YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

HARALSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Basic Term Life, Supplemental Dependent Life, Supplemental Term Life

State Notices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at https://www.thehartford.com/. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us as follows:

The Hartford
Group Benefits Division, Customer Service
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999
1-800-523-2233

If you have a complaint and contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

If your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to you.

Alaska:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Arizona:

1. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

Arkansas:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Arkansas Insurance Department
   Consumer Services Division
   1200 West Third Street
   Little Rock, AR 72201-1904
   Toll Free:1(800) 852-5494
   Local: 1(501) 371-2640

2. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the General Provisions section of the Certificate, does not apply to you.

California:

1. **NOTICE:** READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY
   You have a 30 day right from Your original Certificate Effective Date to examine Your certificate. If You are not satisfied, You may return it to Us within 30 days of Your original Certificate Effective Date. In that event, We will consider it void from its Effective Date and any premiums paid will be refunded. Any claims paid under The Policy during the initial 30 day period will be deducted from the refund.

   PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU RETAIN ALL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR POLICY/CERTIFICATE AGAINST YOUR ORIGINAL INSURER IN THE EVENT THE ASSUMING INSURER IS UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS. IN SUCH EVENT YOUR ORIGINAL INSURER REMAINS LIABLE TO YOU NOTWITHSTANDING THE TERMS OF ITS ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT.
2. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the General Provisions section of the Certificate, does not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

   Eligibility Determination: *How will We determine Your eligibility for benefits?*

We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine Your eligibility or Your beneficiaries for benefits for any claim You or Your beneficiaries make on The Policy. We will:

1) obtain with Your cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate Your claim and decide whether to accept or deny Your claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from Your Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by You or others on Your behalf; or, at Our expense We may obtain necessary information, or have You physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at Your option and at Your expense, You may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of Your choice. You should provide Us with all information that You want Us to consider regarding Your claim;
2) as a part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of The Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims, or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
3) if We approve Your claim, We will review Our decision to approve Your claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine Your continued eligibility for benefits;
4) if We deny Your claim, We will explain in writing to You or Your beneficiaries the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with The Policy as described in the provision entitled **Claim Denial**.

In the event We deny Your claim for benefits, in whole or in part, You can appeal the decision to Us. If You choose to appeal Our decision, the process You must follow is set forth in The Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If You do not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

3. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
State of California Insurance Department
Consumer Communications Bureau
300 South Spring Street, South Tower
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP
TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833
Web Address: www.insurance.ca.gov

Colorado:

1. Entering a civil union, terminating a civil union, the death of a party to a civil union or a party to a civil union losing employment, which results in a loss of group insurance, will all constitute as a **Change in Family Status**.
2. The **Complications of Pregnancy** provision, if shown in the **Definitions** section of the Certificate, is revised as follows:

Complications of Pregnancy means a condition whose diagnosis is distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected or caused by pregnancy, such as:

1) acute nephritis or nephrosis;
2) cardiac decompensation;
3) missed abortion; and
4) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

Complications of Pregnancy will also include:

1) pre-eclampsia;
2) placenta previa;
3) physician prescribed bed rest for intra-uterine growth retardation, funneling, incompetent cervix;
4) termination of ectopic pregnancy;
5) spontaneous termination of pregnancy, occurring during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible;
6) non-elective Cesarean section; and
7) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

However, the term Complications of Pregnancy will not include:

1) elective Cesarean section;
2) false labor, occasional spotting, or morning sickness;
3) hyperemesis gravidarum; or
4) similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not consisting of a nosologically distinct Complication of Pregnancy.

Florida:

1. **NOTICE:** The benefits of the policy providing you coverage may be governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.

Georgia:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family abuse.

Idaho:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Idaho Department of Insurance
   Consumer Affairs
   700 W State Street, 3rd Floor
   PO Box 83720
   Boise, ID 83720-0043
   Toll Free: 1-800-721-3272
   Web Address: www.DOI.Idaho.gov

Illinois:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Illinois Department of Insurance
   Consumer Services Station
   Springfield, Illinois 62767
   Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364
   Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431
3. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act
Effective June 1, 2011

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq*. Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance Benefits document available on the Illinois Department of Insurance's website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

Indiana:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

Public Information/Market Conduct
Indiana Department of Insurance
311 W. Washington St. Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
1(317) 232-2395

Kansas:

1. The following requirement applies to you:

   Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets Policy terms and conditions?*
   Pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), Your Employer has delegated to Us the fiduciary responsibility to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. Therefore, We are a fiduciary for The Policy and We have the continuing duty to act prudently and in the interest of You, Your beneficiaries and the other plan participants. If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, then You may file suit in state or federal court for a review of Your eligibility or entitlement to benefits under The Policy. This provision only applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by ERISA.

Louisiana:

1. The following requirement applies to you:

   Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?*
   If Your or Your Dependents' coverage ends because You or Your Dependents enter active military service, coverage may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement upon Your or Your Dependents' release from active military service.

   The reinstated coverage will:
   1) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage ended;
   2) not be subject to any Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage or Evidence of Insurability; and
   3) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

Maine:

1. **NOTICE:** The benefits under this policy are subject to reduction due to other sources of income.

   This means that your benefits will be reduced by the amount of any other benefits for loss of time provided to you or for which you are eligible as a result of the same period of disability for which you claim benefits under this policy.

   Other sources of income are plans or arrangements of coverage that provide disability-related benefits such as Worker's Compensation or other similar governmental programs or laws, or disability-related benefits received from your employer or as the result of your employment, membership or association with any group, union, association or other organization. Other sources of income include disability-related benefits under the United States Social Security Act or an alternate governmental plan, the Railroad Retirement Act, and other similar plans or acts. Other sources of income may also include certain disability-related or retirement benefits that you receive because of your retirement unless you were receiving them prior to becoming disabled.

   What comprises other sources of income under this policy is determined by the nature of the policyholder. Therefore, we strongly urge you to **Read Your Certificate Carefully.** A full description of the plans and types of plans considered to be other sources of income under this policy will be found in the definition of "Other Income Benefits" located in the Definitions section of your certificate.
2. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

   Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.
3. The following requirement applies to you:

Reinstatement: *Can my coverage be reinstated after it ends?*
We will reinstate The Policy upon receipt of all current and late premiums if:

1) You, any person authorized to act on Your behalf, or any of Your dependents may request reinstatement of The Policy within 90 days following cancellation of The Policy for nonpayment of premium provided You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time the contract cancelled; and
2) all current and late premium payments are received within 15 days of Our request.

We may request a medical demonstration, at Your expense, that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation of The Policy.

Maryland:

1. **NOTICE: The group insurance Policy providing coverage under the Certificate may have been issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

Massachusetts:

1. The following continuation requirement applies to you:

   In accordance with Massachusetts state law, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment terminates or You cease to be a member of an eligible class, Your insurance will automatically be continued until the end of a 31 day period from the date Your insurance terminates or the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan, whichever occurs first. You must pay the required premium for continued coverage.

   Additionally, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment is terminated as a result of a plant closing or covered partial closing, Your insurance may be continued. You must elect in writing to continue insurance and pay the required premium for continued coverage. Coverage will cease on the earliest to occur of the following dates:
   1) 90 days from the date You were no longer eligible for coverage as a Full-time Active Employee;
   2) the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan;
   3) the last day of the period for which required premium is made;
   4) the date the group insurance policy terminates; or
   5) the date Your Employer ceases to be a Participant Employer, if applicable.

Michigan:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Minnesota:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Missouri:

1. The **Exclusions** provision shall only exclude for intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or attempted suicide, which occur while You are sane.

Montana:

1. **NOTICE:** Conformity with Montana statutes: The provisions of this certificate conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of this certificate.
2. Pregnancy will be covered, the same as any other Sickness, anything in The Policy to the contrary notwithstanding.

New Hampshire:

1. If Your claim is denied, You may appeal to Us within 180 days of receipt of the claim denial, subject to the other terms of the **Claim Appeal** provision.

New York:

1. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include a portion of a settlement or judgment of a lawsuit that

represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings.

2. The **Subrogation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
3. The **Reimbursement** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
4. If the definition of **Surviving Spouse** within the **Survivor Income Benefit** requires the completion of a domestic partner affidavit, the following requirement applies to you:

   The domestic partner affidavit must be notarized and requires that You and Your domestic partner meet all of the following criteria:

   1) you are both are legally and mentally competent to consent to contract in the state in which you reside;
   2) you are not related by blood in a manner that would bar marriage under laws of the state in which you reside;
   3) you have been living together on a continuous basis prior to the date of the application;
   4) neither of you have been registered as a member of another domestic partnership within the last six months; and
   5) you provide proof of cohabitation (e.g., a driver's license, tax return or other sufficient proof).

   The domestic partner affidavit further requires that You and Your domestic partner provide proof of financial interdependence in the form of at least two of the following:

   1) a joint bank account;
   2) a joint credit card or charge card;
   3) joint obligation on a loan;
   4) status as an authorized signatory on the partner's bank account, credit card or charge card;
   5) joint ownership of holdings or investments, residence, real estate other than residence, major items of personal property (e.g., appliances, furniture), or a motor vehicle;
   6) listing of both partners as tenants on the lease of the shared residence;
   7) shared rental payments of residence (need not be shared 50/50)
   8) listing of both partners as tenants on a lease, or shared rental payments, for property other than residence;
   9) a common household and shared household expenses (e.g., grocery bills, utility bills, telephone bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
   10) shared household budget for purposes of receiving government benefits;
   11) status of one as representative payee for the other's government benefits;
   12) joint responsibility for child care (e.g., school documents, guardianship);
   13) shared child-care expenses (e.g., babysitting, day care, school bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
   14) execution of wills naming each other as executor and/or beneficiary;
   15) designation as beneficiary under the other's life insurance policy;
   16) designation as beneficiary under the other's retirement benefits account;
   17) mutual grant of durable power of attorney;
   18) mutual grant of authority to make health care decisions (e.g., health care power of attorney);
   19) affidavit by creditor or other individual able to testify to partners' financial interdependence;
   20) other item(s) of proof sufficient to establish economic interdependency under the circumstances of the particular case.

North Carolina:

1. The **Subrogation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. The **Reimbursement** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
3. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include a mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan.
4. You are not required to be under the **Regular Care of a Physician** if qualified medical professionals have determined that further medical care and treatment would be of no benefit to You.
5. The **Exclusions** provision shall only exclude for Workers' Compensation if the final adjudication of the Worker's Compensation claim determined that benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed.
6. Within the **Misstatements** provision reference to fraudulent misstatements will not apply to You.
7. The **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is amended to state that written **Proof of Loss** must be sent to Us within

180 days following the completion of the **Elimination Period**.

8. The **Claims to be Paid** provision is amended to state that We may pay up to $3,000 to a person who is Related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.
9. **Notice of Claim** may also be given to Our representative, if applicable.
10. **NOTICE:** UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, FINANCIAL AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:
    1. CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSON INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND
    2. WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

IMPORTANT TERMINATION INFORMATION

YOUR INSURANCE MAY BE CANCELLED BY THE COMPANY. PLEASE READ THE TERMINATION PROVISION IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE PROVIDES COVERAGE UNDER A GROUP MASTER POLICY. THIS CERTIFICATE PROVIDES ALL OF THE BENEFITS MANDATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE CODE, BUT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY A POLICY ISSUED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND GOVERNED BY ALL OF THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PRE-EXISTING LIMITATION
READ CAREFULLY
NO BENEFITS WILL BE PAYABLE UNDER THIS PLAN FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE PRIOR PLAN. PLEASE READ THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.

Oregon:

1. The following Jury Duty continuation applies for Employers with 10 or more employees:

    Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:
    1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
    2) provided notice of the election to Your Employer in accordance with Your Employer's notification policy.

Rhode Island:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

South Carolina:

1. The **Physical Examinations and Autopsy** provision will state that such autopsy must be performed during the period of contestability and must take place in the state of South Carolina.

2. If You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and were insured under the Prior Policy within 30 days of being covered under The Policy, the **Pre-existing Condition Limitation** will end on the earliest of:
    1) the Policy Effective date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or
    2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.

    This is subject to the other terms and conditions of the **Continuity From a Prior Policy** provision.

South Dakota:

1. The definition of **Physician** can include You or a person Related to You by blood or marriage in the event that the Physician is the only one in the area and is acting within the scope of their normal employment.
2. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to Your family, Your Spouse or Your Spouse's family.

Texas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable
2. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

    To obtain information or make a complaint:

    You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

    1-800-523-2233

    You may also write to The Hartford at:

    P.O. Box 2999
    Hartford, CT 06104-2999

    You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights, or complaints at:

    1-800-252-3439

    You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

    P.O. Box 149104
    Austin, TX 78714-9104
    Fax: (512) 490-1007
    Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
    E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

    PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

    Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

    ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:
    This notice is for information only and does not

    AVISO IMPORTANTE

    Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

    Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de The Hartford's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

    1-800-523-2233

    Usted también puede escribir a The Hartford:

    P.O. Box 2999
    Hartford, CT 06104-2999

    Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

    1-800-252-3439

    Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

    P.O. Box 149104
    Austin, TX 78714-9104
    Fax: (512) 490-1007
    Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
    E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

    DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:
    Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con el agente o la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

    ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:
    Este aviso es solamente para propósitos

become a part or condition of the attached document.

informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

Utah:

1. If the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision provides a timeframe in which proof must be submitted before it affects Your claim, this time limitation shall not apply to You.

Vermont:

1. The following requirement applies:

   Purpose: Vermont law requires that health insurers offer coverage to parties to a civil union that is equivalent to coverage provided to married persons.

   Definitions, Terms, Conditions and Provisions: The definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which this mandatory endorsement is attached are hereby amended and superseded as follows:

   1) Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship, or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship, such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms, include the relationship created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
   2) Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union established according to Vermont law.
   3) Terms that mean or refer to family relationships arising from a marriage, such as “family”, “immediate family”, “dependent”, “children”, “next of kin”, “relative”, “beneficiary”, “survivor” and any other such terms include family relationships created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
   4) "Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union established according to Vermont law, and a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.
   5) "Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.

   CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW RIGHTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE

   Vermont law grants parties to a civil union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities that flow from marriage under state law. However, some or all of the benefits, protections and responsibilities related to health insurance that are available to married persons under federal law may not be available to parties to a civil union. For example, federal law, the Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974 known as “ERISA”, controls the employer/employee relationship with regard to determining eligibility for enrollment in private employer health benefit plans. Because of ERISA, Act 91 does not state requirements pertaining to a private employer’s enrollment of a party to a civil union in an ERISA employee welfare benefit plan. However, governmental employers (not federal government) are required to provide health benefits to the dependents of a party to a civil union if the public employer provides health benefits to the dependents of married persons. Federal law also controls group health insurance continuation rights under COBRA for employers with 20 or more employees as well as the Internal Revenue Code treatment of health insurance premiums. As a result, parties to a civil union and their families may or may not have access to certain benefits under this policy, contract, certificate, rider or endorsement that derive from federal law. You are advised to seek expert advice to determine your rights under this contract.

Virginia:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Life and Health Division
   Bureau of Insurance
   P.O. Box 1157
   Richmond, VA 23209
   1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia)
   1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)

Washington:

1. The following continuation applies to you:

   General Work Stoppage (including a strike or lockout): If Your employment terminates due to a cessation of active work as the result of a general work stoppage (including a strike or lockout), Your coverage shall be continued during the work stoppage for a period not exceeding 6 months. If the work stoppage ends, this continuation will cease immediately.

Wisconsin:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   To request a Complaint Form:
   Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
   Complaints Department
   P.O. Box 7873
   Madison, WI 53707-7873
   1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)
   1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)

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CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Policyholder: HARALSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Policy Number: GRH-677721
Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Policy Anniversary Date: July 1, 2017

We have issued The Policy to the Policyholder. Our name, the Policyholder's name and the Policy Number are shown above. The provisions of The Policy, which are important to You, are summarized in this certificate consisting of this form and any additional forms which have been made a part of this certificate. This certificate replaces any other certificate We may have given to You earlier under The Policy. The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. Any difference between The Policy and this certificate will be settled according to the provisions of The Policy on file with Us at Our home office. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

Signed for the Company

Lisa Levin, *Secretary*

Michael Concannon, *President*

A note on capitalization in this certificate:
Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term in The Policy or refers to a specific provision contained herein.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

The Policy of short term Disability insurance provides You with short term income protection if You become Disabled from a covered Injury, Sickness, or pregnancy.

The benefits described herein are those in effect as of April 1, 2017.

Cost of Coverage:
You must contribute toward the cost of coverage.

Disclosure of Fees:
We may reduce or adjust premiums, rates, fees and/or other expenses for programs under The Policy.

Disclosure of Services:
In addition to the insurance coverage, We may offer noninsurance benefits and services to Active Employees.

Eligible Class(es) For Coverage:
All Full-time Active Employees who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates; excluding temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Full-time Employment: at least SEE SPECIAL PROVISION hours weekly

Annual Enrollment Period: as determined by Your Employer on a yearly basis.

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:
1) None - if You are working for the Employer on the Policy Effective Date; or
2) The first day of the month following 1 month(s) of employment - if You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date.

The time period(s) referenced above are continuous.

Benefits Commence:
1) for Disability caused by Injury: on the 15th day of Total Disability or Disabled and Working;
2) for Disability caused by Sickness: on the 15th day of Total Disability or Disabled and Working.

Weekly Benefit:
The lesser of:
1) 60% of Your Pre-disability Earnings; or
2) $1,000;

reduced by Other Income Benefits.

Minimum Weekly Benefit:
$25

Maximum Duration of Benefits Payable:
1) if Your Disability is the result of a Pre-existing Condition: 4 week(s) if caused by Injury or Sickness; otherwise
2) 24 week(s) if caused by Injury; or
3) 24 week(s) if caused by Sickness.

Additional Benefits:

Disabled and Working Benefit
see benefit

Rehabilitative Employment Benefit
see benefit

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*
All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.

Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*
You will become eligible for coverage on the later of:
1) the Policy Effective Date; or
2) the date on which You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*
To enroll for coverage You must:
1) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us; and
2) deliver it to Your Employer.

If You do not enroll within 31 days after becoming eligible under The Policy, or if You were eligible to enroll under the Prior Policy and did not do so, and later choose to enroll:
1) You must give Us Evidence of Insurability satisfactory to Us; and
2) You may only enroll:
   a) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
   b) within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

The dates of the Annual Enrollment Period are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Evidence of Insurability: *What is Evidence of Insurability and what happens if Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us?*
Evidence of Insurability must be satisfactory to Us and may include, but will not be limited to:
1) a completed and signed application approved by Us;
2) a medical examination, if requested;
3) attending Physicians' statements; and
4) any additional information We may require.

All Evidence of Insurability will be furnished at Our expense. We will then determine if You are insurable under The Policy.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:
1) Your Weekly Benefit will equal the amount for which You were eligible without providing Evidence of Insurability, provided You enrolled within 31 days of the date You were first eligible to enroll; and
2) You will not be covered under The Policy if You enrolled more than 31 days after the date You were first eligible to enroll.

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*
A Change in Family Status occurs when:
1) You get married;
2) You and Your spouse divorce;
3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
4) Your spouse dies;
5) Your child is no longer financially dependent on You or dies;
6) Your spouse is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Effective Date: *When does my coverage start?*
Your coverage will start on the earliest of:
1) the date You become eligible, if You enroll or have enrolled by then;
2) the date on which You enroll, if You do so within 31 days after the date You are eligible;
3) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability, for benefit amounts requiring Evidence of Insurability; or

4) the Policy Anniversary Date following the Annual Enrollment Period if You enroll, for benefit amounts not requiring Evidence of Insurability, during an Annual Enrollment Period.

Deferred Effective Date: *When will my effective date for coverage or a change in my coverage be deferred?*
If You are absent from work due to:
1) accidental bodily injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

on the date Your insurance, or increase in coverage, would otherwise have become effective, Your insurance, or increase in coverage will not become effective until You are Actively at Work one full day.

Changes in Coverage: *Can I change my benefit options?*
You may change Your benefit option only:
1) during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
2) within 31 days of a Change in Family Status.

At such time You may decrease coverage, or increase coverage to a higher option. An increase in coverage will be subject to Your submission of an application that meets Our approval.

When will a requested change in benefit option take effect?
If You enroll for a change in benefit option during an Annual Enrollment Period, the change will take effect on the later of:
1) the Policy Anniversary Date following the Annual Enrollment Period; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

If You enroll for a change in benefit option within 31 days following a Change in Family Status, the change will take effect on the later of:
1) the date You enroll for the change; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

Any such increase in coverage is subject to the following provisions:
1) Deferred Effective Date; and
2) Pre-existing Conditions Limitation.

Do coverage amounts change if there is a change in my class or my rate of pay?
Your coverage may increase or decrease on the date there is a change in Your class or Pre-disability Earnings. However, no increase in coverage will be effective unless on that date You:
1) are an Active Employee; and
2) are not absent from work due to being Disabled. If You were so absent from work, the effective date of such increase will be deferred until You are Actively at Work for one full day.

No change in Your Pre-disability Earnings will become effective until the date We receive notice of the change.

