps to follow when you are absent from work because of leave or disability. Please detach the Authorization Card and keep the guide for future reference.

### When should I report an absence or disability?

First, report your absence for leave or disability to your supervisor. Then report it to Prudential when:

- You will be absent for more than three days and are under a physician's care.
- You are hospitalized for any amount of time.
- You are caring for an ill or injured qualified family member (spouse, parent, or dependent child).
- You are pregnant or are absent from work due to pregnancy complications.
- You will be absent periodically due to a chronic or permanent disabling condition of your own or a qualified family member.
- You are caring for a newborn child, recently adopted child, or new foster child.
- You are absent due to other reasons as defined by state regulations.
- You are absent due to a lost-time, work-related injury—after first reporting it to your supervisor.

### Report an absence to Prudential for:

- Short Term Disability (STD)
- Family Medical Leave (FML)
- Long Term Disability (LTD)
- Lost-time, work-related injury—after first reporting it to your supervisor

## How can I report an absence or disability?

To report an absence or disability you can either:

1. Call **877-FOR-PRU1 (877-367-7781)** anytime. You can speak to one of our absence professionals or follow the prompts to record your absence or disability information.
2. Log in to **[www.prudential.com/mybenefits](http://www.prudential.com/mybenefits)**. Click on “Claims and Absence” and then “File a Claim / Report an Absence.” There, you can input your information and download any forms you may need.

### Have this information ready

Please have the following information ready:

- Company name: Crown Castle
- Company control number: 52958
- Employee ID or Social Security Number
- Reason for your absence
- First date absent
- Work schedule
- Date you expect to return to work
- If your absence is related to illness or injury, name, fax, and telephone number of the treating physician
- If caring for a qualified family member, their relation to you.

### When should I contact Prudential again?

Notify us, by phone or online, if you:

- Have updated information
- Are unable to return to work on the planned date
- Are returning or have returned to work
- Want to report your delivery date
- Want to report time on an intermittent leave
- Need forms

# Reporting Your Absence or Disability Authorization Card

## Steps to Follow When Absent

**Crown Castle**  
**Control number 52958**

1. Notify your supervisor.
2. Call Prudential at **877-FOR-PRU1 (877-367-7781)** anytime,  
**OR**  
Log in to **www.prudential.com/mybenefits** and click on “Claims and Absence” and then “File a Claim / Report an Absence.”
3. Make a copy of this authorization.
4. Sign and date the copy.
5. Present the copy to your doctor to file.
6. Keep the original blank. Do not date or sign it.

This entire card must be copied and presented to your doctor for release of information. Sign and date the copy.

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**If you are reporting an absence only for FML or other comparable leave other than absences for disability, you are not required to sign and use the authorization below.**

**This authorization is not intended for use with FMLA leave or similar absences.**

**An Authorization for the release of information specific to leaves for FML or leaves other than for your disability claim will be included in communications sent to you in the mail following your reported absence or can be obtained by calling the number above.**

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### Authorization for Release of Information to The Prudential Insurance Company of America

**This authorization is intended to comply with the HIPAA Privacy Rule.**

I authorize any health plan, physician, health care professional, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy, medical facility, or other health care provider that has provided treatment, payment, or services to me or on my behalf (“my providers”) to disclose my entire medical record and any other health information concerning me to The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Prudential) and its agents, employees, and representatives. This includes information on the diagnosis or treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and sexually transmitted diseases. This also includes information on the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, but excludes psychotherapy notes.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that any agreements I have made to restrict my protected health information do not apply to this authorization and I instruct my providers to release and disclose my entire medical record without restriction.

This information is to be disclosed under this authorization so that Prudential may: 1) administer claims and determine or fulfill responsibility for coverage and provision of benefits; 2) obtain reinsurance; 3) administer coverage; and 4) conduct other legally permissible activities that relate to any coverage I have or have applied for with Prudential.

This authorization shall remain in force for 24 months following the date of my signature below, while the coverage is in force, except to the extent that state law imposes a shorter duration. A copy of this authorization is as valid as the original. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing, at any time, by sending a written request for revocation to Prudential at: P.O. Box 13480, Philadelphia, PA 19176. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that any of my providers have relied on this authorization to the extent that Prudential has a legal right to contest a claim under an insurance policy or to contest the policy itself. I understand that any information that is disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be redisclosed and not covered by federal rules governing privacy and confidentiality of health information.

I understand that if I refuse to sign this authorization to release the entire medical record, Prudential may not be able to process my claim for benefits and may not be able to make any benefit payments. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this authorization. The statements made by me on this claim are true and complete.

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Employee/Claimant Signature

Date

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Print Name

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## Important Notice

### CLAIM FRAUD WARNING STATEMENTS

For residents of all states and jurisdictions except Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington: **WARNING** – Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurance company or other person, or knowing that he is facilitating commission of a fraud, submits incomplete, false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading facts or information when filing an insurance application or a statement of claim for payment of a loss or benefit commits a fraudulent insurance act, is/may be guilty of a crime, and may be prosecuted and punished under state law. Penalties may include fines, civil damages, and criminal penalties, including confinement in prison. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant or if the applicant conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto.

**ALABAMA RESIDENTS:** 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.

**ARIZONA RESIDENTS:** 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.

**ARKANSAS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, LOUISIANA and RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS** – 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.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS:** For your protection, California law requires the following to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a 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.

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

**KENTUCKY RESIDENTS:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a 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.

**MAINE and WASHINGTON RESIDENTS:** Any person who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company commits a crime. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

**MARYLAND RESIDENTS:** Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or 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.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS:** Any person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in RSA 638:20.

**NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**NEW YORK RESIDENTS:** 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. **This notice ONLY applies to accident and disability income coverages.**

**NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS:** Any person who, with the intent to injure, defraud, or deceive an insurer or insurance claimant, knowing that the statement contains false information concerning a fact or matter material to the claim may be guilty of a class H felony.

**PENNSYLVANIA and UTAH RESIDENTS:** 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 material fact thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**PUERTO RICO RESIDENTS:** 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.

**VERMONT RESIDENTS:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or knowingly makes a false statement in an application for insurance may be guilty of a criminal offense under state law.

**VIRGINIA RESIDENTS:** Any person who, with the intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated state law.



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Group Short Term and Long Term Disability Insurance coverages are issued by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, 751 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102. Contract Series 83500.

Please refer to the Booklet-Certificate for all plan details, including any exclusions, limitations, and restrictions, which may apply. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the Group Contract issued by Prudential, the terms of the Group Contract will govern.

**New York Residents:** This policy provides disability income insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical, or major medical insurance as defined by the New York Department of Financial Services.

**North Carolina Residents: THIS IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLAN. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare, which is available from the company.**

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