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After a UC employee dies, survivors are faced with the difficult task of resolving the employee's estate. This includes reporting the death and claiming benefits.

This handbook describes the benefits that may be available to family members and/or beneficiaries following the death of an active UC employee. UC employees are covered by a variety of benefits, which are administered by different offices, both within and outside UC. This handbook outlines the steps surviving family members and beneficiaries should take to claim benefits. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Benefits Office at the employee's campus, laboratory, or medical center.

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For a description of benefits available following the death of a UC retiree or a former UC employee receiving UCRP disability income, see the *Survivor and Beneficiary Handbook for Family Members and Beneficiaries of UC Retirees*.

For a description of benefits available following the death of an inactive UCRP member or other former UC employee, see the *Survivor and Beneficiary Handbook for Family Members and Beneficiaries of Former UC Employees*.

Notifying UC

When a UC employee dies, you should notify the department or office where he or she worked as soon as possible. The department, in turn, will notify the appropriate UC Payroll, Human Resources, and/or Benefits Office.

You should also notify Fidelity Investment Tax-Exempt Services Company (FITSCo) (see page 8 and “Resources” on page 22).

Please be prepared to provide basic information about the deceased, including:

- name,
- Social Security number,
- date of birth,
- date of marriage (if applicable) or date of state registration of domestic partnership* (if applicable), and
- date of death.

You should also be prepared to provide the following information for any surviving family members:

- names,
- addresses,
- Social Security numbers, and
- dates of birth.

This information helps UC determine as quickly as possible what benefits may be available to survivors and beneficiaries.

* If the domestic partnership was not registered with the State of California, the UC employee must have filed a *Declaration of Domestic Partnership* form with UC in order for the employee’s partner to be eligible for some benefits.

What UC Does Upon Notification of a Death

After UC is notified that an employee has died, procedures are set in motion to ensure that any UCRP/CAP benefits payable to the employee's survivors and/or beneficiaries are processed accurately and as timely as possible. The campus or laboratory Benefits Office helps to coordinate the claims process (procedures vary at different UC locations).

UC Retirement Administration in Oakland, California, administers claims for University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) benefits, as well as continued health and welfare plan coverage for survivors. Other University-sponsored benefits listed in this handbook are administered by the employee's campus, medical center or laboratory or by an insurance company or financial institution.

After reviewing the deceased member's records, Retirement Administration sends a letter to each person who may be eligible for a benefit. Typically, this letter goes out within three weeks after the death is reported. The letter provides information about the benefits that may be payable and instructions for providing necessary documents and forms. To ensure confidentiality, Retirement Administration will not provide initial benefits information over the telephone.

Retirement Administration cannot begin paying benefits until it receives the requested documents and forms. Required documents may include copies of the death certificate, birth certificates for the spouse or domestic partner and/or children, and marriage or partnership evidence. While it is a good idea to gather such evidence so that you know where it is, please do not send any documents until you are specifically requested to do so. Generally, benefits are paid within one month after UC Retirement Administration receives the required documents.

If you believe you are eligible for a benefit and you do not receive a written notice, you should send an inquiry to UC HR/Benefits Retirement Administration. Any inquiries about benefit eligibility must be made in writing. Correspondence should be sent to:

UC HR/Benefits
Retirement Administration
P.O. Box 24570
Oakland, CA 94623-1570

Sources of Income—University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP)

UCRP Membership

University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP/the Plan) membership is automatic and mandatory for eligible employees. Once an employee becomes a UCRP member, active membership continues until the member has a break in service.

Eligibility for UCRP Benefits

The table below summarizes who is eligible for various UCRP benefits. Eligibility is based on whether the deceased employee was a UCRP member, the length of his or her UCRP membership, and his or her eligibility to retire. See the following pages for more information about each UCRP benefit.