What happens if the Employer changes The Policy?
Any increase or decrease in coverage because of a change in The Policy will become effective on the date of the change, subject to the following provisions:
1) the Deferred Effective Date provision; and
2) Pre-existing Conditions Limitation.

Continuity From A Prior Policy: *Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Policy?*
If You were:
1) insured under the Prior Policy; and
2) not eligible to receive benefits under the Prior Policy;

on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply.

Is my coverage under The Policy subject to the Pre-existing Condition Limitation?
If You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and were covered under the Prior Policy on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will end on the earliest of:
1) the Policy Effective Date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or

2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.

The amount of the Weekly Benefit payable for a Pre-existing Condition in accordance with the above paragraph will be the lesser of:
1) the Weekly Benefit which was paid by the Prior Policy; or
2) the Weekly Benefit provided by The Policy.

The Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will apply after the Policy Effective Date to the amount of a benefit increase which results from a change from the Prior Policy to The Policy, a change in benefit options, a change of class or a change in The Policy.

Termination: *When will my coverage end?*
Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:
1) the date The Policy terminates;
2) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date The Policy no longer insures Your class;
3) the end of the month on or next following the date the premium payment is due but not paid;
4) the last day of the period for which You make any required premium contribution;
5) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
6) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You cease to be a Full-time Active Employee in an eligible class for any reason;

unless continued in accordance with any of the Continuation Provisions.

Continuation Provisions: *Can my coverage be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate?*
Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way. Continued coverage:
1) is subject to any reductions in The Policy;
2) is subject to payment of premium by the Employer; and
3) terminates if:
   a) The Policy terminates; or
   b) coverage for Your class terminates.

In any event, Your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which Your benefits may be based, will be that in effect on the day before Your coverage was continued. Coverage may be continued in accordance with the above restrictions and as described below:

Family and Medical Leave: If You are granted a leave of absence, in writing, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, or other applicable state or local law, Your coverage may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by other applicable law, following the date Your leave commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Coverage while Disabled: *Does my insurance continue while I am Disabled and no longer an Active Employee?*
If You are Disabled and You cease to be an Active Employee, Your insurance will be continued:
1) while You remain Disabled; and
2) until the end of the period for which You are entitled to receive short term Disability Benefits;

provided premiums for Your coverage continued to be paid.

After short term Disability Benefit payments have ceased, Your insurance will be reinstated, provided:
1) You return to work for one full day as a Full-time Active Employee in an eligible class;
2) The Policy remains in force; and
3) the premiums for You were paid during Your Disability, and continue to be paid.

Extension of Benefits for Disability: *Do benefits continue if The Policy terminates?*
If You are entitled to benefits while Disabled and The Policy terminates, benefits:
1) will continue as long as You remain Disabled by the same Disability; but
2) will not be provided beyond the date We would have ceased to pay benefits had the insurance remained in force.

Termination of The Policy for any reason will have no effect on Our liability under this provision.

BENEFITS

Disability Benefit: *What are my Disability Benefits under The Policy?*
If, while covered under this Benefit, You:
1) become Disabled;
2) remain Disabled; and
3) submit Proof of Loss to Us;

We will pay the Weekly Benefit.

The amount of any Weekly Benefit payable will be reduced by:
1) the total amount of all Other Income Benefits, including any amount for which You could collect but did not apply; and
2) any income received from the Employer for the period You are Disabled.

Minimum Weekly Benefit: *Is there a Minimum Weekly Benefit?*
Your Weekly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Weekly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Partial Week Payment: *How is a benefit calculated for a period of less than a week?*
If a Weekly Benefit is payable for less than a week, We will pay 1/5 of the Weekly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Disabled and Working Benefits: *How are benefits paid when I am Disabled and Working?*
If, while covered under this benefit, You are Disabled and Working, as defined, We will use the following calculation to determine Your Weekly Benefit:

$$\text{Weekly Benefit} = \frac{(A - B) \times C}{A}$$

Where

A = Your Weekly Pre-disability Earnings.
B = Your Current Weekly Earnings.
C = The Weekly Benefit payable if You were Totally Disabled.

If You are participating in a program of Rehabilitative Employment approved by Us, We will determine Your Weekly Benefit by the Rehabilitative Employment Benefit.

Days which You are Disabled and Working may be used to satisfy the Benefits Commence Period.

Partial Week Payment: *How is a benefit calculated for a period of less than a week?*
If a Weekly Benefit is payable for less than a week, We will pay 1/5 of the Weekly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Recurrent Disability: *What happens to my benefits if I return to work as an Active Employee and then become Disabled again?*
When Your return to work as an Active Employee is followed by a Disability, and such Disability is:
1) due to the same cause; or
2) due to a related cause; and
3) within 30 consecutive calendar days of the return to work;

the Period of Disability prior to Your return to work and the recurrent Disability will be considered one Period of Disability, provided The Policy remains in force.

If You return to work as an Active Employee for 30 consecutive calendar days or more, any recurrence of a Disability will be treated as a new Disability.

Period of Disability means a continuous length of time during which You are Disabled under The Policy.

Multiple Causes: *How long will benefits be paid if a period of Disability is extended by another cause?*
If a period of Disability is extended by a new cause while Weekly Benefits are payable, Weekly Benefits will continue while You remain Disabled, subject to the following:

1) Weekly Benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Duration of Benefits; and
2) any Exclusions and Pre-existing Conditions Limitations will apply to the new cause of Disability.

Termination of Payment: *When will my benefit payments end?*
Benefit payments will stop on the earliest of:
1) the date You are no longer Disabled;
2) the date You fail to furnish Proof of Loss;
3) the date You are no longer under the Regular Care of a Physician;
4) the date You refuse Our request that You submit to an examination by a Physician or other qualified medical professional;
5) the date of Your death;
6) the date You refuse to receive recommended treatment that is generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct or limit the disabling condition;
7) the last day benefits are payable according to the Maximum Duration of Benefits;
8) the date Your Current Weekly Earnings are equal to or greater than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation; or
9) the date no further benefits are payable under any provision in The Policy that limits benefit duration.

Rehabilitative Employment Benefit: *What happens to my benefits if I accept Rehabilitative Employment?*
If, while You are Totally Disabled or Disabled and Working, You accept Rehabilitative Employment, We will continue to pay a Weekly Benefit.

The Weekly Benefit We will pay will be equal to Your Total Disability Weekly Benefit, less 50% of any income received from the Rehabilitative Employment.

The sum of the Weekly Benefit and total income received from Rehabilitative Employment may not exceed 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings. If this sum exceeds the Pre-disability Earnings, the Weekly Benefit paid by Us will be reduced by the excess amount.

We reserve the right to review any Rehabilitative Employment You participate in while benefits are being paid under The Policy.

If You remain Totally Disabled or Disabled and Working after a period of Rehabilitative Employment, You may continue to receive benefits under the Total Disability Benefit or Disabled and Working Benefit, subject to the Maximum Payment Period for such benefit.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Exclusions: *What Disabilities are not covered?*
The Policy does not cover, and We will not pay a benefit for, any Disability:
1) unless You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
2) that is caused or contributed to by war or act of war, whether declared or not;
3) caused by Your commission of or attempt to commit a felony;
4) caused or contributed to by Your being engaged in an illegal occupation;
5) caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted Injury;
6) for which Workers' Compensation benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed; or
7) sustained as a result of doing any work for pay or profit for another employer, including self-employment.

If You are receiving or are eligible for benefits for a Disability under a prior disability plan that:
1) was sponsored by Your Employer; and
2) was terminated before the Effective Date of The Policy;
no benefits will be payable for the Disability under The Policy.

Pre-existing Condition Limitation: *Are benefits limited for Pre-existing Conditions?*
We will only pay benefits, or an increase in benefits, under The Policy for any Disability that results from, or is caused or contributed to by, a Pre-existing Condition for up to 4 week(s), unless, at the time You become Disabled:
1) You have not received Medical Care for the condition for 90 consecutive day(s) while insured under The Policy; or
2) You have been continuously insured under The Policy for 365 consecutive day(s).

Pre-existing Condition means any Injury, Sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, episode of Substance Abuse or symptoms thereof, for which You received Medical Care during the 90 consecutive day period that ends the day before:

1) Your effective date of coverage; or
2) the effective date of a Change in Coverage.

Medical Care is received when a Physician or other health care provider:

1) is consulted or gives medical advice; or
2) recommends, prescribes, or provides Treatment.

Treatment includes but is not limited to:

1) medical examinations, tests, attendance or observation; and
2) use of drugs, medicines, medical services, supplies or equipment.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*
You must give Us written or telephonic notice of a claim within 30 days after Disability occurs. Failure to give notice within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it shall be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Such notice must include Your name, Your address and the Policy Number.

Claim Forms: *Are special forms required to file a claim?*
We will send forms to You to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, You may submit any other written or telephonic proof which fully describes the nature and extent of Your claim.

Proof of Loss is typically provided by telephone; however, if forms are required, they will be sent to You for providing Proof of Loss within 15 days after We receive a notice of claim.

Proof of Loss: *What is Proof of Loss?*
Proof of Loss may include but is not limited to the following:

1) documentation of:
   a) the date Your Disability began;
   b) the cause of Your Disability;
   c) the prognosis of Your Disability;
   d) Your Pre-disability Earnings, Current Weekly Earnings or any income, including but not limited to copies of Your filed and signed federal and state tax returns; and
   e) evidence that You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
2) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
3) the names and addresses of all:
   a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
   b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
   c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
4) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release:
   a) medical, employment and financial information; and
   b) any other information We may reasonably require;
5) disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us relating to Other Income Benefits;
6) proof that You and Your dependents have applied for all Other Income Benefits which are available; and
7) disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us in order to exercise Our Subrogation or Reimbursement rights.

You will not be required to claim any retirement benefits which You may only get on a reduced basis. All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

Additional Proof of Loss: *What Additional Proof of Loss is the Company entitled to?*
To assist Us in determining if You are Disabled, or to determine if You meet any other term or condition of The Policy, We have the right to require You to:

1) meet and interview with Our representative; and
2) be examined by a Physician, vocational expert, functional expert, or other medical or vocational professional of Our choice.

Any such interview, meeting or examination will be:

1) at Our expense; and
2) as reasonably required by Us.

Your Additional Proof of Loss must be satisfactory to Us. Unless We determine You have a valid reason for refusal, We may deny, suspend or terminate Your benefits if You refuse to be examined or meet to be interviewed by Our representative.

Sending Proof of Loss: *When must Proof of Loss be given?*

Written Proof of Loss must be sent to Us within 90 days following the completion of the Benefits Commence period. If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

1) it was not reasonably possible to give proof within the required time; and
2) proof is given as soon as reasonably possible; but
3) not later than 1 year after it is due, unless You are not legally competent.

We may request Proof of Loss throughout Your Disability, as reasonably required. In such cases, We must receive the proof within 30 day(s) of the request.

Claim Payment: *When are benefit payments issued?*

When We determine that You;

1) are Disabled; and
2) eligible to receive benefits;

We will pay accrued benefits at the end of each week that You are Disabled. We may, at Our option, make an advance benefit payment based on Our estimated duration of Your Disability. If any payment is due after a claim is terminated, it will be paid as soon as Proof of Loss satisfactory to Us is received.

Benefits may be subject to interest payments as required by applicable law.

Claims to be Paid: *To whom will benefits for my claim be paid?*

All payments are payable to You. Any payments owed at Your death may be paid to Your estate. If any payment is owed to:

1) Your estate;
2) a person who is a minor; or
3) a person who is not legally competent;

then We may pay up to $1,000 to a person who is Related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.

Claim Denial: *What notification will I receive if my claim is denied?*

If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written notification will:

1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
2) make specific reference to The Policy provisions on which the denial is based;
3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to perfect a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

Claim Appeal: *What recourse do I have if my claim is denied?*

On any claim, You or Your representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so, You:

1) must request a review upon written application within:
   a) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of disability; or
   b) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of disability; and
2) may request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to Your claim; and
3) may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to Your claim.

We will respond to You in writing with Our final decision on the claim.

Social Security: *When must I apply for Social Security Benefits?*

You must apply for Social Security disability benefits when the length of Your Disability meets the minimum duration required to apply for such benefits. You must apply within 45 days from the date of Our request. If the Social Security Administration denies Your eligibility for benefits, You will be required:

1) to follow the process established by the Social Security Administration to reconsider the denial; and
2) if denied again, to request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

Plan Offered by a State or Municipal Government: *When must I apply for benefits under a plan offered by a state or municipal government?*
You must apply for disability benefits under a plan offered by a state or municipal government, such as those offered by a public employee retirement system or state teacher retirement system, when the length of Your Disability meets the minimum duration required to apply for such benefits and You are eligible under the plan. You must apply within 45 days from the date of Our request. If the administrator of that alternative plan denies Your eligibility for benefits, You will be required to follow the process established by the administrator to reconsider the denial.

Benefit Estimates: *How does the Company estimate Disability benefits under the United States Social Security Act or an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government?*
We reserve the right to reduce Your Weekly Benefit by estimating the Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government, that You or Your spouse and children may be eligible to receive.

When We determine that You or Your dependent may be eligible for benefits, We may estimate the amount of these benefits. We may reduce Your Weekly Benefit by the estimated amount.

Your Weekly Benefit will not be reduced by estimated Social Security disability benefits nor disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if:

1) You apply for Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if applicable, and pursue all required appeals in accordance with the Social Security and Plan Offered by a State or Municipal Government provisions; and
2) You have signed a form authorizing the Social Security Administration, or the administrator of the alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if applicable, to release information about awards directly to Us; and
3) You have signed and returned Our reimbursement agreement, which confirms that You agree to repay all overpayments.

If We have reduced Your Weekly Benefit by an estimated amount and:

1) You or Your dependent are later awarded Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government, We will adjust Your Weekly Benefit when We receive proof of the amount awarded, and determine if it was higher or lower than Our estimate; or
2) Your application for Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government, has been denied, We will adjust Your Weekly Benefit when You provide Us proof of final denial from which You cannot appeal from an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals, or similar level under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government when available.

If Your Social Security benefits or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government were lower than We estimated, and We owe You a refund, We will make such refund in a lump sum. If Your Social Security benefits or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government were higher than We estimated, and if Your Weekly Benefit has been overpaid, You must make a lump sum refund to Us equal to all overpayments, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision.

Overpayment: *When does an overpayment occur?*
An overpayment occurs:

1) when We determine that the total amount We have paid in benefits is more than the amount that was due to You under The Policy; or
2) when payment is made by Us that should have been made under another group policy.

This includes, but is not limited to, overpayments resulting from:

1) retroactive awards received from sources listed in the Other Income Benefits definition;
2) failure to report, or late notification to Us of any Other Income Benefit(s) or earned income;
3) misstatement;
4) fraud; or
5) any error We may make.

Overpayment Recovery: *How does the Company exercise the right to recover overpayments?*
We have the right to recover from You any amount that We determine to be an overpayment. You have the obligation to refund to Us any such amount. Our rights and Your obligations in this regard may also be set forth in the reimbursement agreement You will be required to sign when You become eligible for benefits under The Policy.

If benefits are overpaid on any claim, You must reimburse Us within 30 days.

If reimbursement is not made in a timely manner, We have the right to:

1) recover such overpayments from:
    a) You;
    b) any other organization;
    c) any other insurance company;
    d) any other person to or for whom payment was made; and
    e) Your estate;
2) reduce or offset against any future benefits payable to You or Your survivors, including the Minimum Weekly Benefit, until full reimbursement is made. Payments may continue when the overpayment has been recovered;
3) refer Your unpaid balance to a collection agency; and
4) pursue and enforce all legal and equitable rights in court.

Reimbursement: *What are Our reimbursement rights?*
We have the right to be reimbursed for any benefit payments made or required to be made under The Policy for a Disability for which You recover any funds from a Third Party.

If You recover any funds from a Third Party as:

1) a legal judgment;
2) an arbitration award; or
3) a settlement or otherwise;

You or Your attorney shall hold in constructive trust the lesser of:

1) the entire amount of the benefit payment(s) made or required to be made by Us; or
2) the total amount of the recovered funds;

less Our pro rata share of any reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs associated with the recovered funds. We have the right of first reimbursement if the total amount of the recovered funds exceeds the sum of all of Your economic and noneconomic losses incurred, excluding the losses for which we have made or are required to make benefit payments.

We have this right regardless of whether the particular funds recovered are still in Your possession. However, the amount which you must reimburse us is limited to the amount allocated in the settlement documents or judgment to the losses for which we have made or are required to make benefit payments.

By accepting benefit payment(s) under The Policy, You:

1) agree to cooperate fully with Our reimbursement rights, including disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us in order to exercise Our reimbursement rights; and
2) will not do anything to prejudice Our reimbursement rights.

You or Your attorney's failure to cooperate fully with Our reimbursement rights may result in denial or termination of Your benefits under The Policy.

Third Party as used in this provision, means:

1) any person or legal entity whose act or omission, in full or in part, causes You to suffer a Disability for which benefits are paid or payable under The Policy; or
2) any insurer, including Your own, that provides benefits to You as a result of the act or omission which causes You to suffer a Disability for which benefits are paid or payable under The Policy.

Legal Actions: *When can legal action be taken against Us?*
Legal action cannot be taken against Us:

1) sooner than 60 days after the date Proof of Loss is given; or
2) more than 3 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be given according to the terms of The Policy.

Insurance Fraud: *How does the Company deal with fraud?*
Insurance Fraud occurs when You and/or Your Employer provide Us with false information or file a claim for benefits that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive Us. It is a crime if You and/or Your Employer commit Insurance Fraud. We will use all means available to Us to detect, investigate, deter and prosecute those who commit Insurance Fraud. We will pursue all available legal remedies if You and/or Your Employer perpetrate Insurance Fraud.

Misstatements: *What happens if facts are misstated?*
If material facts about You were not stated accurately:
1) Your premium may be adjusted; and
2) the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

No statement, except fraudulent misstatements, made by You relating to Your insurability will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during Your lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You.

All statements made by the Policyholder, the Employer or You under The Policy will be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made to affect this insurance will be used in any contest unless it is in writing and a copy of it is given to the person who made it, or to his or her beneficiary or Your representative.

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy.

Physical Examinations and Autopsy: *Will I be examined during the course of my claim?*
While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:
1) to have the person who has a loss examined by a Physician when and as often as reasonably necessary; and
2) to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

DEFINITIONS

Actively at Work means at work with the Employer on a day that is one of the Employer's scheduled workdays. On that day, You must be performing for wage or profit all of the regular duties of Your Occupation:
1) in the usual way; and
2) for Your usual number of hours.

If school is not in session due to normal vacation or school break(s), Actively at Work shall mean You are able to report for work with the Employer, performing all the regular duties of Your Occupation in the usual way for Your usual number of hours as if school was in session.

Active Employee means an employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. This must be at least the number of hours shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Current Weekly Earnings means weekly earnings You receive from:
1) Your Employer; and
2) other employment;
while You are Disabled and eligible for the Disabled and Working Benefit.

However, if the other employment is a job You held in addition to Your job with Your Employer, then during any period that You are entitled to benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation, only the portion of Your earnings that exceeds Your average earnings from the other employer over the 6 month period just before You became Disabled will count as Current Weekly Earnings.

Current Weekly Earnings also includes the pay You could have received for another job or a modified job if:
1) such job was offered to You by Your Employer, or another employer, and You refused the offer; and
2) the requirements of the position were consistent with:
   a) Your education, training and experience; and
   b) Your capabilities as medically substantiated by Your Physician.

Disabled and Working means that You are prevented by:

1) Injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

from performing some, but not all of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, are working on a part-time or limited duty basis, and as a result, Your Current Weekly Earnings are more than 20%, but are less than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings.

Disability or Disabled means Total Disability or Disabled and Working Disability.

Employer means the Policyholder.

Essential Duty means a duty that:

1) is substantial, not incidental;
2) is fundamental or inherent to the occupation; and
3) cannot be reasonably omitted or changed.

Your ability to work the number of hours in Your regularly scheduled workweek is an Essential Duty.

Injury means bodily injury resulting:

1) directly from accident; and
2) independently of all other causes;

which occurs while You are covered under The Policy. However, an Injury will be considered a Sickness if Your Disability begins more than 30 days after the date of the accident.

Mental Illness means a mental disorder as listed in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association. A Mental Illness may be caused by biological factors or result in physical symptoms or manifestations.

For the purpose of The Policy, Mental Illness does not include the following mental disorders outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders:

1) Mental Retardation;
2) Pervasive Developmental Disorders;
3) Motor Skills Disorder;
4) Substance-Related Disorders;
5) Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders; or
6) Narcolepsy and Sleep Disorders related to a General Medical Condition.

