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My apologies for such a direct question for the New Year, but a new case raises the point: Must a beneficiary have his/her hands or feet at least partially “cut off” to qualify for Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits? What does the term “dismemberment by severance” in an ERISA plan mean? Isn’t paralysis enough? No....