	Basic Death Payment (page 5)	CAP* (page 5)	Plan Accumulations* (page 7)	Monthly Survivor Income	
				Preretirement Survivor Income (page 6)	Survivor Income Following Death While Eligible to Retire (page 7)
Active UCRP Member—less than 2 years of UCRP service credit	●	●	●		
Active UCRP Member—2 or more years of UCRP service credit	●	●	●	or ●	
Active UCRP Member—eligible to retire (generally 5 or more years of UCRP service credit and 50 or more years of age)	●	●	●	or ●	or ●

* CAP and UCRP accumulations are payable only if the member had such money on account at the time of death.

Basic Death Payment

Who is eligible

The member's beneficiary (see "Glossary" for definition).

Benefit

A one-time payment of \$7,500 if UCRP membership began on October 1, 1990, or later.

Note: If the employee's UCRP membership began before October 1, 1990, the Basic Death Payment is \$1,500 plus one month's final salary, if that amount is greater than \$7,500. Otherwise, \$7,500 is payable.

Distribution options

Can be rolled over into a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) or another employer plan if paid to a spouse. Non-spouse beneficiaries may elect a direct rollover to an IRA.

Generally, UCRP benefits payable to members, survivors or beneficiaries cannot be attached by creditors, nor can anyone receiving benefits assign payment to others, including but not limited to mortuaries or funeral homes. UCRP benefits are intended solely for the security and welfare of members and their beneficiaries and survivors.

Capital Accumulation Provision (CAP)

UCRP's Capital Accumulation Provision (CAP) provides eligible members with a supplement to their other UCRP benefits. The CAP benefit is based on allocations that were credited in their behalf by UCRP. Each allocation was calculated as a percentage of covered compensation paid during a specified time period. For active members, the CAP balance remains on account during employment along with other UCRP accumulations, if any.

Who is eligible

The member's beneficiary (see "Glossary" for definition).

Benefit

Balance of CAP account, if any, at the time of death.

Distribution options

Can be rolled over into a traditional IRA or another employer plan if paid to a spouse. Non-spouse beneficiaries may elect a direct rollover to an IRA.

In addition to the Basic Death Payment and CAP, **either** monthly survivor income **or** Plan Accumulations may be payable from UCRP. See pages 6 and 7 for more information.

Sources of Income—UCRP

Preretirement Survivor Income

Who is eligible

The eligible survivor(s) of an active member who dies with at least two years of UCRP service credit. Eligible survivors may include an eligible spouse or eligible domestic partner, eligible children, or eligible dependent parents. (See “Glossary” for definitions.)

If the member was eligible to retire, see “Survivor Income Following Death While Eligible to Retire” on page 7.

Benefit

Monthly income.

The benefit is based on the member’s appointment and UCRP membership status. If there is an eligible survivor at the time of death, preretirement survivor income is payable as of the first day of the following month. If there is no eligible survivor at the time of death, but a survivor subsequently becomes eligible, preretirement survivor income begins when the survivor meets UC’s eligibility requirements.

For example, an eligible member dies at age 48. His spouse is 45 years old and is neither caring for a child nor disabled. No monthly benefit is payable at that time. Preretirement survivor income becomes payable when the spouse reaches age 60.

The monthly survivor benefit continues to the next eligible survivor(s), if any, after the recipient’s death. The benefit ends when there are no more eligible survivors.

Distribution options

Can be rolled over into a traditional IRA or another employer plan if paid to a spouse and expected to be paid for less than ten years. Not eligible for rollover if expected to be paid for more than ten years.

For example, a member dies at age 48. His spouse is 45 years old and is caring for a 17-year-old child. The spouse may be eligible to receive a monthly benefit on the child’s behalf until the child reaches age 22, a period of less than ten years. In this case, the benefit paid to the spouse on behalf of the child is eligible for rollover.

Retirement Administration will notify the eligible survivor(s) if the benefit is eligible for rollover.

Survivor Income Following Death While Eligible to Retire

Who may be eligible

The surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner (see “Glossary”) of a member who dies while eligible to retire.

A member is eligible to retire if he or she has at least five years of UCRP service credit and has reached age 50.