Other Income Benefits means the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to You or Your family, as a result of the period of Disability for which You are claiming benefits under The Policy. This includes any such benefits for which You or Your family are eligible or that are paid to You or Your family, or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

1) temporary, permanent disability, or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;
2) governmental law or program that provides disability or unemployment benefits as a result of Your job with Your Employer;
3) plan or arrangement of coverage, whether insured or not, which is received from Your Employer as a result of employment by or association with Your Employer or which is the result of membership in or association with any group, association, union or other organization;
4) mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan;
5) disability benefits under:
    a) the United States Social Security Act or alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government;
    b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
    c) the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Old Age Security Act, the Quebec Pension Plan or any provincial pension or disability plan; or
    d) similar plan or act;

    that You, Your spouse and/or children, are eligible to receive because of Your Disability; or
6) disability benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other foreign or domestic governmental agency:
    a) that begins after You become Disabled; or

b) that You were receiving before becoming Disabled, but only as to the amount of any increase in the benefit attributed to Your Disability.

Other Income Benefits also means the amount of any payments that are made to You or to Your family, or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

1) disability benefit under Your Employer's Retirement plan;
2) temporary, permanent disability or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;
3) portion of a judgement or settlement of a claim or lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings, less Our pro rata share of any associated reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs; or
4) retirement benefit from a Retirement Plan that is wholly or partially funded by employer contributions, unless:
   a) You were receiving it prior to becoming Disabled; or
   b) You immediately transfer the payment to another plan qualified by the United States Internal Revenue Service for the funding of a future retirement;

   (Other Income Benefits will not include the portion, if any, of such retirement benefit that was funded by Your after-tax contributions.).

The amount of any increase in Other Income Benefits will not be included as Other Income Benefits if such increase:

1) takes effect after the date benefits become payable under The Policy; and
2) is a general increase which applies to all persons who are entitled to such benefits.

Physician means a person who is:

1) a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
2) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
3) practicing within the scope of that license; and
4) not You or Related to You by blood or marriage.

Pre-disability Earnings means Your contracted annual rate of pay from Your Employer divided by the number of pay periods occurring in the pay cycle established by You and Your Employer prior to Your date of Disability.

Prior Policy means the short term disability insurance carried by the Employer on the day before the Policy Effective Date.

Regular Care of a Physician means that You are being treated by a Physician:

1) whose medical training and clinical experience are suitable to treat Your disabling condition; and
2) whose treatment is:
   a) consistent with the diagnosis of the disabling condition;
   b) according to guidelines established by medical, research, and rehabilitative organizations; and
   c) administered as often as needed;

   to achieve the maximum medical improvement.

Rehabilitative Employment means employment or service which:

1) prepares a Disabled person to resume gainful work; and
2) is approved, in writing, by Us.

Related means Your spouse, or other adult living with You, or Your sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild.

Retirement Plan means a defined benefit or defined contribution plan that provides benefits for Your retirement and which is not funded wholly by Your contributions. It does not include:

1) a profit sharing plan;
2) thrift, savings or stock ownership plans;
3) a non-qualified deferred compensation plan; or
4) an individual retirement account (IRA), a tax sheltered annuity (TSA), Keogh Plan, 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan or 457 deferred compensation arrangement.

Sickness means a Disability which is:

1) caused or contributed to by:
   a) any condition, illness, disease or disorder of the body;

b) any infection, except a pus-forming infection of an accidental cut or wound or bacterial infection resulting from an accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance;
c) hernia of any type unless it is the immediate result of an accidental Injury covered by The Policy; or
d) pregnancy;

2) caused or contributed to by any medical or surgical treatment for a condition shown in item 1) above.

Substance Abuse means the pattern of pathological use of alcohol or other psychoactive drugs and substances characterized by:

1) impairments in social and/or occupational functioning;
2) debilitating physical condition;
3) inability to abstain from or reduce consumption of the substance; or
4) the need for daily substance use to maintain adequate functioning.

Substance includes alcohol and drugs but excludes tobacco and caffeine.

The Policy means the policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.

Total Disability or Totally Disabled means that You are prevented by:

1) Injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

from performing the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, and as a result, You are earning 20% or less of Your Pre-disability Earnings.

If You are in an occupation that requires You to maintain a license, Your failure to pass a physical examination required to maintain a license to perform the duties of Your Occupation alone, does not mean that You are disabled from Your Occupation.

We, Our, or Us means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.

Weekly Benefit means a weekly sum payable to You while You are Disabled, subject to the terms of The Policy.

Your Occupation means Your Occupation as it is recognized in the general workplace. Your Occupation does not mean the specific job You are performing for a specific employer or at a specific location.

You or Your means the person to whom this certificate is issued.

State Notices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at https://www.thehartford.com/. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us as follows:

The Hartford
Group Benefits Division, Customer Service
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999
1-800-523-2233

If you have a complaint and contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

If your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to you.

Alaska:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Arizona:

1. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

Arkansas:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Arkansas Insurance Department
   Consumer Services Division
   1200 West Third Street
   Little Rock, AR 72201-1904
   Toll Free:1(800) 852-5494
   Local: 1(501) 371-2640

2. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

California:

1. **NOTICE:** READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY
   You have a 30 day right from Your original Certificate Effective Date to examine Your certificate. If You are not satisfied, You may return it to Us within 30 days of Your original Certificate Effective Date. In that event, We will consider it void from its Effective Date and any premiums paid will be refunded. Any claims paid under The Policy during the initial 30 day period will be deducted from the refund.

   PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU RETAIN ALL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR POLICY/CERTIFICATE AGAINST YOUR ORIGINAL INSURER IN THE EVENT THE ASSUMING INSURER IS UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS. IN SUCH EVENT YOUR ORIGINAL INSURER REMAINS LIABLE TO YOU NOTWITHSTANDING THE TERMS OF ITS ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT.
2. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the General Provisions section of the Certificate, does not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

   Eligibility Determination: *How will We determine Your eligibility for benefits?*

We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine Your eligibility or Your beneficiaries for benefits for any claim You or Your beneficiaries make on The Policy. We will:

1) obtain with Your cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate Your claim and decide whether to accept or deny Your claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from Your Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by You or others on Your behalf; or, at Our expense We may obtain necessary information, or have You physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at Your option and at Your expense, You may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of Your choice. You should provide Us with all information that You want Us to consider regarding Your claim;
2) as a part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of The Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims, or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
3) if We approve Your claim, We will review Our decision to approve Your claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine Your continued eligibility for benefits;
4) if We deny Your claim, We will explain in writing to You or Your beneficiaries the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with The Policy as described in the provision entitled **Claim Denial**.

In the event We deny Your claim for benefits, in whole or in part, You can appeal the decision to Us. If You choose to appeal Our decision, the process You must follow is set forth in The Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If You do not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

3. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   State of California Insurance Department
   Consumer Communications Bureau
   300 South Spring Street, South Tower
   Los Angeles, CA 90013
   Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP
   TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833
   Web Address: www.insurance.ca.gov

Colorado:

1. The **Surviving Children** definition within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will always include children related to You by civil union.
2. The **Surviving Spouse** definition within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will always include civil unions.
3. Entering a civil union, terminating a civil union, the death of a party to a civil union or a party to a civil union losing employment, which results in a loss of group insurance, will all constitute as a **Change in Family Status**.
4. The **Complications of Pregnancy** provision, if shown in the **Definitions** section of the Certificate, is revised as follows:

   Complications of Pregnancy means a condition whose diagnosis is distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected or caused by pregnancy, such as:

   1) acute nephritis or nephrosis;
   2) cardiac decompensation;
   3) missed abortion; and
   4) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

   Complications of Pregnancy will also include:

   1) pre-eclampsia;
   2) placenta previa;
   3) physician prescribed bed rest for intra-uterine growth retardation, funneling, incompetent cervix;
   4) termination of ectopic pregnancy;
   5) spontaneous termination of pregnancy, occurring during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible;
   6) non-elective Cesarean section; and

7) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

However, the term Complications of Pregnancy will not include:

1) elective Cesarean section;
2) false labor, occasional spotting, or morning sickness;
3) hyperemesis gravidarum; or
4) similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not consisting of a nosologically distinct Complication of Pregnancy.

Florida:

1. **NOTICE:** The benefits of the policy providing you coverage may be governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.

Georgia:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family abuse.

Idaho:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Idaho Department of Insurance
   Consumer Affairs
   700 W State Street, 3rd Floor
   PO Box 83720
   Boise, ID 83720-0043
   Toll Free: 1-800-721-3272
   Web Address: www.DOI.Idaho.gov

Illinois:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Illinois Department of Insurance
   Consumer Services Station
   Springfield, Illinois 62767
   Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364
   Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431
3. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act
Effective June 1, 2011

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq*. Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance Benefits document available on the Illinois Department of Insurance's website at

www.insurance.illinois.gov.

Indiana:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Public Information/Market Conduct
   Indiana Department of Insurance
   311 W. Washington St. Suite 300
   Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
   1(317) 232-2395

Kansas:

1. The following requirement applies to you:

   Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets Policy terms and conditions?*
   Pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), Your Employer has delegated to Us the fiduciary responsibility to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. Therefore, We are a fiduciary for The Policy and We have the continuing duty to act prudently and in the interest of You, Your beneficiaries and the other plan participants. If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, then You may file suit in state or federal court for a review of Your eligibility or entitlement to benefits under The Policy. This provision only applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by ERISA.

Louisiana:

1. The following requirement is applicable to you:

   Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?*
   If Your or Your Dependents' coverage ends because You or Your Dependents enter active military service, coverage may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement upon Your or Your Dependents' release from active military service.

   The reinstated coverage will:
   1) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage ended;
   2) not be subject to any Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage or Evidence of Insurability; and
   3) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

Maine:

1. **NOTICE:** The benefits under the policy are subject to reduction due to other sources of income.

   This means that your benefits will be reduced by the amount of any other benefits for loss of time provided to you or for which you are eligible as a result of the same period of disability for which you claim benefits under the policy.

   Other sources of income are plans or arrangements of coverage that provide disability-related benefits such as Worker's Compensation or other similar governmental programs or laws, or disability-related benefits received from your employer or as the result of your employment, membership or association with any group, union, association or other organization. Other sources of income include disability-related benefits under the United States Social Security Act or an alternate governmental plan, the Railroad Retirement Act, and other similar plans or acts. Other sources of income may also include certain disability-related or retirement benefits that you receive because of your retirement unless you were receiving them prior to becoming disabled.

   What comprises other sources of income under the policy is determined by the nature of the policyholder. Therefore, we strongly urge you to **Read Your Certificate Carefully.** A full description of the plans and types of plans considered to be other sources of income under the policy will be found in the definition of "Other Income Benefits" located in the Definitions section of your certificate.
2. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.

3. The following **requirement is applicable to you**:

Reinstatement: *Can my coverage be reinstated after it ends?*
We will reinstate The Policy upon receipt of all current and late premiums if:

1) You, any person authorized to act on Your behalf, or any of Your dependents may request reinstatement of The Policy within 90 days following cancellation of The Policy for nonpayment of premium provided You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time the contract cancelled; and
2) all current and late premium payments are received within 15 days of Our request.

We may request a medical demonstration, at Your expense, that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation of The Policy.

Maryland:

1. **NOTICE: The group insurance Policy providing coverage under the Certificate may have been issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

Massachusetts:

1. The **Surviving Children** definition in the **Survivor Income Benefit** will also include a child in the process of adoption.
2. The following continuation requirement is applicable to you

In accordance with Massachusetts state law, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment terminates or You cease to be a member of an eligible class, Your insurance will automatically be continued until the end of a 31 day period from the date Your insurance terminates or the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan, whichever occurs first. You must pay the required premium for continued coverage.

Additionally, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment is terminated as a result of a plant closing or covered partial closing, Your insurance may be continued. You must elect in writing to continue insurance and pay the required premium for continued coverage. Coverage will cease on the earliest to occur of the following dates:

1) 90 days from the date You were no longer eligible for coverage as a Full-time Active Employee;
2) the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan;
3) the last day of the period for which required premium is made;
4) the date the group insurance policy terminates; or
5) the date Your Employer ceases to be a Participant Employer, if applicable.

Michigan:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Minnesota:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Missouri:

1. The **Exclusions** provision shall only exclude for intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or attempted suicide, which occur while You are sane.

Montana:

1. **NOTICE:** Conformity with Montana statutes: The provisions of the certificate conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of the certificate
2. Pregnancy will be covered, the same as any other sickness, anything in The Policy to the contrary notwithstanding.

New Hampshire:

1. If Your claim is denied, You may appeal to Us within 180 days of receipt of the claim denial, subject to the other terms of the **Claim Appeal** provision.

New Jersey:

1. The **Surviving Children** definition within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will always include children related to You by civil union.
2. The **Surviving Spouse** definition within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will always include civil unions and domestic partners, provided You continue to meet the requirements described in the domestic partner affidavit, civil union license or civil union certificate or as required by law. Same sex relationships entered into under the laws of another State or Country, which closely approximate a civil union or a domestic partnership under New Jersey law, will be recognized as civil unions or domestic partners under New Jersey law.

New York:

1. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include a portion of a settlement or judgment of a lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings.
2. The **Subrogation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
3. The **Reimbursement** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
4. If the definition of **Surviving Spouse** within the **Survivor Income Benefit** requires the completion of a domestic partner affidavit, the following requirement applies to you:

   The domestic partner affidavit must be notarized and requires that You and Your domestic partner meet all of the following criteria:

   1) you are both are legally and mentally competent to consent to contract in the state in which you reside;
   2) you are not related by blood in a manner that would bar marriage under laws of the state in which you reside;
   3) you have been living together on a continuous basis prior to the date of the application;
   4) neither of you have been registered as a member of another domestic partnership within the last six months; and
   5) you provide proof of cohabitation (e.g., a driver's license, tax return or other sufficient proof).

   The domestic partner affidavit further requires that You and Your domestic partner provide proof of financial interdependence in the form of at least two of the following:

   1) a joint bank account;
   2) a joint credit card or charge card;
   3) joint obligation on a loan;
   4) status as an authorized signatory on the partner's bank account, credit card or charge card;
   5) joint ownership of holdings or investments, residence, real estate other than residence, major items of personal property (e.g., appliances, furniture), or a motor vehicle;
   6) listing of both partners as tenants on the lease of the shared residence;
   7) shared rental payments of residence (need not be shared 50/50)
   8) listing of both partners as tenants on a lease, or shared rental payments, for property other than residence;
   9) a common household and shared household expenses (e.g., grocery bills, utility bills, telephone bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
   10) shared household budget for purposes of receiving government benefits;
   11) status of one as representative payee for the other's government benefits;
   12) joint responsibility for child care (e.g., school documents, guardianship);
   13) shared child-care expenses (e.g., babysitting, day care, school bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
   14) execution of wills naming each other as executor and/or beneficiary;
   15) designation as beneficiary under the other's life insurance policy;
   16) designation as beneficiary under the other's retirement benefits account;
   17) mutual grant of durable power of attorney;
   18) mutual grant of authority to make health care decisions (e.g., health care power of attorney);
   19) affidavit by creditor or other individual able to testify to partners' financial

interdependence;

20) other item(s) of proof sufficient to establish economic interdependency under the circumstances of the particular case.

North Carolina:

1. The **Subrogation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. The **Reimbursement** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
3. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include a mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan.
4. You are not required to be under the **Regular Care of a Physician** if qualified medical professionals have determined that further medical care and treatment would be of no benefit to You.
5. The **Exclusions** provision shall only exclude for Workers' Compensation if the final adjudication of the Worker's Compensation claim determined that benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed.
6. Within the **Misstatements** provision reference to fraudulent misstatements will not apply to You.
7. The **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is amended to state that written **Proof of Loss** must be sent to Us within 180 days following the completion of the **Elimination Period**.
8. The **Claims to be Paid** provision is amended to state that We may pay up to $3,000 to a person who is Related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.
9. **Notice of Claim** may also be given to Our representative, if applicable.
10. **NOTICE:** UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, FINANCIAL AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:
    1. CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSON INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND
    2. WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

IMPORTANT TERMINATION INFORMATION

YOUR INSURANCE MAY BE CANCELLED BY THE COMPANY. PLEASE READ THE TERMINATION PROVISION IN THE CERTIFICATE.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE PROVIDES COVERAGE UNDER A GROUP MASTER POLICY. THE CERTIFICATE PROVIDES ALL OF THE BENEFITS MANDATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE CODE, BUT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY A POLICY ISSUED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND GOVERNED BY ALL OF THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PRE-EXISTING LIMITATION
READ CAREFULLY
NO BENEFITS WILL BE PAYABLE UNDER THIS PLAN FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE PRIOR PLAN. PLEASE READ THE LIMITATIONS IN THE CERTIFICATE.

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.

Oregon:

1. The definition of **Surviving Spouse** within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will include Your domestic partner

provided You have registered as domestic partners with a government agency or office where such registration is available. You will not be required to provide proof of such registration.

2. The **Surviving Children** definition within the **Survivor Income Benefit** will include children related to You by domestic partnership.
3. The following Jury Duty continuation applies for Employers with 10 or more employees:

   Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:
   1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
   2) provided notice of the election to Your Employer in accordance with Your Employer's notification policy.

Rhode Island:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

South Carolina:

1. The **Physical Examinations and Autopsy** provision will state that such autopsy must be performed during the period of contestability and must take place in the state of South Carolina.
2. If You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and were insured under the Prior Policy within 30 days of being covered under The Policy, the **Pre-existing Condition Limitation** will end on the earliest of:
   1) the Policy Effective date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or
   2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.

   This is subject to the other terms and conditions of the **Continuity From a Prior Policy** provision.

South Dakota:

1. The definition of **Physician** can include You or a person Related to You by blood or marriage in the event that the Physician is the only one in the area and is acting within the scope of their normal employment.
2. The **Other Income Benefits** definition will not include the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to Your family, Your Spouse or Your Spouse's family.

Texas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable
2. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

   To obtain information or make a complaint:

   You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

   1-800-523-2233

   You may also write to The Hartford at:

   P.O. Box 2999
   Hartford, CT 06104-2999

   You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights, or complaints at:

   1-800-252-3439

   You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

   AVISO IMPORTANTE

   Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

   Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de The Hartford's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

   1-800-523-2233

   Usted también puede escribir a The Hartford:

   P.O. Box 2999
   Hartford, CT 06104-2999

   Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

   1-800-252-3439

   Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:
This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

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DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:
Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con el agente o la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:
Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

Utah:

1. If the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision provides a timeframe in which proof must be submitted before it affects Your claim, this time limitation shall not apply to You.

Vermont:

1. The following requirement applies:

Purpose: Vermont law requires that health insurers offer coverage to parties to a civil union that is equivalent to coverage provided to married persons.

Definitions, Terms, Conditions and Provisions: The definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements are hereby superseded as follows:

1) Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship, or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship, such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms, include the relationship created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
2) Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union established according to Vermont law.
3) Terms that mean or refer to family relationships arising from a marriage, such as “family”, “immediate family”, “dependent”, “children”, “next of kin”, “relative”, “beneficiary”, “survivor” and any other such terms include family relationships created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
4) "Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union established according to Vermont law, and a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.
5) "Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW RIGHTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE

Vermont law grants parties to a civil union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities that flow from marriage under state law. However, some or all of the benefits, protections and responsibilities related to health insurance that are available to married persons under federal law may not be available to parties to a civil union. For example, federal law, the Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974 known as “ERISA”, controls the employer/employee relationship with regard to determining eligibility for enrollment in private employer health benefit plans. Because of ERISA, Act 91 does not state requirements pertaining to a private employer’s enrollment of a party to a civil union in an ERISA employee welfare benefit plan. However,

governmental employers (not federal government) are required to provide health benefits to the dependents of a party to a civil union if the public employer provides health benefits to the dependents of married persons. Federal law also controls group health insurance continuation rights under COBRA for employers with 20 or more employees as well as the Internal Revenue Code treatment of health insurance premiums. As a result, parties to a civil union and their families may or may not have access to certain benefits under the policy, contract, certificate, rider or endorsement that derive from federal law. You are advised to seek expert advice to determine your rights under this contract.

Virginia:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Life and Health Division
   Bureau of Insurance
   P.O. Box 1157
   Richmond, VA 23209
   1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia)
   1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)

Washington:

1. The following continuation applies to you:

   General Work Stoppage (including a strike or lockout): If Your employment terminates due to a cessation of active work as the result of a general work stoppage (including a strike or lockout), Your coverage shall be continued during the work stoppage for a period not exceeding 6 months. If the work stoppage ends, this continuation will cease immediately.

Wisconsin:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   To request a Complaint Form:
   Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
   Complaints Department
   P.O. Box 7873
   Madison, WI 53707-7873
   1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)
   1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)

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CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Policyholder: HARALSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Policy Number: GLT-677721
Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Policy Anniversary Date: July 1, 2017

We have issued The Policy to the Policyholder. Our name, the Policyholder's name and the Policy Number are shown above. The provisions of The Policy, which are important to You, are summarized in this certificate consisting of this form and any additional forms which have been made a part of this certificate. This certificate replaces any other certificate We may have given to You earlier under The Policy. The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. Any difference between The Policy and this certificate will be settled according to the provisions of The Policy on file with Us at Our home office. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

Signed for the Company

Lisa Levin, *Secretary*

Michael Concannon, *President*

A note on capitalization in this certificate:
Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term in The Policy or refers to a specific provision contained herein.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

The Policy of long term Disability insurance provides You with long term income protection if You become Disabled from a covered injury, sickness or pregnancy.

