

20 NCAC 02O .0104 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**20 NCAC 02O .0104 SHORT-TERM DISABILITY AND EXTENDED SHORT-TERM DISABILITY
APPROVALS**

(a) Only the Medical Board shall have the authority to deny short-term and extended short-term disability benefits.

(b) The following positions or entities shall have the authority to approve short-term and extended short-term disability benefits on behalf of the Retirement Systems Division:

(1) Director of the Retirement Systems Division;

(2) Director of Operations;

(3) Disability Benefits Processing Manager;

(4) Disability Benefits Processing Supervisor;

(5) Clinical Reviewer; or

(6) Medical Board.

(c) The Director of the Retirement Systems Division may designate additional positions to have the authority to approve, but not deny, short-term and extended short-term disability benefits.

(d) Only the Medical Board may approve applications for short-term or extended-short-term disability benefits from individuals who have been actively employed at the Department of State Treasurer within the 365 days preceding the date of disability indicated on the individual's application for benefits.

History Note: Authority G.S. 135-105(f); G.S. 135-105(g)