Benefit

Lifetime monthly income.

This benefit is calculated as though the member had elected to retire on the day after the date of death and chosen the full-continuance option (Option A) with the spouse or domestic partner as contingent annuitant. If the spouse or domestic partner also qualifies as an eligible survivor, both the preretirement survivor income and the Option A benefit are calculated, and the higher benefit is paid. The benefit is payable from the first of the month following the member’s death and continues until the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner dies. After the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner dies, preretirement survivor income is payable to the next eligible survivor(s), if any. The benefit ends when there are no more eligible survivors.

Distribution options

Not eligible for rollover.

Plan Accumulations

Active UCRP members may be required to make retirement contributions. When required, contributions are deducted automatically from the member’s wages each pay period. UCRP maintains a record of each member’s contributions, with interest credited each month. If there are no survivors eligible for benefits, any accumulations are payable to the member’s beneficiary.

Who is eligible

The member’s beneficiary (see “Glossary” for definition).

Benefit

The member’s UCRP accumulations.

Distribution options

Distributions can be rolled over into an IRA or another employer plan.

Sources of Income—UC Retirement Savings Program

Minimum Distributions

The Internal Revenue Code requires that a minimum amount of money be distributed from tax-deferred savings accounts after a certain point in time, usually after the participant reaches age 70½. This requirement applies to the DC Plan, the 403(b) Plan and the 457(b) Plan. FITSCo will notify you if/when minimum distributions are required.

As a UC employee, the deceased may have contributed to one of the UC-sponsored savings and investment plans:

- The Defined Contribution Plan (the DC Plan)
- The Tax-Deferred 403(b) Plan (the 403(b) Plan)
- The 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (the 457(b) Plan)

Benefits from these plans are based on the amount of money contributed, plus any earnings. Beneficiaries should contact Fidelity Investments Tax-Exempt Services Company (FITSCo) (see page 22) about plan balances and distribution options.

Loans

If the deceased had an outstanding loan from the 403(b) Plan at the time of death, the beneficiaries may repay the loan in full. If the loan is not repaid, the outstanding balance will be reported as a distribution and will be subject to applicable federal and state income taxes.

Beneficiaries will receive information about repaying any outstanding loan principal from FITSCo.

Sources of Income—Departmental Benefits

Wages and Vacation Pay

Who is eligible

The survivor(s) of an active employee.

Benefit

Payment of terminal salary or wages, vacation pay, or other monies due the employee, with regular deductions withheld.

Senior Management Severance Pay

Who is eligible

Survivors of certain senior managers.

Benefit

Senior Management Severance Pay Plan contributions and interest.

Death Payment

Who is eligible

Survivor of an active employee who has completed at least six continuous months on pay status at 50 percent time or more without a break in service prior to death. Benefits will be paid in the following order*:

- spouse or domestic partner; or if none
- children; or if none
- parents; or if none
- siblings; or if none
- estate of the deceased.

Benefit

A sum equal to one month of the employee's salary. This benefit is in addition to wages, vacation pay, or other monies due the employee.

* Employees in exclusively represented bargaining units may have a different order of payment.

Sources of Income—Life Insurance

UC automatically provides basic life insurance coverage for all eligible employees (Basic Life or Core Life), and, if eligible, employees may buy additional coverage (Supplemental Life). The amount of Basic Life or Core Life coverage varies, depending on the employee's appointment rate and average regular paid time. The amount of Supplemental Life coverage depends on the level of coverage the employee elected. For more information about eligibility for Basic, Core and Supplemental Life see *Your Group Insurance Plans*, available on the UC HR/Benefits website, atyourservice.ucop.edu, or from your local Benefits Office.

After receiving notification of the death of a UC employee, the Payroll or Benefits Office contacts the insurance carrier and the employee's beneficiary to facilitate the claims process. (Procedures vary at different UC locations.) The life insurance company requires a claim form and a certified death certificate (with a raised seal) to process the claim. Claims are payable promptly upon receipt of certification of death.