The benefits described herein are those in effect as of April 1, 2017.

Cost of Coverage:
You must contribute toward the cost of coverage.

Disclosure of Fees:
We may reduce or adjust premiums, rates, fees and/or other expenses for programs under The Policy.

Disclosure of Services:
In addition to the insurance coverage, We may offer noninsurance benefits and services to Active Employees.

Eligible Class(es) For Coverage: All Full-time Active Employees who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates; excluding temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Full-time Employment: at least SEE SPECIAL PROVISION hours weekly

Annual Enrollment Period: as determined by Your Employer on a yearly basis.

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:
1) None - if You are working for the Employer on the Policy Effective Date; or
2) The first day of the month following 1 month(s) of employment - if You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date.

The time period(s) referenced above are continuous.

Elimination Period: 180 day(s)

Maximum Monthly Benefit: $5,000

Minimum Monthly Benefit: $100

Benefit Percentage: 60%

Maximum Duration of Benefits

Maximum Duration of Benefits Table

Age When Disabled	Benefits Payable
Prior to Age 63	To Normal Retirement Age or 42 months, if greater
Age 63	To Normal Retirement Age or 36 months, if greater
Age 64	30 months
Age 65	24 months
Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months
Age 68	15 months
Age 69 and over	12 months

Normal Retirement Age means the Social Security Normal Retirement Age as stated in the 1983 revision of the United States Social Security Act. It is determined by Your date of birth as follows:

Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age
1937 or before	65
1938	65 + 2 months

1939	65 + 4 months
1940	65 + 6 months
1941	65 + 8 months
1942	65 + 10 months
1943 thru 1954	66
1955	66 + 2 months
1956	66 + 4 months
1957	66 + 6 months
1958	66 + 8 months
1959	66 + 10 months
1960 or after	67

Additional Benefit:

Family Care Credit Benefit
see benefit

Survivor Income Benefit
see benefit

Workplace Modification Benefit
see benefit

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*
All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.

Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*
You will become eligible for coverage on the later of:
1) the Policy Effective Date; or
2) the date on which You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*
To enroll for coverage You must:
1) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us; and
2) deliver it to Your Employer.

If You do not enroll within 31 days after becoming eligible under The Policy, or if You were eligible to enroll under the Prior Policy and did not do so, and later choose to enroll:
1) You must give Us Evidence of Insurability satisfactory to Us; and
2) You may only enroll:
   a) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
   b) within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

The dates of the Annual Enrollment Period are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Evidence of Insurability: *What is Evidence of Insurability and what happens if Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us?*
Evidence of Insurability must be satisfactory to Us and may include, but will not be limited to:
1) a completed and signed application approved by Us;
2) a medical examination, if requested;
3) attending Physicians' statements; and
4) any additional information We may require.

All Evidence of Insurability will be furnished at Our expense. We will then determine if You are insurable under The Policy.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:

1) Your Monthly Benefit will equal the amount for which You were eligible without providing Evidence of Insurability, provided You enrolled within 31 days of the date You were first eligible to enroll; and
2) You will not be covered under The Policy if You enrolled more than 31 days after the date You were first eligible to enroll.

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*
A Change in Family Status occurs when:

1) You get married;
2) You and Your spouse divorce;
3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
4) Your spouse dies;
5) Your child is no longer financially dependent on You or dies;
6) Your spouse is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Effective Date: *When does my coverage start?*
Your coverage will start on the earliest of:

1) the date You become eligible, if You enroll or have enrolled by then;
2) the date on which You enroll, if You do so within 31 days after the date You are eligible;
3) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability, for benefit amounts requiring Evidence of Insurability; or
4) the Policy Anniversary Date following the Annual Enrollment Period if You enroll, for benefit amounts not requiring Evidence of Insurability, during an Annual Enrollment Period.

Deferred Effective Date: *When will my effective date for coverage or a change in my coverage be deferred?*
If You are absent from work due to:

1) accidental bodily injury;
2) sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

on the date Your insurance, or increase in coverage, would otherwise have become effective, Your insurance, or increase in coverage will not become effective until You are Actively at Work one full day.

Changes in Coverage: *Can I change my benefit options?*
You may change Your benefit option only:

1) during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
2) within 31 days of a Change in Family Status.

At such time You may decrease coverage, or increase coverage to a higher option. An increase in coverage will be subject to Your submission of an application that meets Our approval.

When will a requested change in benefit option take effect?
If You enroll for a change in benefit option during an Annual Enrollment Period, the change will take effect on the later of:

1) the Policy Anniversary Date following the Annual Enrollment Period; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

If You enroll for a change in benefit option within 31 days following a Change in Family Status, the change will take effect on the later of:

1) the date You enroll for the change; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

Any such increase in coverage is subject to the following provisions:

1) Deferred Effective Date; and
2) Pre-existing Conditions Limitation.

Do coverage amounts change if there is a change in my class or my rate of pay?
Your coverage may increase or decrease on the date there is a change in Your class or Pre-disability Earnings. However, no increase in coverage will be effective unless on that date You:

1) are an Active Employee; and
2) are not absent from work due to being Disabled. If You were so absent from work, the effective date of such increase will be deferred until You are Actively at Work for one full day.

No change in Your Pre-disability Earnings will become effective until the date We receive notice of the change.

What happens if the Employer changes The Policy?
Any increase or decrease in coverage because of a change in The Policy will become effective on the date of the change, subject to the following provisions:

1) the Deferred Effective Date provision; and
2) Pre-existing Conditions Limitation.

Continuity From A Prior Policy: *Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Policy?*
If You were:

1) insured under the Prior Policy; and
2) not eligible to receive benefits under the Prior Policy;

on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply.

Is my coverage under The Policy subject to the Pre-existing Condition Limitation?
If You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and were covered under the Prior Policy on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will end on the earliest of:

1) the Policy Effective Date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or
2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.

The amount of the Monthly Benefit payable for a Pre-existing Condition in accordance with the above paragraph will be the lesser of:

1) the Monthly Benefit which was paid by the Prior Policy; or
2) the Monthly Benefit provided by The Policy.

The Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will apply after the Policy Effective Date to the amount of a benefit increase which results from a change from the Prior Policy to The Policy, a change in benefit options, a change of class or a change in The Policy.

Do I have to satisfy an Elimination Period under The Policy if I was Disabled under the Prior Policy?
If You received monthly benefits for disability under the Prior Policy, and You returned to work as a Full-time Active Employee before the Policy Effective Date, then, if within 6 months of Your return to work:

1) You have a recurrence of the same disability while covered under The Policy; and
2) there are no benefits available for the recurrence under the Prior Policy;

the Elimination Period, which would otherwise apply, will be waived if the recurrence would have been covered without any further elimination period under the Prior Policy.

Termination: *When will my coverage end?*
Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

1) the date The Policy terminates;
2) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date The Policy no longer insures Your class;
3) the end of the month on or next following the date the premium payment is due but not paid;
4) the last day of the period for which You make any required premium contribution;
5) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
6) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You cease to be a Full-time Active Employee in an eligible class for any reason;

unless continued in accordance with any of the Continuation Provisions.

Continuation Provisions: *Can my coverage be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate?*

Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way. Continued coverage:

1) is subject to any reductions in The Policy;
2) is subject to payment of premium by the Employer; and
3) terminates if:
    a) The Policy terminates; or
    b) coverage for Your class terminates.

In any event, Your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which Your benefits may be based, will be that in effect on the day before Your coverage was continued. Coverage may be continued in accordance with the above restrictions and as described below:

Family and Medical Leave: If You are granted a leave of absence, in writing, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, or other applicable state or local law, Your coverage may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by other applicable law, following the date Your leave commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Coverage while Disabled: *Does my insurance continue while I am Disabled and no longer an Active Employee?*
If You are Disabled and You cease to be an Active Employee, Your insurance will be continued:

1) during the Elimination Period while You remain Disabled by the same Disability; and
2) after the Elimination Period for as long as You are entitled to benefits under The Policy.

Waiver of Premium: *Am I required to pay premiums while I am Disabled?*
No premium will be due for You:

1) after the Elimination Period; and
2) for as long as benefits are payable.

Extension of Benefits for Disability: *Do benefits continue if The Policy terminates?*
If You are entitled to benefits while Disabled and The Policy terminates, benefits:

1) will continue as long as You remain Disabled by the same Disability; but
2) will not be provided beyond the date We would have ceased to pay benefits had the insurance remained in force.

Termination of The Policy for any reason will have no effect on Our liability under this provision.

BENEFITS

Disability Benefit: *What are my Disability Benefits under The Policy?*
We will pay You a Monthly Benefit if You:

1) become Disabled while insured under The Policy;
2) are Disabled throughout the Elimination Period;
3) remain Disabled beyond the Elimination Period; and
4) submit Proof of Loss to Us.

Benefits accrue as of the first day after the Elimination Period and are paid monthly. However, benefits will not exceed the Maximum Duration of Benefits.

Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Benefits: *Are benefits limited for Mental Illness or Substance Abuse?*
If You are Disabled because of:

1) Mental Illness that results from any cause;
2) any condition that may result from Mental Illness;
3) alcoholism; or
4) the non-medical use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, or any other such substance;

then, subject to all other provisions of The Policy, We will limit the Maximum Duration of Benefits.

Benefits will be payable:

1) for as long as You are confined in a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for the disabling condition; or
2) if not confined, or after You are discharged and still Disabled, for a total of 24 months for all such disabilities during Your lifetime.

Recurrent Disability: *What happens if I Recover but become Disabled again?*
Periods of Recovery during the Elimination Period will not interrupt the Elimination Period, if the number of days You return to work as an Active Employee are less than one-half (1/2) the number of days of Your Elimination Period.

Any day within such period of Recovery, will not count toward the Elimination Period.

After the Elimination Period, if You return to work as an Active Employee and then become Disabled and such Disability is:

1) due to the same cause; or
2) due to a related cause; and
3) within 6 months of the return to work;

the Period of Disability prior to Your return to work and the recurrent Disability will be considered one Period of Disability, provided The Policy remains in force.

If You return to work as an Active Employee for 6 months or more, any recurrence of a Disability will be treated as a new Disability. The new Disability is subject to a new Elimination Period and a new Maximum Duration of Benefits.

Period of Disability means a continuous length of time during which You are Disabled under The Policy.

Recover or Recovery means that You are no longer Disabled and have returned to work with the Employer and premiums are being paid for You.

Calculation of Monthly Benefit: Return to Work Incentive: *How are my Disability benefits calculated?*
If You remain Disabled after the Elimination Period, but work while You are Disabled, We will determine Your Monthly Benefit for a period of up to 12 consecutive months as follows:

1) multiply Your Pre-disability Earnings by the Benefit Percentage;
2) compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
3) from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

The result is Your Monthly Benefit. Current Monthly Earnings will not be used to reduce Your Monthly Benefit. However, if the sum of Your Monthly Benefit and Your Current Monthly Earnings exceeds 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, We will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of excess.

The 12 consecutive month period will start on the last to occur of:

1) the day You first start work; or
2) the end of the Elimination Period.

If You are Disabled and not receiving benefits under the Return to Work Incentive, We will calculate Your Monthly Benefit as follows:

1) multiply Your Monthly Income Loss by the Benefit Percentage;
2) compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
3) from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

The result is Your Monthly Benefit.

Calculation of Monthly Benefit: *What happens if the sum of my Monthly Benefit, Current Monthly Earnings, and Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of my Pre-disability Earnings?*
If the sum of Your Monthly Benefit, Current Monthly Earnings, and Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, We will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of the excess. However, Your Monthly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit.

If an overpayment occurs, We may recover all or any portion of the overpayment, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision.

Minimum Monthly Benefit: *Is there a Minimum Monthly Benefit?*
Your Monthly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Partial Month Payment: *How is the benefit calculated for a period of less than a month?*
If a Monthly Benefit is payable for a period of less than a month, We will pay 1/30 of the Monthly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Termination of Payment: *When will my benefit payments end?*

Benefit payments will stop on the earliest of:

1) the date You are no longer Disabled;
2) the date You fail to furnish Proof of Loss;
3) the date You are no longer under the Regular Care of a Physician;
4) the date You refuse Our request that You submit to an examination by a Physician or other qualified medical professional;
5) the date of Your death;
6) the date You refuse to receive recommended treatment that is generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct or limit the disabling condition;
7) the last day benefits are payable according to the Maximum Duration of Benefits Table;
8) the date Your Current Monthly Earnings:
   a) are equal to or greater than 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation; or
   b) are greater than the lesser of the product of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit Percentage or the Maximum Monthly Benefit if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Any Occupation;
9) the date no further benefits are payable under any provision in The Policy that limits benefit duration; or
10) the date You refuse to participate in a Rehabilitation program, or refuse to cooperate with or try:
   a) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
   b) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
   c) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation; or
   d) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation;

   provided a qualified Physician or other qualified medical professional agrees that such modifications, Rehabilitation program or adaptive equipment accommodate Your medical limitation.

Family Care Credit Benefit: *What if I must incur expenses for Family Care Services in order to participate in a Rehabilitation program?*

If You are working as part of a program of Rehabilitation, We will, for the purpose of calculating Your benefit, deduct the cost of Family Care from earnings received from work as a part of a program of Rehabilitation, subject to the following limitations:

1) Family Care means the care or supervision of:
   a) Your children under age 13; or
   b) a member of Your household who is mentally or physically handicapped and dependent upon You for support and maintenance;
2) the maximum monthly deduction allowed for each qualifying child or family member is:
   a) $350 during the first 12 months of Rehabilitation; and
   b) $175 thereafter;

   but in no event may the deduction exceed the amount of Your monthly earnings;
3) Family Care Credits may not exceed a total of $2,500 during a calendar year;
4) the deduction will be reduced proportionally for periods of less than a month;
5) the charges for Family Care must be documented by a receipt from the caregiver;
6) the credit will cease on the first to occur of the following:
   a) You are no longer in a Rehabilitation program; or
   b) Family Care Credits for 24 months have been deducted during Your Disability; and
7) no Family Care provided by someone Related to the family member receiving the care will be eligible as a deduction under this provision.

Your Current Monthly Earnings after the deduction of Your Family Care Credit will be used to determine Your Monthly Income Loss. In no event will You be eligible to receive a Monthly Benefit under The Policy if Your Current Monthly Earnings before the deduction of the Family Care Credit exceed 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings.

Survivor Income Benefit: *Will my survivors receive a benefit if I die while receiving Disability Benefits?*

If You were receiving a Monthly Benefit at the time of Your death, We will pay a Survivor Income Benefit, when We receive proof satisfactory to Us:

1) of Your death; and

2) that the person claiming the benefit is entitled to it.

We must receive the satisfactory proof for Survivor Income Benefits within 1 year of the date of Your death.

The Survivor Income Benefit will only be paid:

1) to Your Surviving Spouse; or
2) if no Surviving Spouse, in equal shares to Your Surviving Children.

If there is no Surviving Spouse or Surviving Children, then no benefit will be paid.

However, We will first apply the Survivor Income Benefit to any overpayment which may exist on Your claim.

If a minor child is entitled to benefits, We may, at Our option, make benefit payments to the person caring for and supporting the child until a legal guardian is appointed.

The Survivor Income Benefit is calculated as 3 times the lesser of:

1) Your Monthly Income Loss multiplied by the Benefit Percentage in effect on the date of Your death; or
2) The Maximum Monthly Benefit.

Surviving Spouse means Your spouse who was not legally separated or divorced from You when You died.

Surviving Children means Your unmarried children, step children, legally adopted children who, on the date You die, are primarily dependent on You for support and maintenance and who are under age 25.

The term Surviving Children will also include any other children related to You by blood or marriage and who:

1) lived with You in a regular parent-child relationship; and
2) were eligible to be claimed as dependents on Your federal income tax return for the last tax year prior to Your death.

Workplace Modification Benefit: *Will the Rehabilitation program provide for modifications to my workplace to accommodate my return to work?*

We will reimburse Your Employer for the expense of reasonable Workplace Modifications to accommodate Your Disability and enable You to return to work as an Active Employee. You qualify for this benefit if:

1) Your Disability is covered by The Policy;
2) the Employer agrees to make modifications to the workplace in order to reasonably accommodate Your return to work and the performance of the Essential Duties of Your job; and
3) We approve, in writing, any proposed Workplace Modifications.

Benefits paid for such Workplace Modification shall not exceed $25,000.

We have the right, at Our expense, to have You examined or evaluated by:

1) a Physician or other health care professional; or
2) a vocational expert or rehabilitation specialist;

of Our choice so that We may evaluate the appropriateness of any proposed modification.

We will reimburse the Employer's costs for approved Workplace Modifications after:

1) the proposed modifications made on Your behalf are complete;
2) We have been provided written proof of the expenses incurred to provide such modification; and
3) You have returned to work as an Active Employee.

Workplace Modification means change in Your work environment, or in the way a job is performed, to allow You to perform, while Disabled, the Essential Duties of Your job. Payment of this benefit will not reduce or deny any benefit You are eligible to receive under the terms of The Policy.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Exclusions: *What Disabilities are not covered?*

The Policy does not cover, and We will not pay a benefit for, any Disability:

1) unless You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
2) that is caused or contributed to by war or act of war, whether declared or not;

3) caused by Your commission of or attempt to commit a felony;
4) caused or contributed to by Your being engaged in an illegal occupation; or
5) caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted injury.

If You are receiving or are eligible for benefits for a Disability under a prior disability plan that:
1) was sponsored by Your Employer; and
2) was terminated before the Effective Date of The Policy;
no benefits will be payable for the Disability under The Policy.

Pre-existing Condition Limitation: *Are benefits limited for Pre-existing Conditions?*
We will not pay any benefit, or any increase in benefits, under The Policy for any Disability that results from, or is caused or contributed to by, a Pre-existing Condition, unless, at the time You become Disabled:
1) You have not received Medical Care for the condition for 90 consecutive day(s) while insured under The Policy; or
2) You have been continuously insured under The Policy for 365 consecutive day(s).

Pre-existing Condition means:
1) any accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or episode of Substance Abuse; or
2) any manifestations, symptoms, findings, or aggravations related to or resulting from such accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or Substance Abuse;
for which You received Medical Care during the 90 consecutive day period that ends the day before:
1) Your effective date of coverage; or
2) the effective date of a Change in Coverage.

Medical Care is received when a Physician or other health care provider:
1) is consulted or gives medical advice; or
2) recommends, prescribes, or provides Treatment.

Treatment includes but is not limited to:
1) medical examinations, tests, attendance or observation; and
2) use of drugs, medicines, medical services, supplies or equipment.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*
You must give Us written notice of a claim within 30 days after Disability or loss occurs. Failure to give notice within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it shall be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Such notice must include Your name, Your address and the Policy Number.

Claim Forms: *Are special forms required to file a claim?*
We will send forms to You to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, You may submit any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of Your claim.

Proof of Loss: *What is Proof of Loss?*
Proof of Loss may include but is not limited to the following:
1) documentation of:
   a) the date Your Disability began;
   b) the cause of Your Disability;
   c) the prognosis of Your Disability;
   d) Your Pre-disability Earnings, Current Monthly Earnings or any income, including but not limited to copies of Your filed and signed federal and state tax returns; and
   e) evidence that You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
2) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
3) the names and addresses of all:
   a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
   b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
   c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;

4) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release:
   a) medical, employment and financial information; and
   b) any other information We may reasonably require;
5) disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us relating to Other Income Benefits;
6) proof that You and Your dependents have applied for all Other Income Benefits which are available; and
7) disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us in order to exercise Our Subrogation or Reimbursement rights.

You will not be required to claim any retirement benefits which You may only get on a reduced basis. All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

Additional Proof of Loss: *What Additional Proof of Loss is the Company entitled to?*
To assist Us in determining if You are Disabled, or to determine if You meet any other term or condition of The Policy, We have the right to require You to:

1) meet and interview with Our representative; and
2) be examined by a Physician, vocational expert, functional expert, or other medical or vocational professional of Our choice.

Any such interview, meeting or examination will be:

1) at Our expense; and
2) as reasonably required by Us.

Your Additional Proof of Loss must be satisfactory to Us. Unless We determine You have a valid reason for refusal, We may deny, suspend or terminate Your benefits if You refuse to be examined or meet to be interviewed by Our representative.

Sending Proof of Loss: *When must Proof of Loss be given?*
Written Proof of Loss must be sent to Us within 90 days following the completion of the Elimination Period. If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

1) it was not reasonably possible to give proof within the required time; and
2) proof is given as soon as reasonably possible; but
3) not later than 1 year after it is due, unless You are not legally competent.

We may request Proof of Loss throughout Your Disability, as reasonably required. In such cases, We must receive the proof within 30 day(s) of the request.

Claim Payment: *When are benefit payments issued?*
When We determine that You;

1) are Disabled; and
2) eligible to receive benefits;

We will pay accrued benefits at the end of each month that You are Disabled. We may, at Our option, make an advance benefit payment based on Our estimated duration of Your Disability. If any payment is due after a claim is terminated, it will be paid as soon as Proof of Loss satisfactory to Us is received.

Benefits may be subject to interest payments as required by applicable law.

