SECURITY BENEFIT FUND



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Web Address: www.ufanyc.org SBF/Beneficiary Enrollment Form Submission: www.ufanycbenefits.org Email: SBFStaff@ufanyc.org

NEW BABY CHECKLIST (ACTIVE & RETIRED)

- 1. Get a note from **OB-GYN** to keep on file so YOU can legitimize YOUR Emergency Leave if YOU must use it.
- 2. ACTIVE MEMBERS: To add a dependent to your medical plan, FAX a COPY of the Certificate of Live Birth to 718-999-7139. Be sure to include/write down the Member's Name and FULL Social Security Number, baby's name, date of birth and baby's FULL Social Security Number. If you haven't received the baby's Social Security card, once you do receive it, make a copy of the card, write down the baby's full Social Security number on the copy (faxed copies can be difficult to read) and fax it over (along with the Member's name and Social Security number) to the same fax number. You can call 718-999-2196 to verify receipt/processing. An alternate option for #1 (notifying FDNY HQ) is to go online to the NYCAPS / Employee Self Service (ESS) program at www.nyc.gov/ess. Hospital discharge papers or footprint record may initially be faxed to expedite enrollment prior to receipt of the birth certificate – BUT ONLY IF THE DOCUMENT INCLUDES THE MEMBER'S NAME AND BABY'S NAME.

Documents May Also be emailed to: Noreen.Aspromonte@fdny.nyc.gov AND Magalie.Menard-Charles@fdny.nyc.gov

RETIREES: Must fill out a Health Benefit Application or ERB Form (CLICK HERE for the Health Benefit Application) form (or https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/health/healthbenefits-application.pdf) and SUBMIT it to the NYC Office of Labor Relations (OLR) using the OLR "LeapFile" Website, which is https://nycemployeebenefits.leapfile.net. **DURING COVID, YOUR BEST / MOST RELIABLE OPTION IS TO USE THE LEAPFILE ABOVE.**

Alternatively, you may mail a copy of the Birth Certificate, Social Security card AND the completed ERB form to:

NYC OLR - HEALTH BENEFITS, 22 CORTLANDT ST FL 12, NY, NY 10007-3120

You can also try faxing it to: OLR/Active Member 212-306-7756

Make sure you request a transmission receipt showing the faxes went through.

MAKE SURE to keep copies for your records, and send via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt.

3. <u>UFA/Security Benefit Fund (Optical, Prescription and Dental Benefits)</u>

Make a COPY of the baby's birth certificate and social security card. On the copy, write down the Member's Name, the last 4 of the Member's SS#, Re-write the BABY'S FULL SS#, and write down a cell phone number you can be reached at (if there are questions).

Email, Fax, or Mail (via USPS) it to the Security Benefit Fund. (Email: sbfstaff@ufanyc.org, Fax: 212-683-0693 – mailing address is below.)

You should also submit a beneficiary card electronically online by going to www.ufanycbenefits.org. If you are unable to submit the new beneficiary card electronically, write down the documents "Please send me a new SBF Beneficiary Enrollment Card" (Green Card for ACTIVE, Yellow for RETIREES).

When you receive the card, fill it in COMPLETELY (both sides), sign it and send it back to the UFA/SBF WITHIN 30 DAYS!! to:

SECURITY BENEFIT FUND, 204 E 23RD ST, 3rd FL NEW YORK, NY 10010-4628

PHONE 212-683-4723, EXT. 2......FAX 212-683-0693

This will take care of your dependent(s) Prescription, Dental, Optical, etc.

ALL members SHOULD also go to https://www.ufanycbenefits.org/forms and submit an updated Beneficiary Enrollment Card (but you *must* also send the above-mentioned paperwork).

PROMOTED MEMBERS – Fire Officers, or members of the Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) Members should contact fpp@ufoa.org or call 212-293-9300.

- 4. Catastrophic Major Medical Insurance Family Coverage Catastrophic Insurance is <u>ONLY</u> applicable to members who were enrolled with Mercer Catastrophic <u>PRIOR</u> to April 1st, 2011. To add your child to your Catastrophic Insurance, you must send a letter WITHIN 30 DAYS <u>WITH</u> a copy of the child's Birth Certificate to: MERCER (formerly known as MARSH AFFINITY GROUP) PO BOX 10374, DES MOINES, IA 50306-0374...PHONE 800-503-9230 or email customerservice.service@mercer.com.
- 5. If you have **Deferred Compensation Plan**, you may want to add beneficiary. Fill out and forward Enrollment/Change Form to:

CITY OF NEW YORK/OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Bowling Green Station, P.O. Box 93

New York, New York 10274-0093 PHONE 212-306-7760

ATTENTION: DEFERRED COMPENSATION DESK

See link for the Form: http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/olr/downloads/pdf/deferred/chngform.pdf

- 6. If you want to **Change Tax Exemptions**, you need to fill out a NEW Federal and State Tax Withholding Forms (W-4 and IT2104). There are 3 ways this can be done:
 - A. Go online to ESS (www.nyc.gov/ess) and fill out the form online.
 - B. You can go online to Payroll, print up the forms, fill them in and mail them. Go to https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf and print up the Federal Form (W-4) and the State Form (IT2104). Or you can
 - C. PHONE 718-999-2288 and ask them to mail you the new withholding forms, fill them in and mail them back.
 - D. If you are a RETIREE and wish to change your W-4-P exemptions, please contact the NYC Fire Pension Fund at 929-436-0099 and ask for Payroll for Retirees. It is also important to realize that any change in withholding can and will affect your individual tax returns. For this reason, it is suggested that you consult with your tax advisor to fully understand the meaning of any change in withholding.
- 7. If you want to **add beneficiary** to **UFA Life Insurance**, you may request a Life Insurance Beneficiary Card by calling 646-839-6503 or emailing mzingone@ufanyc.org. Once you receive the card, fill it out and mail it back to:

UNIFORMED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM 204 EAST $23^{\rm RD}$ STREET, $3^{\rm RD}$ FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10010-4628 ATTENTION: LIFE INSURANCE - CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY PHONE 646-839-6503 or mzingone@ufanyc.org

8. If you want to **add a beneficiary** to your **FDNY Life Insurance** call the NYC Fire Pension Fund at 929-436-4861 to request a "**Designation of Life Insurance Beneficiary**" form. Once you've filled it out, <u>signed and notarized it</u>, mail it back to:

NYC FIRE PENSION FUND

1 BATTERY PARK PLZ STE 901

NEW YORK NY 10004-1777PHONE 929-436-4861

9. If you want to add a **Pension Beneficiary**, call the **NYC Fire Pension Fund** at 929-436-4861 to request a "**Designation of Beneficiary of Death Benefits**" form. Once you've filled it out, **signed and notarized it**, mail it back to:

NYC FIRE PENSION FUND

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- 11. If you are a member of one of the Societies (i.e., Emerald, Vulcan, Columbian, etc.), you may want to add beneficiary to Life Insurance. Give them a call!