The Prudential Insurance Company (Life Claims Division)

1-800-524-0542

Basic Life

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of an employee eligible for Basic Life coverage on the date of death.

Benefit

An amount equal to the employee's annual base salary up to \$50,000. The coverage amount is based on the employee's UC salary and appointment rate as of January 1 each year. Benefits from this plan are payable in addition to any other death benefits for which the beneficiary may qualify—for example, from the Supplemental Life plan or UCRP.

Core Life

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of an employee eligible for Core Life coverage on the date of death.

Benefit

\$5,000. Benefits from this plan are payable in addition to any other death benefits for which the beneficiary may qualify.

Supplemental Life

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of an employee enrolled in Supplemental Life at the time of death.

Benefit

As elected by the employee. The benefit amount could be a flat sum of \$20,000 or one, two, three, or four times the employee's annual salary up to plan maximums. Coverage is based on the full-time salary rate for the employee's position as of January 1 of the current year. Benefits from this plan are payable in addition to any other death benefits for which the beneficiary may qualify.

Senior Management Life

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of a senior manager who was participating in the Senior Management Life Insurance Plan at the time of death. Eligible senior managers are automatically enrolled in Senior Management Life, but they may elect not to participate.

Benefit

In addition to Basic Life, Senior Management Life pays two times the senior manager's annual base salary up to a plan maximum of \$800,000. Benefits from this plan are payable in addition to any other death benefits for which the beneficiary may qualify.

Living Benefit Option

Supplemental Life benefits otherwise payable at death will be reduced by any amount already paid to a terminally ill employee through the living benefit option.

Sources of Income—Accident Insurance and Workers' Compensation

Benefits may be payable if the employee's death occurred as a result of an accident and/or in the course and scope of UC employment. Procedures for filing accident insurance and Workers' Compensation claims may vary depending on the employee's campus or laboratory.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D)

Your local Benefits Office can answer any questions you have about filing a claim. Claims are processed by the insurance carrier.

American Home Assurance

1-800-551-0824 (for claims only)

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of an employee enrolled in AD&D coverage at the time of death and whose death was due to an accident.

Benefit

The insurance amount elected by the employee.

Business Travel Insurance

All UC employees are covered 24 hours a day, worldwide, against accidental death and dismemberment while traveling on official UC business or while engaged in designated hazardous activities on behalf of the University. The employee's department starts the claim process in conjunction with the campus or laboratory Risk Management or Environmental Health and Safety Office.

Who is eligible

The beneficiary of a UC employee whose death was due to a work-related travel accident or designated hazardous assignment; or if no beneficiary was designated, benefits will be paid automatically to the individual or individuals (in equal shares) in the following order:

- The employee's spouse or domestic partner.
- The employee's child or children (including adopted children).
- The employee's parents.
- The employee's siblings.
- If none of the above is living, then the employee's estate.

Benefit

10 times basic annual pay up to a maximum benefit of \$500,000.

The benefits listed above are subject to a reduction after age 70 as follows:

- At age 70, benefit amount reduced to 65 percent
- At age 75, benefit amount reduced to 45 percent
- At age 80, benefit amount reduced to 30 percent
- At age 85, benefit amount reduced to 15 percent

For example, at age 70, the calculation is 10 times basic annual pay up to a maximum of \$500,000 times 65 percent.

Workers' Compensation

UC employees (are covered by California state law. If a work-related death occurs, the employee's department starts the claim process in conjunction with the campus or laboratory Risk Management Office.

Who is eligible

The spouse and/or dependent children of a UC employee whose death was due to a work-related accident or illness.

Benefit

Death benefit payments are set by state law according to the number of dependents.

Sources of Income—Social Security and Other Retirement Systems

Social Security

Benefits may be available to surviving family members through the Social Security Administration. For information, visit your local Social Security office, call the toll-free number (see “Resources” on page 22), or visit the Social Security Administration’s website at www.ssa.gov.