Claims to be Paid: *To whom will benefits for my claim be paid?*
All payments are payable to You. Any payments owed at Your death may be paid to Your estate. If any payment is owed to:

1) Your estate;
2) a person who is a minor; or
3) a person who is not legally competent;

then We may pay up to $1,000 to a person who is Related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.

Claim Denial: *What notification will I receive if my claim is denied?*
If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written notification will:

1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
2) make specific reference to The Policy provisions on which the denial is based;
3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to perfect a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

Claim Appeal: *What recourse do I have if my claim is denied?*
On any claim, You or Your representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so You:

1) must request a review upon written application within:
   a) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of disability; or
   b) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of disability; and
2) may request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to Your claim; and
3) may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to Your claim.

We will respond to You in writing with Our final decision on the claim.

Social Security: *When must I apply for Social Security Benefits?*
You must apply for Social Security disability benefits when the length of Your Disability meets the minimum duration required to apply for such benefits. You must apply within 45 days from the date of Our request. If the Social Security Administration denies Your eligibility for benefits, You will be required:

1) to follow the process established by the Social Security Administration to reconsider the denial; and
2) if denied again, to request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

Plan Offered by a State or Municipal Government: *When must I apply for benefits under a plan offered by a state or municipal government?*
You must apply for disability benefits under a plan offered by a state or municipal government, such as those offered by a public employee retirement system or state teacher retirement system, when the length of Your Disability meets the minimum duration required to apply for such benefits and You are eligible under the plan. You must apply within 45 days from the date of Our request. If the administrator of that alternative plan denies Your eligibility for benefits, You will be required to follow the process established by the administrator to reconsider the denial.

Benefit Estimates: *How does the Company estimate Disability benefits under the United States Social Security Act or an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government?*
We reserve the right to reduce Your Monthly Benefit by estimating the Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government, that You or Your spouse and children may be eligible to receive.

When We determine that You or Your dependent may be eligible for benefits, We may estimate the amount of these benefits. We may reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the estimated amount.

Your Monthly Benefit will not be reduced by estimated Social Security disability benefits nor disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if:

1) You apply for Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if applicable, and pursue all required appeals in accordance with the Social Security and Plan Offered by a State or Municipal Government provisions; and
2) You have signed a form authorizing the Social Security Administration, or the administrator of the alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government if applicable, to release information about awards directly to Us; and
3) You have signed and returned Our reimbursement agreement, which confirms that You agree to repay all overpayments.

If We have reduced Your Monthly Benefit by an estimated amount and:

1) You or Your dependent are later awarded Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government We will adjust Your Monthly Benefit when We receive proof of the amount awarded, and determine if it was higher or lower than Our estimate; or
2) Your application for Social Security disability benefits, or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government, has been denied, We will adjust Your Monthly Benefit when You provide Us proof of final denial from which You cannot appeal from an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals, or similar level under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government when available.

If Your Social Security benefits or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government were lower than We estimated, and We owe You a refund, We will make such refund in a lump sum. If Your Social Security benefits or disability benefits under an alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government were higher than We estimated, and if Your Monthly Benefit has been overpaid, You must make a lump sum refund to Us equal to all overpayments, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision.

Overpayment: *When does an overpayment occur?*

An overpayment occurs:

1) when We determine that the total amount We have paid in benefits is more than the amount that was due to You under The Policy; or
2) when payment is made by Us that should have been made under another group policy.

This includes, but is not limited to, overpayments resulting from:

1) retroactive awards received from sources listed in the Other Income Benefits definition;
2) failure to report, or late notification to Us of any Other Income Benefit(s) or earned income;
3) misstatement;
4) fraud; or
5) any error We may make.

Overpayment Recovery: *How does the Company exercise the right to recover overpayments?*
We have the right to recover from You any amount that We determine to be an overpayment. You have the obligation to refund to Us any such amount. Our rights and Your obligations in this regard may also be set forth in the reimbursement agreement You will be required to sign when You become eligible for benefits under The Policy.

If benefits are overpaid on any claim, You must reimburse Us within 30 days.

If reimbursement is not made in a timely manner, We have the right to:

1) recover such overpayments from:
   a) You;
   b) any other organization;
   c) any other insurance company;
   d) any other person to or for whom payment was made; and
   e) Your estate;
2) reduce or offset against any future benefits payable to You or Your survivors, including the Minimum Monthly Benefit, until full reimbursement is made. Payments may continue when the overpayment has been recovered;
3) refer Your unpaid balance to a collection agency; and
4) pursue and enforce all legal and equitable rights in court.

Reimbursement: *What are Our reimbursement rights?*
We have the right to be reimbursed for any benefit payments made or required to be made under The Policy for a Disability for which You recover any funds from a Third Party.

If You recover any funds from a Third Party as:

1) a legal judgment;
2) an arbitration award; or
3) a settlement or otherwise;

You or Your attorney shall hold in constructive trust the lesser of:

1) the entire amount of the benefit payment(s) made or required to be made by Us; or
2) the total amount of the recovered funds;

less Our pro rata share of any reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs associated with the recovered funds. We have the right of first reimbursement if the total amount of the recovered funds exceeds the sum of all of Your economic and noneconomic losses incurred, excluding the losses for which we have made or are required to make benefit payments.

We have this right regardless of whether the particular funds recovered are still in Your possession. However, the amount which you must reimburse us is limited to the amount allocated in the settlement documents or judgment to the losses for which we have made or are required to make benefit payments.

By accepting benefit payment(s) under The Policy, You:

1) agree to cooperate fully with Our reimbursement rights, including disclosure of all information and documentation required by Us in order to exercise Our reimbursement rights; and
2) will not do anything to prejudice Our reimbursement rights.

You or Your attorney's failure to cooperate fully with Our reimbursement rights may result in denial or termination of Your benefits under The Policy.

Third Party as used in this provision, means:

1) any person or legal entity whose act or omission, in full or in part, causes You to suffer a Disability for which benefits are paid or payable under The Policy; or
2) any insurer, including Your own, that provides benefits to You as a result of the act or omission which causes You to suffer a Disability for which benefits are paid or payable under The Policy.

Legal Actions: *When can legal action be taken against Us?*
Legal action cannot be taken against Us:

1) sooner than 60 days after the date Proof of Loss is given; or
2) more than 3 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be given according to the terms of The Policy.

Insurance Fraud: *How does the Company deal with fraud?*
Insurance Fraud occurs when You and/or Your Employer provide Us with false information or file a claim for benefits that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive Us. It is a crime if You and/or Your Employer commit Insurance Fraud. We will use all means available to Us to detect, investigate, deter and prosecute those who commit Insurance Fraud. We will pursue all available legal remedies if You and/or Your Employer perpetrate Insurance Fraud.

Misstatements: *What happens if facts are misstated?*
If material facts about You were not stated accurately:

1) Your premium may be adjusted; and
2) the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

No statement, except fraudulent misstatements, made by You relating to Your insurability will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during Your lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You.

All statements made by the Policyholder, the Employer or You under The Policy will be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made to affect this insurance will be used in any contest unless it is in writing and a copy of it is given to the person who made it, or to his or her beneficiary or Your representative.

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy.

Physical Examinations and Autopsy: *Will I be examined during the course of my claim?*
While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:

1) to have the person who has a loss examined by a Physician when and as often as reasonably necessary; and
2) to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

DEFINITIONS

Actively at Work means at work with the Employer on a day that is one of the Employer's scheduled workdays. On that day, You must be performing for wage or profit all of the regular duties of Your Occupation:

1) in the usual way; and
2) for Your usual number of hours.

If school is not in session due to normal vacation or school break(s), Actively at Work shall mean You are able to report for work with the Employer, performing all the regular duties of Your Occupation in the usual way for Your usual number of hours as if school was in session.

Active Employee means an employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. This must be at least the number of hours shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Any Occupation means any occupation for which You are qualified by education, training or experience, and that has an earnings potential greater than the lesser of:

1) the product of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit Percentage; or
2) the Maximum Monthly Benefit.

Current Monthly Earnings means monthly earnings You receive from:

1) Your Employer; and
2) other employment;

while You are Disabled.

However, if the other employment is a job You held in addition to Your job with Your Employer, then during any period that You are entitled to benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation, only the portion of Your earnings that exceeds Your average earnings from the other employer over the 6 month period just before You became Disabled will count as Current Monthly Earnings.

Current Monthly Earnings also includes the pay You could have received for another job or a modified job if:

1) such job was offered to You by Your Employer, or another employer, and You refused the offer; and
2) the requirements of the position were consistent with:
    a) Your education, training and experience; and
    b) Your capabilities as medically substantiated by Your Physician.

Disability or Disabled means You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of:

1) Your Occupation during the Elimination Period;
2) Your Occupation, for the 24 months following the Elimination Period, and as a result Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings; and
3) after that, Any Occupation.

If at the end of the Elimination Period, You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, but Your Current Monthly Earnings are equal to or greater than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, Your Elimination Period will be extended for a total period of 12 months from the original date of Disability, or until such time as Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, whichever occurs first. For the purposes of extending Your Elimination Period, Your Current Monthly Earnings will not include the pay You could have received for another job or a modified job if such job was offered to You by Your Employer, or another employer, and You refused the offer.

Your Disability must result from:

1) accidental bodily injury;
2) sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy.

Your failure to pass a physical examination required to maintain a license to perform the duties of Your Occupation, alone, does not mean that You are Disabled.

Elimination Period means the longer of the number of consecutive days at the beginning of any one period of Disability which must elapse before benefits are payable or the expiration of any Employer sponsored short term disability benefits or salary continuation program, excluding benefits required by state law.

Employer means the Policyholder.

Essential Duty means a duty that:

1) is substantial, not incidental;
2) is fundamental or inherent to the occupation; and
3) cannot be reasonably omitted or changed.

Your ability to work the number of hours in Your regularly scheduled workweek is an Essential Duty.

Indexed Pre-disability Earnings means Your Pre-disability Earnings adjusted annually by adding the lesser of:

1) 10%; or
2) the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The percentage change in the CPI-W means the difference between the current year's CPI-W as of July 31, and the prior year's CPI-W as of July 31, divided by the prior year's CPI-W. The adjustment is made January 1st each year after You have been Disabled for 12 consecutive month(s), provided You are receiving benefits at the time the adjustment is made.

The term Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) means the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the United States Department of Labor. It measures on a periodic (usually monthly) basis the change in the cost of typical urban wage earners' and clerical workers' purchase of certain goods and services. If the index is discontinued or changed, We may use another nationally published index that is comparable to the CPI-W.

Mental Illness means a mental disorder as listed in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association. A Mental Illness may be caused by biological factors or result in physical symptoms or manifestations.

For the purpose of The Policy, Mental Illness does not include the following mental disorders outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders:

1) Mental Retardation;
2) Pervasive Developmental Disorders;
3) Motor Skills Disorder;
4) Substance-Related Disorders;
5) Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders; or
6) Narcolepsy and Sleep Disorders related to a General Medical Condition.

Monthly Benefit means a monthly sum payable to You while You are Disabled, subject to the terms of The Policy.

Monthly Income Loss means Your Pre-disability Earnings minus Your Current Monthly Earnings.

Other Income Benefits means the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to You or Your family, as a result of the period of Disability for which You are claiming benefits under The Policy. This includes any such benefits for which You or Your family are eligible or that are paid to You or Your family, or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

1) temporary, permanent disability, or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;
2) governmental law or program that provides disability or unemployment benefits as a result of Your job with Your Employer;
3) plan or arrangement of coverage, whether insured or not, which is received from Your Employer as a result of employment by or association with Your Employer or which is the result of membership in or association with any group, association, union or other organization;
4) mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan;
5) disability benefits under:
   a) the United States Social Security Act or alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government;
   b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
   c) the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Old Age Security Act, the Quebec Pension Plan or any provincial pension or disability plan; or
   d) similar plan or act;

   that You, Your spouse and/or children, are eligible to receive because of Your Disability; or
6) disability benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other foreign or domestic governmental agency:
   a) that begins after You become Disabled; or
   b) that You were receiving before becoming Disabled, but only as to the amount of any increase in the benefit attributed to Your Disability.

Other Income Benefits also means the amount of any payments that are made to You or to Your family, or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

1) disability benefit under Your Employer's Retirement Plan;
2) temporary, permanent disability or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;
3) portion of a judgement or settlement of a claim or lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings, less Our pro rata share of any associated reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs;
4) retirement benefit from a Retirement Plan that is wholly or partially funded by employer contributions, unless:
   a) You were receiving it prior to becoming Disabled; or
   b) You immediately transfer the payment to another plan qualified by the United States Internal Revenue Service for the funding of a future retirement;

   (Other Income Benefits will not include the portion, if any, of such retirement benefit that was funded by Your after-tax contributions.); or
5) retirement benefits under:
   a) the United States Social Security Act or alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government;

b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
c) the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Old Age Security Act, the Quebec Pension Plan or any provincial pension or disability plan; or
d) similar plan or act;

that You, Your spouse and/or children receive because of Your retirement, unless You were receiving them prior to becoming Disabled.

If You are paid Other Income Benefits in a lump sum or settlement, You must provide proof satisfactory to Us of:
1) the amount attributed to loss of income; and
2) the period of time covered by the lump sum or settlement.

We will pro-rate the lump sum or settlement over this period of time. If You cannot or do not provide this information, We will assume the entire sum to be for loss of income, and the time period to be 24 month(s). We may make a retroactive allocation of any retroactive Other Income Benefit. A retroactive allocation may result in an overpayment of Your claim.

The amount of any increase in Other Income Benefits will not be included as Other Income Benefits if such increase:
1) takes effect after the date benefits become payable under The Policy; and
2) is a general increase which applies to all persons who are entitled to such benefits.

Physician means a person who is:
1) a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
2) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
3) practicing within the scope of that license; and
4) not You or Related to You by blood or marriage.

Pre-disability Earnings means Your contracted annual rate of pay from Your Employer divided by the number of pay periods occurring in the pay cycle established by You and Your Employer prior to Your date of Disability.

Prior Policy means the long term disability insurance carried by the Employer on the day before the Policy Effective Date.

Regular Care of a Physician means that You are being treated by a Physician:
1) whose medical training and clinical experience are suitable to treat Your disabling condition; and
2) whose treatment is:
   a) consistent with the diagnosis of the disabling condition;
   b) according to guidelines established by medical, research, and rehabilitative organizations; and
   c) administered as often as needed;

   to achieve the maximum medical improvement.

Rehabilitation means a process of Our working together with You in order for Us to plan, adapt, and put into use options and services to meet Your return to work needs. A Rehabilitation program may include, when We consider it to be appropriate, any necessary and feasible:
1) vocational testing;
2) vocational training;
3) alternative treatment plans such as:
   a) support groups;
   b) physical therapy;
   c) occupational therapy; or
   d) speech therapy;
4) work-place modification to the extent not otherwise provided;
5) job placement;
6) transitional work; and
7) similar services.

Related means Your spouse, or other adult living with You, or Your sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild.

Retirement Plan means a defined benefit or defined contribution plan that provides benefits for Your retirement and which is not funded wholly by Your contributions. It does not include:
1) a profit sharing plan;

2) thrift, savings or stock ownership plans;
3) a non-qualified deferred compensation plan; or
4) an individual retirement account (IRA), a tax sheltered annuity (TSA), Keogh Plan, 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan or 457 deferred compensation arrangement.

Substance Abuse means the pattern of pathological use of alcohol or other psychoactive drugs and substances characterized by:
1) impairments in social and/or occupational functioning;
2) debilitating physical condition;
3) inability to abstain from or reduce consumption of the substance; or
4) the need for daily substance use to maintain adequate functioning.

Substance includes alcohol and drugs but excludes tobacco and caffeine.

The Policy means the policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.

We, Our, or Us means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.

Your Occupation means Your Occupation as it is recognized in the general workplace. Your Occupation does not mean the specific job You are performing for a specific employer or at a specific location.

You or Your means the person to whom this certificate is issued.

State Notices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at https://www.thehartford.com/. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us as follows:

The Hartford
Group Benefits Division, Customer Service
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999
1-800-523-2233

If you have a complaint and contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

If your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to you.

Alaska:

1. If notice of Your **Conversion Right** is not received by You on the date Your or Your Dependent's coverage terminates, You have 15 days from the date You receive the notice.
2. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
3. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other legal union recognized by state law.

Arizona:

1. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

Arkansas:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Arkansas Insurance Department
   Consumer Services Division
   1200 West Third Street
   Little Rock, AR 72201-1904
   Toll Free:1(800) 852-5494
   Local: 1(501) 371-2640

California:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the General Provisions section of the Certificate, does not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

   Eligibility Determination: *How will We determine Your or Your Dependent's eligibility for benefits?*
   We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine Your or Your Dependent's eligibility for benefits for any claim You or Your beneficiaries make on The Policy. We will:
   1) obtain with Your or Your beneficiaries' cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate Your or Your beneficiaries' claim and decide whether to accept or deny Your or Your beneficiaries' claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from Your or Your beneficiaries' Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by You or others on Your behalf; or, at Our expense We may obtain necessary information, or have You or Your Dependent's physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is

pending. In addition, and at Your or Your beneficiaries' option and at Your or Your beneficiaries' expense, You or Your beneficiaries may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of Your or Your beneficiaries' choice. You or Your beneficiaries should provide Us with all information that You or Your beneficiaries want Us to consider regarding Your or Your beneficiaries' claim;

2) As part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of The Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
3) if We approve Your claim, We will review Our decision to approve Your or Your beneficiaries claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine Your or Your Dependent's continued eligibility for benefits;
4) if We deny Your or Your beneficiaries' claim, We will explain in writing to You or Your beneficiaries the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with The Policy as described in the provision entitled **Claim Denial.**

In the event We deny Your or Your beneficiaries' claim for benefits, in whole or in part, You or Your beneficiaries can appeal the decision to Us. If You or Your beneficiaries choose to appeal Our decision, the process You or Your beneficiaries must follow is set forth in The Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal.** If You or Your beneficiaries do not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
State of California Insurance Department
Consumer Communications Bureau
300 South Spring Street, South Tower
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP
TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833
Web Address: www.insurance.ca.gov

Colorado:

1. The **Suicide** provision will only exclude amounts of life insurance in effect within the first year of coverage or within the first year following an increase in coverage.
2. The **Dependent Child(ren)** definition will always include children related to You by civil union.
3. The **Spouse** definition will always include civil unions.
4. Entering a civil union, terminating a civil union, the death of a party to a civil union or a party to a civil union losing employment, which results in a loss of group insurance, will all constitute as a **Change in Family Status**.

Florida:

1. **Legal Actions** cannot be taken against Us more than 5 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be furnished according to the terms of The Policy.
2. **NOTICE:** The benefits of the policy providing you coverage may be governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.

Georgia:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family abuse.

Idaho:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
Idaho Department of Insurance
Consumer Affairs
700 W State Street, 3rd Floor
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0043
Toll Free: 1-800-721-3272
Web Address: www.DOI.Idaho.gov

Illinois:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
Illinois Department of Insurance
Consumer Services Station

Springfield, Illinois 62767
Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364
Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431

2. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act
Effective June 1, 2011

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq*. Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance Benefits document available on the Illinois Department of Insurance's website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

Indiana:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Public Information/Market Conduct
   Indiana Department of Insurance
   311 W. Washington St. Suite 300
   Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
   1(317) 232-2395

Louisiana:

1. The age limit stated in the **Continuation for Dependent Child(ren)** with Disabilities provision is increased to 21, if less than 21.
2. The following requirement applies to you:

   Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?* If Your or Your Dependents' coverage ends because You or Your Dependents enter active military service, coverage may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement upon Your or Your Dependents' release from active military service.

   The reinstated coverage will:
   1) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage ended;
   2) not be subject to any Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage or Evidence of Insurability; and
   3) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

Maine:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

   Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.

Maryland:

1. **NOTICE: The group insurance Policy providing coverage under the Certificate may have been issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

Massachusetts:

1. The definition of **Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill** shown in the **Accelerated Benefit** cannot exceed 24 months.
2. **NOTICE: As of January 1, 2009, the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law requires that Massachusetts residents, eighteen (18) years of age and older, must have health coverage that meets the Minimum Creditable Coverage standards set by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, unless waived from the health insurance requirement based on affordability or individual hardship. For more information call the Connector at 1-877-MA-ENROLL or visit the Connector website (www.mahealthconnector.org).**

   This plan is not intended to provide comprehensive health care coverage and **does not meet Minimum Creditable Coverage standards**, even if it does include services that are not available in the insured's other health plans.

   If you have questions about this notice, you may contact the Division of Insurance by calling (617) 521-7794 or visiting its website at www.mass.gov/doi.

Michigan:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

Minnesota:

1. You or Your Dependents must be on a documented military leave of absence in order to qualify for the Military Leave of Absence continuation shown in the **Continuation Provisions**.
2. If there are 25 or more residents of Minnesota who are covered under The Policy and those 25 residents constitute 25% or more of the total number of people covered under The Policy, the Lay Off continuation shown in the **Continuation Provisions** shall not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

   Minnesota Coverage Continuation: If You are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated or Laid Off by the Employer, You may elect to continue Your Life Insurance coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) by making premium payments to the Employer for the cost of continued coverage. Continued coverage will take effect on the date Your coverage would otherwise have ended and must be elected within 60 days from:
   1) the date Your coverage would otherwise terminate; or
   2) the date You receive a written notice of Your right to continue coverage from the Employer;

   whichever is later.

