

**Successfully defended administrator's  
denial of long-term disability benefits on  
*de novo* review**

*Abubakar v. Aetna Life Ins. Co.* (C.D. Cal. 2016). Obtained dismissal of long-term disability benefit claim on *de novo* review. The Court affirmed the benefit denial, concluding that the administrator correctly applied the plan's pre-existing condition exclusion.

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