Other Retirement Systems

Some UC employees contributed to other public retirement systems during their UC employment. If the deceased was a member of another retirement system, additional benefits may be available. You should contact the retirement system for information (see “Resources” on page 22).

Health and Welfare Plans—Continued Coverage for Survivors

Medical, Dental, and Legal Coverage

Eligibility Requirements

If you were enrolled as a family member in a UC-sponsored medical, dental, and/or legal plan at the time of the eligible employee's death, you can continue coverage if all of the following apply:

- you (or another family member) receive monthly survivor income from a UC-sponsored defined benefit plan;
- the monthly benefit becomes payable within 120 calendar days of the date of death; and
- your UC-sponsored coverage is continuous.

Initially, coverage is limited to the plans in which you are currently enrolled.

However, as an individual receiving a monthly benefit, you can change plans and add eligible family members during Open Enrollment, which is usually held each November. If you move out of an HMO, Select EPO, Blue Cross PLUS or DeltaCare® USA service area, you and/or your eligible family members have a new period of initial eligibility in which to transfer to a plan that provides service in your new location. If you were not enrolled in UC-sponsored medical, dental and/or legal plans on the date of the employee's death, you cannot enroll later.

Note: The adult family member who is enrolled at the time of the employee's death is the only adult who will be eligible for UC-sponsored coverage thereafter (for example, coverage may not be switched from the deceased employee's adult dependent relative to the surviving spouse). A surviving spouse or domestic partner may not enroll a new spouse or domestic partner in UC-sponsored plans, except for Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D).

UC Contribution Toward Plan Premiums for Survivors

For surviving family members eligible for continued medical and dental coverage, the level of UC's contribution toward plan premiums depends on the date the deceased employee became a UCRP member. If the employee's membership began before January 1, 1990 without a break in service of more than 120 days, survivors will receive 100 percent of UC's maximum contribution toward the medical and/or dental premiums. If the employee became a UCRP member on or after January 1, 1990, survivors will receive a percentage of UC's maximum contribution. The percentage corresponds to the deceased employee's years of UC service credit as shown below.

Employee's Years of UC Service Credit	Percentage of UC Contribution
0–2	Not eligible
2–10	50%
11	55%
12	60%
13	65%
14	70%
15	75%
16	80%
17	85%
18	90%
19	95%
20+	100%

If Coverage Ends

If you were covered by a UC-sponsored medical, dental and/or legal plan at the time of the employee's death, but you are not eligible for monthly survivor income, coverage stops on the last day of the last month for which premiums were paid. You have two options to continue coverage:

1. You may be able to continue medical, dental, and/or vision coverage on a direct pay basis through COBRA continuation (the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985). You have 60 days from the date you lose coverage by reason of a qualifying event (the employee's date of death), or 60 days from the date you receive notice of your continuation rights (whichever is later), to apply for COBRA continuation. You are eligible to continue this coverage for up to 36 months.
2. After COBRA continuation coverage ends (if participation has been continuous) or as an alternative to electing COBRA continuation, you may be able to convert the UC-sponsored medical plan (but not the dental or vision plan) to an individual policy. You have 31 days after your UC-sponsored or COBRA continuation coverage ends to apply for conversion. Premiums for an individual policy may be significantly higher than premiums for your UC-sponsored plan, and the benefits may differ.
3. You may be able to convert your group legal coverage to an individual policy within 31 days of the date group coverage ends. Contact ARAG for more information (see page 22).

For more information about COBRA continuation coverage, see the UC HR/Benefits website, atyourservice.ucop.edu, or call the local Benefits Office.

Vision Plan

UC-sponsored vision coverage is not available to survivors of UC employees. However, covered family members may be able to continue vision plan coverage under COBRA continuation after the employee's death, if the deceased was enrolled. If you were covered, you should contact the local Benefits Office for continuation information. You may not convert UC-sponsored coverage to an individual policy.

If you do not apply or are not eligible for COBRA continuation, coverage ends on the last day of the last month for which premiums are paid.

Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D)

The deceased employee's spouse may continue or purchase AD&D coverage on a direct pay basis through the UC-sponsored Voluntary Group Accident Insurance Program. Enrolled children may not continue group coverage, but can convert coverage to an individual policy. Contact the insurance carrier for information regarding continued coverage (See "Resources" on page 22).

UC Group Term Life

If you were covered by Dependent Life, you may continue the coverage for up to six months by paying premiums directly to the carrier. Contact the employee's local Payroll Office to arrange direct payments. When coverage ends, you may convert coverage to an individual policy. Contact the carrier for more information. (See "Resources" on page 22).

Automobile and Homeowner/Renter

UC-sponsored automobile and homeowner/renter coverage ends on the last day of the last month for which a premium was paid through payroll deduction. Eligible family members may be able to convert automobile and homeowner/renter coverage to an individual policy. Contact the insurance carrier for more information. (See "Resources" on page 22).

Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DepCare)

DepCare is a salary reduction program that allows employees to pay for certain dependent care expenses on a pretax, salary reduction basis. DepCare is available only to UC employees; participation in DepCare stops at the end of the month in which the last contribution was deducted from the employee's paycheck.

If there are DepCare funds on account, the deceased employee's estate or administrator can submit claims for reimbursement of eligible dependent care expenses. Expenses incurred after the month of the employee's death are not eligible for reimbursement. SHPS, Inc., which administers the plan, must receive claims by the filing deadline of the following year; funds left in the account after that date are forfeited.

For more information about DepCare, see the *Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DepCare) Summary Plan Description*, available on the UC HR/Benefits website, atyourservice.ucop.edu, or from your local Benefits Office.

Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA)

HCRA is a salary reduction program that allows employees to pay for certain health care expenses on a pretax, salary reduction basis. HCRA is available only to UC employees; participation in HCRA stops at the end of the month in which the last contribution was deducted from the employee's paycheck.

If there are HCRA funds on account, the deceased employee's estate or administrator can submit claims for reimbursement of eligible health care expenses. Expenses incurred after the month of the employee's death are not eligible for reimbursement. SHPS, Inc., which administers the plan, must receive claims by the filing deadline of the following year; funds left in the account after that date are forfeited.

For more information, see the *Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA) Summary Plan Description*, available on the UC HR/Benefits website, atyourservice.ucop.edu, or from your local Benefits Office.

Tax Information

Retirement Administration will send you detailed tax information if you are eligible to receive money from UCRP. If the distribution is eligible for rollover, you also will receive the *Special Tax Notice for Plan Distributions*, which explains your options in detail. FITSCo will provide tax information about distribution from the Retirement Savings Program accounts.

We strongly recommend that you consult a qualified tax advisor before making any final decisions about money that was left to you as a beneficiary.

UCRP Basic Death Payment, CAP, 403(b) Plan, 457(b) Plan and DC Plan Distributions

Federal tax-withholding rules affect most nonperiodic distributions—including the UCRP Basic Death Payment, CAP, 403(b) Plan, 457(b) Plan distributions, and the taxable portion of DC Plan distributions. These distributions are eligible for rollover into a traditional IRA or another employer plan if paid to a spouse. (Under certain circumstances, preretirement survivor income may also be eligible for rollover. See page 6.)

If the distribution is eligible for rollover, you may elect to have the distribution paid to you or you may arrange to have some or all of it rolled over directly into a traditional IRA or another employer plan. If some or all of the distribution is paid to you, the tax rules require that 20 percent be withheld for federal taxes. If some or all of the distribution is rolled over directly, withholding does not apply to the amount rolled over.

Distributions paid to a trust, estate, charity, or corporation named as beneficiary also are not eligible for rollover. For non-periodic distributions not eligible for rollover, 10 percent will be withheld for federal taxes unless you specify otherwise.

In January, you will receive a Form 1099R reporting any distributions you received during the preceding year and how much of that amount is taxable.