   The amount of premium charged may not exceed 102% of the premium paid for other similarly situated employees who are Actively at Work. The Employer will inform You of:
   1) Your right to continue coverage;
   2) the amount of premium; and
   3) how, where and by when payment must be made.

   Upon request, the Employer will provide You Our written verification of the cost of coverage.

   Coverage will be continued until the earliest of:
   1) the date You are covered under another group policy;
   2) the date the required premium is due but not paid; or
   3) the last day of the 18th month following the date of termination or Lay Off.

   Upon the termination of continued coverage, You may:
   1) exercise Your Conversion Right; or
   2) continue coverage under a group Portability policy; and
   3) qualify for Retiree coverage.

   Minnesota law requires that if Your coverage ends because the Employer fails to notify You of Your right to continue coverage or fails to pay the premium after timely receipt, the Employer will be liable for benefit payments to the extent We would have been liable had You still been covered.

3. If the following paragraph appears in the **Accelerated Benefit** provision, it does not apply to you:

   In the event:
   1) You are required by law to accelerate benefits to meet the claims of creditors; or
   2) if a government agency requires You to apply for benefits to qualify for a government benefit or entitlement;

   You will still be required to satisfy all the terms and conditions herein in order to receive an Accelerated Benefit
4. If there are 25 or more residents of Minnesota who are covered under The Policy and those 25 residents constitute 25% or more of the total number of people covered under The Policy, You are not required to be insured under The Policy for a specified period of time in order to exercise the **Conversion Right**.

Missouri:

1. The period in which You must remain Disabled to qualify for **Waiver of Premium** cannot exceed 180.
2. If Waiver of Premium is approved and You have completed the elimination period, We will retroactively refund to You, or to Your estate if You have died, any premiums paid during the period You have been continuously Disabled.
3. The **Suicide** provision will only exclude amounts of life insurance in effect within the first year of coverage or within the first year following an increase in coverage.

Montana:

1. The time period in which You are required to be insured under The Policy in order to exercise the **Conversion Right** cannot exceed 3 years.
2. If You are eligible to receive the **Felonious Assault Benefit**, We will not exclude for losses that result from a Felonious Assault committed by a member of Your family or a member of the household in which You live.
3. **NOTICE:** Conformity with Montana statutes: The provisions of the certificate conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of the certificate

New Hampshire:

1. Your Spouse may be eligible to continue his or her Life Insurance coverage in the event of divorce or separation as shown in the **Spouse Continuation** below:

   Spouse Continuation: *Can coverage for my Spouse be continued in the event of divorce or separation?*
   If:
   1) You are a resident of New Hampshire;
   2) You get a divorce or legal separation from a Spouse that is covered under The Policy; and
   3) the final decree of divorce or legal separation does not expressly prohibit it;

   Your former Spouse may continue his or her coverage.

   We must receive Your Spouse's written request and the required premium to continue his or her coverage within 30 days of the final decree of divorce or legal separation.

   Solely for the purpose of continuing the coverage, Your Spouse will be considered the insured person. However, Your former Spouse's coverage will not continue beyond the earliest of:
   1) the 3-year anniversary of the final decree of divorce or legal separation;
   2) the remarriage of the former Spouse;
   3) Your death;
   4) an earlier time as provided by the final decree of divorce or legal separation; or
   5) a date the coverage would otherwise have ended under the Dependent Termination Provision.

New York:

1. If the definition of **Spouse** requires the completion of a domestic partner affidavit, the requirement applies to you: The domestic partner affidavit must be notarized and requires that You and Your domestic partner meet all of the following criteria:
   1) you are both are legally and mentally competent to consent to contract in the state in which you reside;
   2) you are not related by blood in a manner that would bar marriage under laws of the state in which you reside;

3) you have been living together on a continuous basis prior to the date of the application;
4) neither of you have been registered as a member of another domestic partnership within the last six months; and
5) you provide proof of cohabitation (e.g., a driver's license, tax return or other sufficient proof).

The domestic partner affidavit further requires that You and Your domestic partner provide proof of financial interdependence in the form of at least two of the following:

1) a joint bank account;
2) a joint credit card or charge card;
3) joint obligation on a loan;
4) status as an authorized signatory on the partner's bank account, credit card or charge card;
5) joint ownership of holdings or investments, residence, real estate other than residence, major items of personal property (e.g., appliances, furniture), or a motor vehicle;
6) listing of both partners as tenants on the lease of the shared residence;
7) shared rental payments of residence (need not be shared 50/50)
8) listing of both partners as tenants on a lease, or shared rental payments, for property other than residence;
9) a common household and shared household expenses (e.g., grocery bills, utility bills, telephone bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
10) shared household budget for purposes of receiving government benefits;
11) status of one as representative payee for the other's government benefits;
12) joint responsibility for child care (e.g., school documents, guardianship);
13) shared child-care expenses (e.g., babysitting, day care, school bills, etc. and need not be shared 50/50);
14) execution of wills naming each other as executor and/or beneficiary;
15) designation as beneficiary under the other's life insurance policy;
16) designation as beneficiary under the other's retirement benefits account;
17) mutual grant of durable power of attorney;
18) mutual grant of authority to make health care decisions (e.g., health care power of attorney);
19) affidavit by creditor or other individual able to testify to partners' financial interdependence;
20) other item(s) of proof sufficient to establish economic interdependency under the circumstances of the particular case.

North Carolina:

1. **NOTICE:** UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, FINANCIAL AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:
   1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSON INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND
   2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

IMPORTANT TERMINATION INFORMATION

YOUR INSURANCE MAY BE CANCELLED BY THE COMPANY. PLEASE READ THE TERMINATION PROVISION IN THE CERTIFICATE.

THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE PROVIDES COVERAGE UNDER A GROUP MASTER POLICY. THE CERTIFICATE PROVIDES ALL OF THE BENEFITS MANDATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE CODE, BUT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY A POLICY ISSUED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND GOVERNED BY ALL OF THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

North Dakota:

1. The **Suicide** provision will only exclude amounts of life insurance in effect within the first year of coverage or within the first year following an increase in coverage.

Ohio:

1. Any references to the **Accelerated Benefit** shall be changed to the **Accelerated Death Benefit**.

Oregon:

1. The **Spouse** definition will include Your domestic partner provided You have registered as domestic partners with a government agency or office where such registration is available. You will not be required to provide proof of such registration.
2. The **Dependent Child(ren)** definition will include children related to You by domestic partnership.
3. The following Jury Duty continuation applies for Employers with 10 or more employees:

   Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:
   1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
   2) provided notice of the election to Your Employer in accordance with Your Employer's notification policy.

Rhode Island:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

South Carolina:

1. The dollar amount stated in the third paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is changed to $2,000, if greater than $2,000.
2. If the **Continuity from a Prior Policy for Disability Extension** provision is included in the Certificate and You qualify for continued coverage, Your Amount of Insurance will be the greater of the amount of life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment principal sum that You had under the Prior Policy or the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance. This Amount of Insurance will be reduced by any coverage amount that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy or that would have been payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.
3. If The Policy Terminates or Your Employer ceases to be a Participating Employer and You have been approved for the **Waiver of Premium**, Your coverage under the terms of this provision will not be affected. Your Dependent coverage will continue for a period of 12 months from the date of Policy termination and will be subject to the terms and conditions of The Policy.
4. If The Policy Terminates or Your Employer ceases to be a Participating Employer and You have been approved for the **Disability Extension**, Your and Your Dependent's coverage will be continued for a period of up to 12 months from the date The Policy terminated or Your Employer ceased to be a Participating Employer, as long as premiums are paid when due. Coverage during this period will be subject to the other terms and conditions of the **Disability Extension Ceases** provision. When this extension period is exhausted, You may be eligible to exercise the **Conversion Right** for You and Your Dependent's coverage. **Portability Benefits** will not be available

South Dakota:

1. The definition of **Physician** can include You or a person Related to You by blood or marriage in the event that the Physician is the only one in the area and is acting within the scope of their normal employment.

Texas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

   To obtain information or make a complaint: Para obtener información o para presentar una

You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-523-2233

You may also write to The Hartford at:

P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights, or complaints at:

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:
This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

queja:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de The Hartford's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

1-800-523-2233

Usted también puede escribir a The Hartford:

P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:
Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con el agente o la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:
Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

Utah:

1. We will send **Claim Forms** within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of the claim may be submitted.
2. If the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision provides a timeframe in which proof must be submitted before it affects Your claim, this time limitation shall not apply to You.
3. When We determine that benefits are payable, We will make **Claim Payments** within no more than 45 days after **Proof of Loss** is received.
4. Any reference to fraud within the **Incontestability** provision does not apply to You.
5. A Sickness or Injury continuation of at least 6 months must be included in the **Continuation Provisions**.

Vermont:

1. The following requirement applies:

   Purpose: This requirement is intended to provide benefits for parties to a civil union. Vermont law requires that insurance contracts and policies offered to married persons and their families be made available to parties to a civil union and their families. In order to receive benefits in accordance with this requirement, the civil union must have been established in the state of Vermont according to Vermont law.

General Definitions, Terms, Conditions and Provisions: The general definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements are hereby superseded as follows:

1) Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship: such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms include the relationship created by a civil union.
2) Terms that mean or refer to a family relationship arising from a marriage such as "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "children", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor" and any other such terms include the family relationship created by a civil union.
3) Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union.
4) "Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union, and/or a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.
5) "Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

Cautionary Disclosure: THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF VERMONT LAW AS EXPLAINED IN THE "PURPOSE" PARAGRAPH OF THE NOTICE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THIS NOTICE. YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK EXPERT ADVICE TO DETERMINE YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS CONTRACT

2. Interest on a **Claim Payment** is payable from the date of death until the date payment is made at an interest rate of 6% annually or Our corporate interest rate, whichever is greater.

Virginia:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Life and Health Division
   Bureau of Insurance
   P.O. Box 1157
   Richmond, VA 23209
   1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia)
   1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)

Washington:

1. The following **Disputed Diagnosis** requirement applies to You:

   Disputed Diagnosis: *What happens if a dispute occurs over whether I am Terminally Ill or my Dependent is Terminally Ill?*
   If Your or Your Dependent's attending Physician, and a Physician appointed by Us, disagree on whether You or Your Dependent are Terminally Ill, Our Physician's opinion will not be binding upon You or Your Dependent. The two parties shall attempt to resolve the matter promptly and amicably. If the disagreement is not resolved, You or Your Dependent have the right to mediation or binding arbitration conducted by a disinterested third party who has no ongoing relationship with either You or Your Dependent or Us. Any such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. As part of the final decision, the arbitrator or mediator shall award the costs of the arbitrator to one party or the other, or may divide the costs equally or otherwise.

2. A Labor Dispute continuation of at least 6 months must be included in the **Continuations Provisions**.
3. The **Dependent Child(ren)** definition will always include children related to You by domestic partnership.
4. The definition of **Spouse** will always include domestic partners.
5. The provision titled **Suicide** does not apply to you.

Wisconsin:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

To request a Complaint Form:
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
Complaints Department
P.O. Box 7873
Madison, WI 53707-7873
1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)
1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)

HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06155
(A stock insurance company)

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Policyholder: HARALSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
Policy Number: GL-677721
Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2015
Policy Anniversary Date: July 1, 2017

We have issued The Policy to the Policyholder. Our name, the Policyholder's name and the Policy Number are shown above. The provisions of The Policy, which are important to You, are summarized in this certificate consisting of this form and any additional forms which have been made a part of this certificate. This certificate replaces any other certificate We may have given to You earlier under The Policy. The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. Any difference between The Policy and this certificate will be settled according to the provisions of The Policy on file with Us at Our home office. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

Signed for the Company

Lisa Levin, *Secretary*

Michael Concannon, *President*

A note on capitalization in this Certificate:
Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term in The Policy or refers to a specific provision contained herein.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

The benefits described herein are those in effect as of April 1, 2017.

Cost of Coverage:
Non-Contributory Coverage: Basic Life Insurance

Contributory Coverage: Supplemental Life Insurance
Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance

Disclosure of Fees:
We may reduce or adjust premiums, rates, fees and/or other expenses for programs under The Policy.

Disclosure of Services:
In addition to the insurance coverage, We may offer noninsurance benefits and services to Active Employees.

Eligible Class(es) For Coverage: All Full-time Active Employees who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates; excluding temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Full-time Employment: at least 20 hours weekly

Annual Enrollment Period: as determined by Your Employer on a yearly basis.

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:
1) None - if You are working for the Employer on the Policy Effective Date; or
2) The first day of the month following 1 calendar month of employment - if You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date.

The time period(s) referenced above are continuous.

Life Insurance Benefit

Amount of Life Insurance:

Basic Amount of Life Insurance

Maximum Amount
$10,000

Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance

Guaranteed Issue Amount	**Maximum Amount**
The amount You elect in increments of $10,000, subject to a lesser of $150,000 or 3 times Your annual Earnings.	The amount You elect in increments of $10,000 to a maximum of $500,000.

However, in no event will Your Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance be less than $10,000.

Dependent Life Insurance Benefit

Supplemental Amount of Dependent Life Insurance

	Guaranteed Issue Amount	**Maximum Amount**
Spouse	The amount You elect in increments of $5,000, subject to a minimum of $5,000 and a	The amount You elect in increments of $5,000, subject to a minimum of $5,000 and a

maximum of $20,000. maximum of $100,000.

	Maximum Amount
Dependent Children: Age 15 day(s) but under age 25 year(s)	$10,000

The amount of Spouse Supplemental coverage may never exceed 50% of the Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance in force for the employee.

Reduction in Amount of Life Insurance

We will reduce the Amount of Life Insurance for You and Your Dependents by any Amount of Life Insurance in force, paid or payable:

1) in accordance with the Conversion Right;
2) under the Portability provision; or
3) under the Prior Policy.

Reduction in Coverage Due to Age

We will reduce the Life Insurance Benefit for You by the percentage indicated in the table below. This reduction will be effective on the Policy Anniversary Date following the date You attain the ages shown below. The reduction will apply to the Amount of Life Insurance in force immediately prior to the first reduction made.

Reductions also apply if:

1) You become covered under The Policy; or
2) Your coverage increases;

on or after the date You attain age 65.

Percentage by which original amount of coverage will be reduced.	**Your Age**	**Your % Reduction**
	65	35%
	70	55%
	75	70%
	80	80%
	85	85%
	90	90%

The reduced amount of coverage will be rounded to the next higher multiple of $500, if not already a multiple of $500. An appropriate adjustment in premium will be made.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*
All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.

Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*
You will become eligible for coverage on the latest of:

1) the Policy Effective Date;
2) the date You become a member of an Eligible Class; or
3) the date You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

Eligibility for Dependent Coverage: *When will I become eligible for Dependent Coverage?*
You will become eligible for Dependent coverage on the later of:

1) the date You become insured for employee coverage; or
2) the date You acquire Your first Dependent.

No person may be insured:

1) as a Dependent and an Active Employee; or
2) as a Dependent of more than one Active Employee;

under The Policy.

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*
For Non-Contributory Coverage, Your Employer will automatically enroll You for coverage. However, You will be required to complete a beneficiary designation form.

To enroll for Contributory Coverage, You must:
1) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us, for Your and Your Dependent's coverage; and
2) deliver it to Your Employer.

You have the option to enroll electronically. Your Employer will provide instructions.

If You do not enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage within 31 days after becoming eligible under The Policy, or if You were eligible to enroll under the Prior Policy and did not do so, and later choose to enroll You may enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage only:
1) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
2) within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

Enrollment may be subject to the Evidence of Insurability Requirements provision.

Evidence of Insurability Requirements: *When will I first be required to provide Evidence of Insurability?*
We require Evidence of Insurability for initial coverage, if You:
1) enroll more than 31 days after the date You are first eligible, for an amount greater than 1 level, including electing initial coverage after a Change in Family Status;
2) enroll for an Amount of Life Insurance greater than the Supplemental Guaranteed Issue Amount, regardless of when You enroll for coverage; or
3) were eligible for any coverage under the Prior Policy, but did not enroll and later choose to enroll or an amount greater than 1 level under The Policy.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:
1) Your Amount of Life Insurance will equal the amount for which You were eligible without providing Evidence of Insurability, provided You enrolled within 31 days of the date You were first eligible to enroll; and
2) You will not be covered under The Policy if You enrolled more than 31 days after the date You were first eligible to enroll.

Dependent Evidence of Insurability Requirements: *When will my Dependents first be required to provide Evidence of Insurability?*
We require Evidence of Insurability, for initial coverage, if You:
1) enroll for Your Dependents' coverage more than 31 days after the date You are first eligible to enroll, for an amount greater than 1 level including electing initial coverage after a Change in Family Status;
2) enroll for an Amount of Dependent Life Insurance greater than the Dependent Guaranteed Issue Amount, regardless of when You enroll for coverage; or
3) were eligible for any coverage under the Prior Policy, but did not enroll and later choose to enroll for an amount greater than 1 level under The Policy.

However, no Evidence of Insurability will be required if the Amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Child is $15,000 or less.

If Your Dependents' Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:
1) Your Dependents' Amount of Life Insurance will equal the amount for which Your Dependents were eligible without providing Evidence of Insurability, provided You enrolled within 31 days of the date You were first eligible to enroll; or
2) Your Dependents will not be covered under The Policy if You enrolled more than 31 days after the date You were first eligible to enroll.

Evidence of Insurability: *What is Evidence of Insurability?*
Evidence of Insurability must be satisfactory to Us and may include, but will not be limited to:
1) a completed and signed application approved by Us;

2) a medical examination;
3) an attending Physician's statement; and
4) any additional information We may require.

Evidence of Insurability will be furnished at Our expense except for Evidence of Insurability due to late enrollment. We will then determine if You or Your Dependents are insurable for initial coverage or an increase in coverage as described in the Increase in Amount of Life Insurance provision.

You will be notified in writing of Our determination of any Evidence of Insurability submission.

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*
A Change in Family Status occurs when:
1) You get married;
2) You and Your spouse divorce;
3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
4) Your spouse dies;
5) Your child is no longer financially dependent on You or dies;
6) Your spouse is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Effective Date: *When does my coverage start?*
Non-Contributory Coverage will start on the date You become eligible.

Contributory Coverage, for which Evidence of Insurability is not required, will start on the latest to occur of:
1) the date You become eligible, if You enroll on or before that date;
2) the first day of the month on or next following the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
3) the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible.

Any coverage for which Evidence of Insurability is required, will become effective on the later of:
1) the date You become eligible; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability.

All Effective Dates of coverage are subject to the Deferred Effective Date provision.

Deferred Effective Date: *When will my effective date for coverage or a change in my coverage be deferred?*
If, on the date You are to become covered:
1) under The Policy;
2) for increased benefits; or
3) for a new benefit;
You are not Actively at Work due to a physical or mental condition, such coverage will not start until the date You are Actively at Work.

Continuity from a Prior Policy: *Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Policy?*
Your initial coverage under The Policy will begin, and will not be deferred if, on the day before the Policy Effective Date, You were insured under the Prior Policy, but on the Policy Effective Date, You were not Actively at Work, and would otherwise meet the Eligibility requirements of The Policy. However, Your Amount of Insurance will be the lesser of the amount of life insurance:
1) You had under the Prior Policy; or
2) shown in the Schedule of Insurance;
reduced by any coverage amount:
1) that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy; or
2) that would have been so payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.

Such amount of insurance under this provision is subject to any reductions in The Policy and will not increase.

Coverage provided through this provision ends on the first to occur of:
1) the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months after the Policy Effective Date;
2) the date Your insurance terminates for any reason shown under the Termination provision;
3) the last day You would have been covered under the Prior Policy, had the Prior Policy not terminated; or
4) the date You are Actively at Work.

However, if the coverage provided through this provision ends because You are Actively at Work, You may be covered as an Active Employee under The Policy.

Dependent Effective Date: *When does Dependent coverage start?*
Coverage, for which Evidence of Insurability is not required, will start on the latest to occur of:
1) the date You become eligible for Dependent coverage, if You have enrolled on or before that date; or
2) the first day of the month on or next following the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
3) the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible for Dependent coverage.

Coverage for which Evidence of Insurability is required, will become effective on the later of:
1) the date You become eligible for Dependent coverage; or
2) the date We approve Your Dependents' Evidence of Insurability.

In no event will Dependent coverage become effective before You become insured.

Dependent Deferred Effective Date: *When will the effective date for Dependent coverage or a change in coverage be deferred?*
If, on the date Your Dependent is to become covered:
1) under The Policy;
2) for increased benefits; or
3) for a new benefit; and

he or she is:
1) confined in a hospital; or
2) Confined Elsewhere;

such coverage will not start until he or she:
1) is discharged from the hospital; or
2) is no longer Confined Elsewhere;

and has engaged in all the normal and customary activities of a person of like age and gender, in good health, for at least 15 consecutive days.

This Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to disabled children who qualify under the definition of Dependent Child(ren).

Confined Elsewhere means Your Dependent is unable to perform, unaided, the normal functions of daily living, or leave home or other place of residence without assistance.

Dependent Continuity from a Prior Policy: *Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Policy for my Dependents?*
If on the day before the Policy Effective Date, You were covered with respect to Your Dependents under the Prior Policy, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to initial coverage under The Policy for such Dependents. However, the Dependent Amount of Insurance will be the lesser of the amount of life insurance:
1) Your Dependents had under the Prior Policy; or
2) shown in the Schedule of Insurance;

reduced by any coverage amount:
1) that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy; or
2) that would have been so payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.

Change in Coverage: *When may I change my coverage or coverage for my Dependents?*
After Your initial enrollment You may increase or decrease coverage for You or Your Dependents, or add a new Dependent to Your existing Dependent coverage:
1) during any Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
2) within 31 days of the date of a Change in Family Status.

Effective Date for Changes in Coverage: *When will changes in coverage become effective?*
Any decrease in coverage will take effect on the date of the change.

Any increase in coverage will take effect on the latest of:

1) the date of the change;
2) the date requirements of the Deferred Effective Date provision are met;
3) the date Evidence of Insurability is approved, if required; or
4) the first day of the month on or next following the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, except for an increase as a result of a Change in Family Status.

Increase in Amount of Life Insurance: *If I request an increase in the Amount of Life Insurance for myself or my Dependents, must we provide Evidence of Insurability?*
If You or Your Dependents are:

1) already enrolled for an Amount of Supplemental Life Insurance under The Policy, then You and Your Dependents
must provide Evidence of Insurability for an increase of more than 1 level; or
2) not already enrolled for an Amount of Supplemental Life Insurance under The Policy, then You and Your Dependents
must provide Evidence of Insurability for an increase of more than 1 increment;
including an initial amount.

In any event, if the Amount of Life Insurance You request is greater than the Guaranteed Issue Amount, You or Your Dependents,
as applicable, must provide Evidence of Insurability.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us, the Amount of Life Insurance You had in effect on the date immediately prior to the date You requested the increase will not change.

If Your Dependents' Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us, the Amount of Life Insurance they had in effect on the date immediately prior to the date You requested the increase will not change.

Increase in Amount of Life Insurance: *If my Amount of Life Insurance increases because my Earnings increase, must I provide Evidence of Insurability?*
If Your Amount of Life Insurance is based on a multiple of Your Earnings, You must provide Evidence of Insurability if Your Earnings increase such that Your Amount of Life Insurance is greater than the Guaranteed Issue Amount. An increase in Earnings which causes an increase in Your Amount of Life Insurance will be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the amount of premium due for this coverage.

Once approved, We will not require Evidence of Insurability again if Your Amount of Life Insurance increases solely because Your Earnings increased.

However, if:

1) You do not submit Evidence of Insurability; or
2) Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us,

Your Amount of Life Insurance:

1) will increase, but only up to the amount for which You were eligible without having to provide Evidence of Insurability; and
2) will not increase again, or beyond that amount, until Your Evidence of Insurability is approved.

Termination: *When will my coverage end?*
Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

1) the date The Policy terminates;
2) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You are no longer in a class eligible for coverage, or The Policy no longer insures Your class;
3) the end of the month on or next following the date the premium payment is due but not paid;
4) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
5) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You are no longer Actively at Work;

unless continued in accordance with any one of the Continuation Provisions.

Dependent Termination: *When does coverage for my Dependent end?*

Coverage for Your Dependent will end on the earliest to occur of:

1) the date Your coverage ends;
2) the end of the month on or next following the date the required premium is due but not paid;
3) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You are no longer eligible for Dependent coverage;
4) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date We or the Employer terminate Dependent coverage; or
5) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date the Dependent no longer meets the definition of Dependent;

unless continued in accordance with the Continuation Provisions.

Continuation Provisions: *Can my coverage and coverage for my Dependents be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate?*
Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way.

The amount of continued coverage applicable to You or Your Dependents will be the amount of coverage in effect on the date immediately before coverage would otherwise have ended. Continued coverage:

1) is subject to any reductions in The Policy;
2) is subject to payment of premium;
3) may be continued up to the maximum time shown in the provisions; and
4) terminates if The Policy terminates.

In no event will the amount of insurance increase while coverage is continued in accordance with the following provisions. The Continuation Provisions shown below may not be applied consecutively.

In all other respects, the terms of Your coverage and coverage for Your Dependents remain unchanged.

Leave of Absence: If You are on a documented leave of absence, other than Family and Medical Leave or Military Leave of Absence, Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued until the last day of the month following the month in which the leave of absence commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Military Leave of Absence: If You enter active full-time military service and are granted a military leave of absence in writing, Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Lay Off: If You are temporarily laid off by the Employer due to lack of work, all of Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued until the last day of the month following the month in which the lay off commenced. If the lay off becomes permanent, this continuation will cease immediately.

Status Change: If You are:

1) employed by the Policyholder; and
2) no longer in an Eligible Class due to a reduction in the number of scheduled hours You work;

Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued until the last day of the third consecutive month after the date Your scheduled hours were reduced.

Disability Insurance: If You are working for the Policyholder and:

1) are covered by; and
2) meet the definition of disabled under;

a group long term disability insurance policy, issued by Us to Your Employer, Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for a period of 12 consecutive month(s) from the date You were last Actively at Work while You remain disabled.

Sickness or Injury: If You are not Actively at Work due to sickness or injury, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued:

1) for a period of 12 consecutive month(s) from the date You were last Actively at Work; or
2) if such absence results in a leave of absence in accordance with state or federal family and medical leave laws, then the combined continuation period will not exceed 12 consecutive month(s).

Family and Medical Leave: If You are granted a leave of absence, in writing, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, or other applicable state or local law, Your coverage(s) (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by other applicable law, following the date Your leave commenced. If the leave of absence ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Continuation for Dependent Child(ren) with Disabilities: *Will coverage for Dependent Child(ren) with disabilities be continued?*
If Your Dependent Child(ren) reach the age at which they would otherwise cease to be a Dependent as defined, and they are:

1) age 25 or older; and
2) disabled; and
3) primarily dependent upon You for financial support;

then Dependent Child(ren) coverage will not terminate solely due to age. However:

1) You must submit proof satisfactory to Us of such Dependent Child(ren)'s disability within 31 days of the date he or she reaches such age; and
2) such Dependent Child(ren) must have become disabled before attaining age 25.

Coverage under The Policy will continue as long as:

1) You remain insured;
2) the child continues to meet the required conditions; and
3) any required premium is paid when due.

However, no increase in the Amount of Life Insurance for such Dependent Child(ren) will be available.

We have the right to require proof, satisfactory to Us, as often as necessary during the first two years of continuation, that the child continues to meet these conditions. We will not require proof more often than once a year after that.

Waiver of Premium: *Does coverage continue if I am Disabled?*
Waiver of Premium is a provision which allows You to continue Your and Your Dependents' coverage without paying premium, while You are Disabled and qualify for Waiver of Premium.

If You qualify for Waiver of Premium, the amount of continued coverage:

1) will be the amount in force on the date You cease to be an Active Employee;
2) will be subject to any reductions provided by The Policy; and
3) will not increase.

Only Your Dependents who were covered under The Policy when You were last Actively at Work will be covered under Waiver of Premium.

Eligible Coverages: *What coverages are eligible under this provision?*
This provision applies only to:

1) Your Basic Life Insurance; and
2) Your Supplemental Life Insurance.

You are not eligible to apply for both the Portability Benefit and Waiver of Premium for the same coverage amount for You or Your Dependents.

Disabled: *What does Disabled mean?*
Disabled means You are prevented by injury or sickness from doing any work for which You are, or could become, qualified by:

1) education;
2) training; or
3) experience.

In addition, You will be considered Disabled if You have been diagnosed with a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

Conditions for Qualification: *What conditions must I satisfy before I qualify for this provision?*
To qualify for Waiver of Premium You must:

1) be covered under The Policy and be under age 60 when you become Disabled;

2) be Disabled and provide Proof of Loss that You have been Disabled for 9 consecutive months, starting on the date You were last Actively at Work or provide proof that You have been diagnosed with a life expectancy of 12 months or less; and
3) provide such proof within one year of Your last day of work as an Active Employee.

In any event, You must have been Actively at Work under The Policy to qualify for Waiver of Premium.

When Premiums are Waived: *When will premiums be waived?*
If We approve Waiver of Premium, We will notify You of the date We will begin to waive premium. In any case, We will not waive premiums for the first 9 month(s) You are Disabled. We have the right to:
1) require Proof of Loss that You are Disabled; and
2) have You examined at reasonable intervals during the first 2 years after receiving initial Proof of Loss, but not more than once a year after that.

If You fail to submit any required Proof of Loss or refuse to be examined as required by Us, then Waiver of Premium ceases.

However, if We deny Waiver of Premium, You may be eligible to:
1) continue coverage under the Portability Benefit; or
2) convert coverage in accordance with the Conversion Right;

for You and Your Dependents.

If You cease to be Disabled and return to work for a total of 5 days or less during the first 9 month(s) that You are Disabled, the 9 month waiting period will not be interrupted. Except for the 5 days or less that You worked, You must be Disabled by the same condition for the total 9 month period. If You return to work for more than 5 days, You must satisfy a new waiting period.

Benefit Payable before Approval of Waiver of Premium: *What if I die or my Dependent dies before I qualify for Waiver of Premium?*
If You or Your Dependent die within one year of Your last day of work as an Active Employee, but before You qualify for Waiver of Premium, We will pay the Amount of Life Insurance which is in force for the deceased person provided:
1) You were continuously Disabled;
2) the Disability lasted or would have lasted 9 months or more; and
3) premiums had been paid for coverage.

Waiver Ceases: *When will Waiver of Premium cease?*
We will waive premium payments and continue Your coverage, while You remain Disabled, until the date You attain Normal Retirement Age if Disabled prior to age 60.

We will waive premium payments for Your Dependent Life Insurance and continue such coverage, while You remain Disabled, until the earliest of the date:
1) You die;
2) You no longer qualify for Waiver of Premium;
3) Your Dependents are no longer in an Eligible Class, or Dependent coverage is no longer offered; or
4) Your Dependent no longer meets the definition of Dependent.

What happens when Waiver of Premium ceases?
When the Waiver of Premium ceases:
1) if You return to work in an Eligible Class, as an Active Employee, then You may again be eligible for coverage for Yourself and Your Dependents as long as premiums are paid when due; or
2) if You do not return to work in an Eligible Class, coverage will end and You may be eligible to exercise the Conversion Right for You and Your Dependents if You do so within the time limits described in such provision. The Amount of Life Insurance that may be converted will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Conversion Right. Portability will not be available.

Effect of Policy Termination: *What happens to the Waiver of Premium if The Policy terminates?*
If The Policy terminates before You qualify for Waiver of Premium:
1) You may be eligible to exercise the Conversion Right, provided You do so within the time limits described in such provision; and
2) You may still be approved for Waiver of Premium if You qualify.

If The Policy terminates after You qualify for Waiver of Premium:

1) Your Dependent coverage will continue for a period of 12 months from the date of Policy termination and will be subject to the terms and conditions of this provision; and
2) Your coverage under the terms of this provision will not be affected.

BENEFITS

Life Insurance Benefit: *When is the Life Insurance Benefit payable?*
If You or Your Dependents die while covered under The Policy, We will pay the deceased person's Life Insurance Benefit after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision.

The Life Insurance Benefit will be paid according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

Suicide: *What benefit is payable if death is a result of suicide?*
If You or Your Dependent commit suicide while sane or insane, We will not pay any Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance or Supplemental Amount of Dependent Life Insurance for the deceased person which was elected within the 2 year period immediately prior to the date of death. This applies to initial coverage and elected increases in coverage. It does not apply to benefit increases that resulted solely due to an increase in Earnings.

This 2 year period includes the time group life insurance coverage was in force under the Prior Policy.

Any premium paid by You during this 2 year period for initial amounts of Supplemental Life Insurance or elected increases in Supplemental Life Insurance, will be returned to Your beneficiary.

Accelerated Benefit: *What is the benefit?*
In the event that You or Your Dependent are diagnosed as Terminally Ill while the Terminally Ill person is:

1) covered under The Policy for an Amount of Life Insurance of at least $10,000; and
2) under age 60;

We will pay the Accelerated Benefit in a lump sum amount as shown below, provided We receive proof of such Terminal Illness.

The Accelerated Benefit will not be available to You unless You have been Actively at Work under The Policy.

You must request in writing that a portion of the Terminally Ill person's Amount of Life Insurance be paid as an Accelerated Benefit.

The Amount of Life Insurance payable upon the Terminally Ill person's death will be reduced by any Accelerated Benefit Amount paid under this benefit. In addition, Your remaining Amount of Life Insurance will be subject to any reductions in The Policy and will not increase once an Accelerated Benefit has been paid. Any premium required will be based on the amount of Your life insurance remaining after the Accelerated Benefit is paid under this benefit.

You may request a minimum Accelerated Benefit amount of $3,000, and a maximum of $500,000. However, in no event will the Accelerated Benefit Amount exceed 80% of the Terminally Ill person's Amount of Life Insurance. This option may be exercised only once for You and only once for each of Your Dependents.

For example, if You are covered for a Life Insurance Benefit Amount under The Policy of $100,000 and are Terminally Ill, You can request any portion of the Amount of Life Insurance Benefits from $3,000 to $80,000 to be paid now instead of to Your beneficiary upon death. However, if You decide to request only $3,000 now, You cannot request the additional $77,000 in the future.

A person who submits proof satisfactory to Us of his or her Terminal Illness will also meet the definition of Disabled for Waiver of Premium.

Any benefits received under this benefit may be taxable. You should consult a personal tax advisor for further information.

In the event:

1) You are required by law to accelerate benefits to meet the claims of creditors; or

2) if a government agency requires You to apply for benefits to qualify for a government benefit or entitlement;

You will still be required to satisfy all the terms and conditions herein in order to receive an Accelerated Benefit.

If You have executed an assignment of rights and interest with respect to Your or Your Dependent's Amount of Life Insurance, in order to receive the Accelerated Benefit, We must receive a release from the assignee before any benefits are payable.

Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill means a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

Proof of Terminal Illness and Examinations: *Must proof of Terminal Illness be submitted?*
We reserve the right to require satisfactory Proof of Terminal Illness on an ongoing basis. Any diagnosis submitted must be provided by a Physician.

If You or Your Dependents do not submit proof of Terminal Illness satisfactory to Us, or if You or Your Dependents refuse to be examined by a Physician, as We may require, then We will not pay an Accelerated Benefit.

Conversion Right: *If coverage under The Policy ends, do I have a right to convert?*
If Life Insurance coverage or any portion of it under The Policy ends for any reason, except nonpayment of premium, You and Your Dependents have the right to convert the coverage that terminated to an individual conversion policy without providing Evidence of Insurability. Conversion is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependents were not eligible and covered under The Policy.

If coverage under The Policy ends because:
1) The Policy is terminated; or,
2) coverage for an Eligible Class is terminated;

then You or Your Dependent must have been insured under The Policy for 5 years or more, in order to be eligible to convert coverage. The amount which may be converted under these circumstances is limited to the lesser of:
1) $10,000; or
2) the Life Insurance Benefit under The Policy less any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependent may become eligible under any group life insurance policy issued or reinstated within 31 days of termination of group life coverage.

If coverage under The Policy ends for any other reason, except nonpayment of premium, the full amount of coverage which ended may be converted.

Insurer, as used in this provision, means Us or another insurance company which has agreed to issue conversion policies according to this Conversion Right.

Conversion: *How do I convert my coverage or my Dependents' coverage?*
To convert Your coverage or coverage for Your Dependents, You must:
1) complete a Notice of Conversion Right form; and
2) have Your Employer sign the form.

The Insurer must receive this within:
1) 31 days after Life Insurance terminates; or
2) 15 days from the date Your Employer signs the form;

whichever is later. However, We will not accept requests for Conversion if they are received more than 91 days after Life Insurance terminates.

After the Insurer verifies eligibility for coverage, the Insurer will send You a Conversion Policy proposal. You must:
1) complete and return the request form in the proposal; and
2) pay the required premium for coverage;

within the time period specified in the proposal.

Any individual policy issued to You or Your Dependents under the Conversion Right:
1) will be effective as of the 32nd day after the date coverage ends; and
2) will be in lieu of coverage for this amount under The Policy.

Conversion Policy Provisions: *What are the Conversion Policy provisions?*
The Conversion Policy will:

1) be issued on any one of the Life Insurance policy forms the Insurer is issuing for this purpose at the time of conversion; and
2) base premiums on the Insurer's rates in effect for new applicants of Your class and age at the time of conversion.

The Conversion Policy will not provide:

1) the same terms and conditions of coverage as The Policy;
2) any benefit other than the Life Insurance Benefit; and
3) term insurance.

However, Conversion is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance which was, or is being, continued:

1) in accordance with the Waiver of Premium provision; or
2) under a certificate of insurance issued in accordance with the Portability provision; or
3) in accordance with the Continuation Provisions;

until such coverage ends.

Death within the Conversion Period: *What if I or my Dependents die before coverage is converted?*
We will pay the deceased person's Amount of Life Insurance You would have had the right to apply for under this provision if:

1) coverage under The Policy terminates; and
2) You or Your Dependent die within 31 days of the date coverage terminates; and
3) We receive Proof of Loss.

If the Conversion Policy has already taken effect, no Life Insurance Benefit will be payable under The Policy for the amount converted.

Effect of Waiver of Premium on Conversion: *What happens to the Conversion Policy if Waiver of Premium is later approved?*
If You apply and are approved for Waiver of Premium after an individual Conversion Policy has been issued, any benefit payable at Your or Your Dependent's death under The Policy will be paid only if the individual Conversion Policy is surrendered. The Insurer will refund the premium paid for such Conversion Policy.

Portability Benefits: *What is Portability?*
Portability is a provision which allows You and Your Dependents to continue coverage under a group Portability policy when coverage would otherwise end due to certain Qualifying Events.

Qualifying Events: *What are Qualifying Events?*
Qualifying Events for You are:

1) Your employment terminates for any reason prior to Normal Retirement Age; or
2) Your membership in an Eligible Class under The Policy ends;

provided the Qualifying Event occurs prior to Normal Retirement Age.

Qualifying Events for Your Dependents are:

1) Your employment terminates, for any reason prior to Normal Retirement Age;
2) Your death;
3) Your membership in a class eligible for Dependent coverage ends; or
4) He or she no longer meets the definition of Dependent, however, a Dependent Child(ren) who reaches the limiting age under The Policy is not eligible for Portability;

provided the Qualifying Event occurs prior to Normal Retirement Age.

In order for Dependent Child(ren) coverage to be continued under this provision, You or Your Spouse must elect to continue coverage due to your own Qualifying Event.

Electing Portability: *How do I elect Portability?*
You may elect Portability for Your coverage after Your Supplemental Life Insurance coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event. You may also elect Portability for Your Dependent coverage if Your Dependent coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event. The Policy must still be in force in order for Portability to be available.

To elect Portability for You or Your Dependents, You must:

1) complete and have Your Employer sign a Portability application; and
2) submit the application to Us, with the required premium.

This must be received within:

1) 31 days after Life Insurance terminates; or
2) 15 days from the date Your Employer signs the application;

whichever is later. However, Portability requests will not be accepted if they are received more than 91 days after Life Insurance terminates.

After We verify eligibility for coverage, We will issue a certificate of insurance under a Portability policy. The Portability coverage will be:

1) issued without Evidence of Insurability;
2) issued on one of the forms then being issued by Us for Portability purposes; and
3) effective on the day following the date Your or Your Dependent's coverage ends.

The terms and conditions of coverage under the Portability policy will not be the same terms and conditions that are applicable to coverage under The Policy.

Limitations: *What limitations apply to this benefit?*
You may elect to continue 50%, 75%, or 100% of the Amount of Life Insurance which is ending for You or Your Dependent. This amount will be rounded to the next higher multiple of $1,000, if not already a multiple of $1,000. However, the Amount of Life Insurance that may be continued will not exceed:

1) $250,000 for You;
2) $50,000 for Your Spouse; or
3) $10,000 for Your Dependent Child(ren).

If You elect to continue 50% or 75% now, You may not continue any portion of the remaining amount under this Portability provision at a later date. In no event will You or Your Dependents be able to continue an Amount of Life Insurance which is less than $5,000.

Portability is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependents were not eligible and covered.

In addition Portability is not available if You or Your Dependents are entering active military service.

Effect of Portability on Other Provisions: *How does Portability affect other Provisions?*
Portability is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance which was, or is being, continued in accordance with the:

1) Conversion Right;
2) Waiver of Premium provision; or
3) Continuation provisions;

under The Policy. However, if:

1) You elect to continue only a portion of terminated coverage under this Portability Benefit; or
2) the Amount of Life Insurance exceeds the maximum Portability amount;

then the Conversion Right may be available for the remaining amount.