UCRP Monthly Income

In general, UCRP monthly benefits are subject to federal and state taxes in the year you receive them. Each January, you will receive a Form 1099R showing how much income you received during the preceding year and how much of that amount is taxable.

Federal and state income taxes will be withheld automatically from your monthly benefit unless you elect otherwise. Retirement Administration will explain your tax-withholding options if you are eligible to receive a monthly benefit. Please note that automatic withholding amounts may not be enough to satisfy your income tax liability. You can ask UC to withhold more from your monthly payments at any time. There are penalties for not paying enough taxes, either through withholding or estimated tax payments. See a tax advisor for more information.

This Glossary defines terms specifically as they apply to UCRP, the DC Plan, the 403(b) Plan and the 457(b) Plan in the event of the death of an active UCRP member. Definitions applicable to departmental benefits, life insurance, accident insurance, Workers' Compensation, Social Security, and/or other benefit providers may differ.

Beneficiary

The person(s) designated by a member to receive a benefit upon the member's death. A beneficiary can be any person, persons, or entity capable of taking and holding property.

For UCRP, UC-sponsored life insurance, business travel and AD&D plans, beneficiaries are designated by the member online or on a *Designation of Beneficiary—Employees* form (UBEN 116). The beneficiary designation remains valid unless the member changes it online or submits a new form. UC will modify a beneficiary designation if required by law (for example, to allow for community property rights in the case of divorce). Each of the plans can have different beneficiaries, or the same beneficiaries can be named for all. Unless otherwise stated, the designated beneficiary applies to all plans.

For the DC Plan, 403(b) Plan and the 457(b) Plan, beneficiary designations are held by FITSCo. See "Resources" on page 22 for contact information.

If more than one person is named as beneficiary of a plan, the member can designate the share (%) each person should receive. If the member does not specify the share, the benefit will be paid to the beneficiaries in equal shares.

If beneficiaries are not named, or if the named beneficiary is no longer living, benefits go to the first survivor in this list:

- legal spouse or domestic partner,
- natural or adopted children (in equal shares)*,
- parents (in equal shares), or
- siblings (in equal shares).

If none of these people are living, benefits are paid to the member's estate.

Disability

To determine eligibility as a disabled spouse, domestic partner, or child, disability is defined as a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which prevents the individual from engaging in "substantial gainful activity" on the basis of qualified medical opinion. "Substantial gainful activity" means any type of gainful activity commensurate with age, education, skills, or general background, which could reasonably

* Children of a deceased child share their parent's benefit.

be expected to result in earnings in excess of the Social Security Administration's annually published dollar amount to determine substantial gainful activity (\$800 per month in 2005).

Eligibility is determined by the Plan Administrator, and the spouse, domestic partner, or child must cooperate with all requests for information. The disability must be expected to continue for an extended and uncertain period of time. For a disabled spouse or domestic partner, the disability must exist at the time of the employee's death. For a disabled child, the disability must exist while the child was otherwise eligible, i.e., under age 18, or under 22 and attending an educational institution on a full-time basis.

Eligible Child

The natural or adopted child or stepchild of a deceased member or the natural or adopted child of a deceased member's domestic partner. The child must have received at least 50 percent support from the member for one year before the member's date of death. On the date of the member's death, the child must be:

- under age 18,
- under 22 and attending an educational institution full time, or
- disabled (see "Disability" definition above); the disability must have occurred while the child was eligible based on age, as listed above.

The one-year support requirement does not apply to the member's natural child born within 10 months after the member's death or to the member's natural child born less than one year before the member's death. A stepchild or domestic partner's child must have been living with or in the care of the member just before the member's death.

An eligible child may qualify for preretirement survivor income, or serve to qualify the member's spouse or domestic partner for preretirement survivor income.

Preretirement survivor income payable on account of an eligible child under the age of 18 will be paid to the parent of the child if the child is in the parent's care and no guardian of the estate of the child has been appointed.

If a guardian has been appointed, payment will be made to the guardian. If no guardian has been appointed and the eligible child has reached age 18, payment will be made to the eligible child.

Eligible Dependent Parent

The natural or adoptive mother or father of an active member who received at least 50 percent support from the member for the year just before the member's date of death, disability or retirement.

Eligible Domestic Partner

The partner of a deceased active member. The partnership must have been established at least one year before the member's death or disability date, and the partner must:

- be responsible for the care of an eligible child (as defined on page 20);
- be disabled (see page 19); or
- have reached age 60.

If the domestic partner is responsible for the care of an eligible child who is the member's natural child, the one-year partnership requirement is waived as long as the child is eligible.

If the deceased employee was an active UCRP member and eligible to retire, see "Surviving Domestic Partner" definition, below.

For more information, see *Benefits for Domestic Partners*.

Eligible Spouse

The widow or widower of a deceased active member. The date of marriage must have been at least one year before the member's date of death, and the spouse must:

- be responsible for the care for an eligible child (as defined on page 20);
- be disabled (see page 19); or
- have reached age 60. (The qualifying age is 50 for a widow if (a) the spouse and member were married before October 19, 1973, and (b) the member had entered UCRP by that date.)

If the spouse is responsible for the care of an eligible child who is the member's natural child, the one-year marriage requirement is waived as long as the child is eligible.

If the deceased employee was an active UCRP member and eligible to retire, see "Surviving Spouse" definition, below.

Eligible Survivor

See "Eligible Spouse," "Eligible Domestic Partner," "Eligible Child," or "Eligible Dependent Parent."

Surviving Domestic Partner

The partner of a deceased active UCRP member. The surviving domestic partner is eligible to receive the UCRP contingent retiree benefit without qualifying as an eligible domestic partner if the member was eligible to retire at the time of death.

Surviving Spouse

The widow or widower of a deceased active UCRP member. The surviving spouse is eligible to receive the UCRP contingent annuitant benefit without qualifying as an eligible spouse if the member was eligible to retire at the time of death.

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Customer Service Center

1-800-888-8267

Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

Fidelity Investments Tax-Exempt Services Company (FITSCo)

Net Benefits

www.netbenefits.com

The FITSCo website provides information about your Retirement Savings Program accounts.

Retirement Services Center

Hours: 5:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Monday–Friday

1-866-682-7787

Insurance Carriers

A+ Auto and Home Insurance

1-866-680-5142

American Home Assurance (AD&D)

1-800-772-7863

ARAG Legal

1-800-828-1395

Blue Cross of California

1-888-209-7975

(Blue Cross PLUS, Blue Cross PPO, and Core)

CIGNA Choice Fund

1-800-244-6224

DeltaCare® USA (formerly PMI)

1-800-422-4234

Delta Dental PPO (formerly Delta Dental)

1-800-777-5854

Health Net

1-800-539-4072

Health Net Primary EPO

1-800-539-4072

Kaiser Permanente—California

1-800-464-4000

Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic

1-800-777-7902

in Washington, DC metro area

1-301-468-6000

The Prudential Insurance Company (Group Life Claims)

1-800-524-0542

SHPS, Inc. (DepCare and HCRA)

1-877-270-3915

Vision Service Plan (VSP)

1-800-877-7195

Western Health Advantage/WHA Care+

1-888-563-2250

Other Retirement Systems

Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213
California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)	1-800-225-7377
California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)	1-800-228-5453
Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS)	1-888-767-6738
Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)	1-888-767-6738
Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System (SCERS)	1-800-336-1711
Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS)	1-714-558-6200

Additional Publications

For additional information, refer to the following publications, which are available online or upon request from the Customer Service Center.

Retirement Plan Summary Plan Description

- Members with Social Security
- Members without Social Security
- Tier Two Members
- Safety Members

Tax-Deferred 403(b) Plan Summary Plan Description

Defined Contribution Plan Summary Plan Description

UC Group Insurance Eligibility Factsheet

Supplemental Disability Insurance Plan

Personal Accident Insurance Plan (AD&D)

Benefits for Domestic Partners

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