The Waiver of Premium provision will not be available if You elect to continue coverage under this Portability Benefit.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*
You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, must give Us, written notice of a claim within 30 days after the date of death.

If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible after that. Such notice must include the claimant's name, address, and the Policy Number.

Claim Forms: *Are special forms required to file a claim?*
We will send forms to the claimant to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, the claimant may submit any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of the claim.

Proof of Loss: *What is Proof of Loss?*
Proof of Loss may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1) a completed claim form;
2) a certified copy of the death certificate (if applicable);
3) Your Enrollment form;
4) Your Beneficiary Designation (if applicable);
5) documentation of:
   a) the date Your disability began;
   b) the cause of Your disability; and
   c) the prognosis of Your disability;
6) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
7) the names and addresses of all:
   a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
   b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
   c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
8) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information (if applicable); or
9) any additional information required by Us to adjudicate the claim.

All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

Sending Proof of Loss: *When must Proof of Loss be given?*
Written Proof of Loss should be sent to Us or Our representative within 365 day(s) after the loss. However, all claims should be submitted to Us within 90 days of the date coverage ends.

If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:
1) it was not reasonably possible to give proof within the required time; and
2) proof is given as soon as reasonably possible; but
3) not later than 1 year after it is due unless You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, are not legally competent.

Physical Examination and Autopsy: *Can We have a claimant examined or request an autopsy?*
While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:
1) to have the person who has a loss examined by a Physician when and as often as We reasonably require; and
2) to have an autopsy performed in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

Claim Payment: *When are benefit payments issued?*
When We determine that benefits are payable, We will pay the benefits in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision, but not more than 30 days after such Proof of Loss is received.

Benefits may be subject to interest payments as required by applicable law.

Claims to be Paid: *To whom will benefits for my claim be paid?*
Life Insurance Benefits will be paid in accordance with the life insurance Beneficiary Designation provided it does not contradict the Claim Payment provision.

If no beneficiary is named, or if no named beneficiary survives You, We may, at Our option, pay:
1) the executors or administrators of Your estate;
2) all to Your surviving spouse;
3) if Your spouse does not survive You, in equal shares to Your surviving children; or
4) if no child survives You, in equal shares to Your surviving parents.

In addition, We may, at Our option, pay a portion of Your Life Insurance Benefit up to $500 to any person equitably entitled to payment by reason of having incurred expenses on Your behalf or because of expenses from Your burial. Payment to any person, as shown above, will release Us from liability for the amount paid.

If any beneficiary is a minor, We may pay his or her share, until a legal guardian of the minor's estate is appointed, to a person who at Our option and in Our opinion is providing financial support and maintenance for the minor. We will pay:
1) $200 at Your death; and
2) monthly installments of not more than $200.

Payment to any person as shown above will release Us from all further liability for the amount paid.

We will pay the Life Insurance Benefit at Your Dependent's death to You, if living. Otherwise, it will be paid, at Our option, to Your surviving spouse or the executor or administrator of Your estate.

We will make any payments, other than for loss of life, to You. We may make any such payments owed at Your death to Your estate. If any payment is owed to:

1) Your estate;
2) a person who is a minor; or
3) a person who is not legally competent,

then We may pay up to $1,000 to a person who is related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.

Beneficiary Designation: *How do I designate or change my beneficiary?*
You may designate or change a beneficiary by doing so in writing on a form satisfactory to Us and filing the form with the Employer. Only satisfactory forms sent to the Employer prior to Your death will be accepted.

Beneficiary designations will become effective as of the date You signed and dated the form, even if You have since died. We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change from the Employer.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a power of attorney.

Claim Denial: *What notification will my beneficiary or I receive if a claim is denied?*
If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You or Your beneficiary will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written notification will:

1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
2) make specific reference to the provisions upon which the denial is based;
3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to perfect a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

Claim Appeal: *What recourse do my beneficiary or I have if a claim is denied?*
On any claim, the claimant or his or her representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so, he or she:

1) must request a review upon written application within:
   a) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of disability; or
   b) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of disability; and
2) may request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim; and
3) may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim.

We will respond in writing with Our final decision on the claim.

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy.

Incontestability: *When can the Life Insurance Benefit of The Policy be contested?*
Except for non-payment of premiums, Your or Your Dependent's Life Insurance Benefit cannot be contested after two years from its effective date.

In the absence of fraud, no statement made by You or Your Spouse relating to Your or Your Spouse's insurability will be used to contest Your insurance for which the statement was made after Your insurance has been in force for two years. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You and Your Spouse.

No statement made relating to Your Dependents being insurable will be used to contest their insurance for which the statement was made after their insurance has been in force for two years. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You or Your representative.

All statements made by the Policyholder, the Employer or You or Your Spouse under The Policy will be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made to affect this insurance will be used in any contest unless it is in writing and a copy of it is given to the person who made it, or to his or her beneficiary or Your representative.

Assignment: *Are there any rights of assignment?*

You have the right to absolutely assign all of Your rights and interest under The Policy including, but not limited to the following:

1) the right to make any contributions required to keep the insurance in force;
2) the right to convert; and
3) the right to name and change a beneficiary.

We will recognize any absolute assignment made by You under The Policy, provided:

1) it is duly executed; and
2) a copy is acknowledged and on file with Us.

We and the Policyholder assume no responsibility:

1) for the validity or effect of any assignment; or
2) to provide any assignee with notices which We may be obligated to provide to You.

You do not have the right to collaterally assign Your rights and interest under The Policy.

Legal Actions: *When can legal action be taken against Us?*
Legal action cannot be taken against Us:

1) sooner than 60 days after the date written Proof of Loss is furnished; or
2) more than 6 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be furnished according to the terms of The Policy.

Workers' Compensation: *How does The Policy affect Workers' Compensation coverage?*
The Policy does not replace Workers' Compensation or affect any requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage.

Insurance Fraud: *How does the Company deal with fraud?*
Insurance fraud occurs when You, Your Dependents and/or the Employer provide Us with false information or file a claim for benefits that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive Us. It is a crime if You, Your Dependents and/or the Employer commit insurance fraud. We will use all means available to Us to detect, investigate, deter and prosecute those who commit insurance fraud. We will pursue all available legal remedies if You, Your Dependents and/or the Employer perpetrate insurance fraud.

Misstatements: *What happens if facts are misstated?*
If material facts about You or Your Dependents were not stated accurately:

1) the premium may be adjusted; and
2) the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

DEFINITIONS

Active Employee means an employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. This must be at least the number of hours shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Actively at Work means at work with Your Employer on a day that is one of Your Employer's scheduled workdays. On that day, You must be performing for wage or profit all of the regular duties of Your job:

1) in the usual way; and
2) for Your usual number of hours.

We will also consider You to be Actively At Work on any regularly scheduled vacation day or holiday, only if You were Actively At Work on the preceding scheduled work day.

Contributory Coverage means coverage for which You are required to contribute toward the cost. Contributory Coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Dependent Child(ren) means:
Your unmarried children, stepchildren, legally adopted children, or any other children related to You by blood or marriage who:

1) live with You in a regular parent-child relationship; and/or
2) You claimed as a dependent on Your last filed federal income tax return;

provided such children are primarily dependent upon You for financial support and maintenance and are:

1) at least 15 days old but not yet age 25; or
2) age 25 or older and disabled. Such children must have become disabled before attaining age 25. You must submit proof, satisfactory to Us, of such children's disability.

Dependents means Your Spouse and Your Dependent Child(ren). A dependent must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America, its territories and protectorates.

Earnings means Your regular annual rate of pay, not counting commissions, bonuses, tips and tokens, overtime pay or any other fringe benefits or extra compensation, in effect on the date immediately prior to the last day You were Actively at Work.

Employer means the Policyholder.

Guaranteed Issue Amount means the Amount of Life Insurance for which We do not require Evidence of Insurability. The Guaranteed Issue Amount is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Non-Contributory Coverage means coverage for which You are not required to contribute toward the cost. Non-Contributory Coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Normal Retirement Age means the Social Security Normal Retirement Age under the most recent amendments to the United States Social Security Act. It is determined by Your date of birth, as follows:

Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age	Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age
1937 or before	65	1955	66 + 2 months
1938	65 + 2 months	1956	66 + 4 months
1939	65 + 4 months	1957	66 + 6 months
1940	65 + 6 months	1958	66 + 8 months
1941	65 + 8 months	1959	66 + 10 months
1942	65 + 10 months	1960 or after	67
1943 through 1954	66		

Physician means a person who is:
1) a doctor of medicine, Osteopathy, Psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
2) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
3) practicing within the scope of that license; and
4) not You or Related to You by blood or marriage.

Prior Policy means the group life insurance policy carried by the Employer on the day before the Policy Effective Date and will only include the coverage which is transferred to Us.

Related means Your Spouse, or other adult living with You, or Your sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild.

Spouse means Your spouse who:
1) is not legally separated or divorced from You; and
2) is not in active full-time military service.

The Policy means the Policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.

We, Us, or Our means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.

You or Your means the person to whom this Certificate of Insurance is issued.

State Notices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at https://www.thehartford.com/. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us or one of our contracted administrators as follows:

The Hartford
Group Benefits Division, Customer Service
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999
1-800-523-2233

If you have a complaint and contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

If your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to you.

Alaska:

4. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is not applicable.
5. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other legal union recognized by state law.

Arizona:

2. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

Arkansas:

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Arkansas Insurance Department
   Consumer Services Division
   1200 West Third Street
   Little Rock, AR 72201-1904
   Toll Free: 1(800) 852-5494
   Local: 1(501) 371-2640

California:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is replaced by the following:

   Eligibility Determination
   We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine the Covered Person's eligibility for benefits for any claim the Covered Person or the Covered Person's estate make on the Policy. We will:
   (a) obtain with the Covered Person's cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate his/her claim and decide whether to accept or deny his/her claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from the Covered Person's Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by the Covered Person or others on the Covered Person's behalf; or, at Our expense. We may obtain necessary information, or have the Covered Person physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at the Covered Person's option and at his/her expense, the Covered Person may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of the Covered Person's choice. The Covered Person should provide Us with all information that he/she want Us to consider regarding his/her claim;

(b) as a part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of the Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims, or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
(c) if We approve the Covered Person's claim, We will review Our decision to approve his/her claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine his/her continued eligibility for benefits;
(d) if We deny the Covered Person's claim, We will explain in writing to the Covered Person the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with the Policy as described in the provision entitled Claim Denial.

In the event We deny the Covered Person's claim for benefits, in whole or in part, he/she can appeal the decision to Us. If the Covered Person chooses to appeal Our decision, the process he/she must follow is set forth in the Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If the Covered Person does not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
State of California Insurance Department
Consumer Communications Bureau
300 South Spring Street, South Tower
Los Angeles, CA 90013
Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP
TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833
Web Address: www.insurance.ca.gov

Colorado:

1. Dependent Child coverage if shown in the **Dependent Termination** provision of the **Period of Coverage** section will not terminate if the Dependent Child is enrolled in a postsecondary education institution and takes a medical leave of absence before the earlier of:
   a) one year after the first day of the Medically Necessary Leave of Absence; or
   b) the date the coverage would otherwise terminate under the terms of coverage.

   Medically Necessary Leave of Absence means a leave of absence from a postsecondary educational institution or a change in enrollment of the Dependent Child at the institution that:
   a) begins while the Dependent Child is suffering from a serious illness;
   b) is medically necessary; and
   c) causes the Dependent to lose student status for the purpose of Dependent Child coverage.
2. The definition of **Dependent Child(ren)** includes children related to You by a civil union and domestic partnership.
3. The definition of **Spouse** includes Your partner in a civil union or domestic partnership.
4. The list of changes in the **Change in Family Status** provision, if shown in the **Eligibility and Enrollment** also applies to coverage for civil unions and domestic partnership.
5. **The following eligibility and enrollment requirements apply to you**:

   Newlywed Coverage:
   If You marry or enter into a civil union or You execute a domestic partner affidavit while covered under The Policy, Your Spouse or party to a civil union or domestic partner shall automatically become covered under The Policy for 31 days of the date of marriage or civil union or domestic partnership. Benefits and amounts will be the minimum amount for those We are providing for Spouse coverage under The Policy at that time.

   Coverage of Your Spouse or party to a civil union or domestic partnership will cease after 31 days of the date of marriage or civil union or domestic partnership unless You:
   a) request in writing that coverage for Your Spouse or party to a civil union or domestic partner be continued; and
   b) pay the additional required premium.

   Newborn/New Child Coverage:
   If, while covered under The Policy, You:
   a) have a newborn child; or
   b) adopt or receive a foster or stepchild;

the child will become covered under The Policy for 31 days of the date of birth or the date of financial dependence on You. Benefits and amounts will be the minimum amount for those We are providing for Dependent Children under The Policy at that time.

Coverage of the new child will cease after 31 days of the date of birth or financial dependence unless You:

a) request in writing that coverage for Your child be continued; and
b) pay the additional required premium.

Florida:

1. **NOTICE:** The benefits of the Policy providing your coverage are governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida; unless the Policy issue state is Florida. Please contact Your Employer with any questions. The preceding does not apply if the policy was issued in the state of Florida.

Idaho:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Idaho Department of Insurance
   Consumer Affairs
   700 W. State Street, 3rd Floor
   PO Box 83720
   Boise, ID 83720-0043
   Toll Free: 1(800) 721-3272
   Web Address: www.DOI.Idaho.gov

Illinois:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is not applicable.
2. **For Your Questions and Complaints**
   Illinois Department of Insurance
   Consumer Services Station
   Springfield, IL 62767
   Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364
   Officer of Consumer Health Insurance 1(877) 527-9431

3. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act
Effective June 1, 2011

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq*. Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance Benefits document available on the Illinois Department of Insurance's website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

Kansas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is replaced by the following:

   Policy Interpretation. Pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), Your Employer has delegated to Us the fiduciary responsibility to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. Therefore, We are fiduciary for The

Policy and We have the continuing duty to act prudently and in the interest of You, Your beneficiaries and the other plan participants. If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, then You may file suit in state or federal court for a review of Your eligibility or entitlement to benefits under The Policy. This provision only applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by ERISA.

Louisiana:

1. The following requirements apply to the definition of **Dependent Child(ren)** :
    a) an unmarried Child who is placed in your home pursuant to an adoption placement agreement; executed with a licensed adoption agency (from the date of placement in your home);
    b) an unmarried Child who is placed in your home following execution of an act of voluntary surrender (as of the date on which the act of voluntary surrender becomes irrevocable);
    c) your unmarried grandchild who is in your legal custody;
    d) a limiting age of 21 years, or 24 years if a student, if less than such ages;
    e) an unmarried Child to age 24, if a student and deemed to be unable to attend school full-time due to a mental or nervous condition, problem or disorder; and
    f) an unmarried Child who is subsequently called to military service and any required premium is paid.
2. The following requirement applies to you:
    Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can my coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?* If:
    a) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and
    b) You are rehired within 12 months of the date You return from active military service;

    then coverage may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 31 days of the date you return to work.

    The reinstated coverage will:
    a) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated; and
    b) not be subject to any Waiting Period for Coverage, Evidence of Insurability or Pre-existing Conditions Limitations; and
    c) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

Maine:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

    Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.

2. The time period stated in the **Notice of Claim** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to 30 days if not already 30 days.
3. The time period stated in the **Claim Forms** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to 15 days if not already 15 days.
4. The time periods stated in the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section are changed to 90 days and 1 year if not already 90 days and 1 year, respectively.
5. The time period stated in the **Claim Payment** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to 30 days if not already 30 days.
6. The dollar amount stated in the **Claims to be Paid** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to $2,000 if not already $2,000.
7. The phrase "In the absence of Insurance Fraud" in the **Misstatements** provision does not apply to you.

Maryland:

2. **NOTICE:** The group insurance Policy providing coverage under the Certificate may have been issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.

Michigan:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is not applicable.

Minnesota:

1. The definition of **Disabled or Total Disability** in the **Permanent Total Disability** Benefit is replaced by the following:

Disabled or Total Disability, for the purpose of this Benefit, means Your or Your Spouse's:

a) inability during the first two years of disability to perform the Essential Duties of Your or Your Spouse's Occupation; and
b) after that, Your or Your Spouse's inability to engage in Any Occupation for which you are suited by education, training and experience; or
c) with respect to a Spouse who is unemployed, his or her inability to engage in the normal and customary activities of a person of like age and gender in good health.

Your unemployed Spouse must be:

a) regularly attended by Physician; and
b) continuously confined within his or her house or Hospital, provided such house or Hospital confinement will not preclude transportation of Your Spouse to or from a Hospital or Physician's office for necessary treatment at the direction of his or her Physician.

Montana:

2. The time period stated in the **Conversion Right** provision is changed to 3 years, if greater than 3 years.
3. The dollar amount stated in the **Conversion Right** provision is changed to $10,000, if less than $10,000.
4. The 2nd paragraph of the **Conversion Policy Provisions** does not apply to you.
5. The dollar amount stated in the second paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to $500, if not $500.
6. The following requirement applies to you:

   Payable Interest: *Is interest payable on death claims?*

   Claims payable for loss of life will be paid within 60 days of the date due proof is received. If the claim is paid more than 30 days after the date due proof is received, the amount payable will include interest. Interest will be paid at the discount rate, on 90-day commercial paper, in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Ninth Federal Reserve District on the date due proof is received.

New Hampshire:

1. Item 1 of the definitions of **Disabled** and **Disabled or Disability** if shown in the **Definitions** section is replaced by the following:
   1) performing any work or occupation for wage or profit for which You are, or become, reasonably qualified by reason of education, training or experience.
2. Item 3 of the last paragraph of the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section does not apply to you.
3. Item 3 of the **Conditions for Qualification** provision is replaced by the following:
   3) provide such proof in accordance with the Sending Proof of Loss provision.
4. The time period stated in the definition of **Period of Confinement** in the **Accident Hospital Income Benefit**, is changed to 180 days, if less than 180 days.
5. Item 1 of the definition of **Extended Care Facility** in the **Extended Care Facility Benefit** is replaced by the following:
   1) Operates pursuant to law;
6. The following continuation requirement applies to you:

   Spouse Continuation: *Can coverage be continued for a divorced Spouse?*

   If You are legally separated or divorced from Your Spouse, coverage for Your former Spouse may continue under The Policy until the earliest of:
   1) the last day of the third year following the anniversary of a final divorce or legal separation;
   2) the date You remarry;
   3) the date Your former Spouse remarries;
   4) a date specified in the final divorce decree;
   5) the date Your former Spouse fails to pay any premiums that may be due; or
   6) the date You die.

New York:

1. "NOTICE: THIS IS ACCIDENT-ONLY INSURANCE. IT DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SICKNESS. THIS IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES."

North Carolina:

1. If your coverage is issued through a trust, the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision in the **General Provisions** section is amended such that the submission of **Proof of Loss** must be sent within 180 days after the loss.
2. If your coverage is issued through a trust, reference to fraud in **Misstatements** provision in the **General**

Provisions section is not applicable.

Oregon:

1. We cannot require that You prove that Your child was born in wedlock, living with You, or claimed as a dependent on Your or Your Spouse's tax return in order for Your child be eligible for Dependent coverage, as shown in the **Definitions** section.
2. The **Spouse** definition if shown in the **Definitions** section will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other arrangement allowable by state law.
3. The **Continuation Provisions** section is amended to include the following for Employers with 10 or more employees:
   Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:
   1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
   2) provided notice of the election to Your employer in accordance with Your employer's notification policy.

Rhode Island:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is not applicable.
2. The **Spouse** definition if shown in the **Definitions** section will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other arrangement allowable by state law.
3. The following continuation requirement applies to you:
   Family Military Leave of Absence: If Your spouse or child enters active full-time military service outside of the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska, and You:
   1) have been employed with the same employer for at least two years; and
   2) have completed 1,250 hours of service during a 12 month period immediately prior to the date Military Leave of Absence would begin; and
   3) have exhausted all the other time made available to You by Your Employer except sick time and short term disability;

   then Your coverage may be continued for up to 30 days. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

   To elect a Family Military Leave of Absence, You must notify Your Employer at least 14 days prior to the date the leave would begin if the leave would consist of five or more consecutive work days. For a leave of less than five days, the Employee should give notice as soon as reasonable possible.

South Carolina:

1. The time period in the **Notice of Claim** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is changed to 20 days, if not already 20 days.
2. The following physical exam and autopsy requirement applies to you:
   Autopsy must be performed during the period of contestability and must take place in the state of South Carolina.
3. Item 2 of the **Legal Actions** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section is replaced by the following:
   2) 6 years of the date Proof of Loss is required to be furnished according to the terms of The Policy.

Texas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision if shown in the **General Provisions** section is not applicable.
2. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

   To obtain information or make a complaint:

   You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

   1-800-523-2233

   You may also write to The Hartford at:

   P.O. Box 2999
   Hartford, CT 06104-2999

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de The Hartford's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

1-800-523-2233

Usted también puede escribir a The Hartford:

P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights, or complaints at:

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
Web: www.tdi.texas.gov
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:
This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

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DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:
Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con el agente o la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:
Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

Utah:

1. The following benefits are not available:
   - **Anti-Inflation Benefit**
   - **Therapeutic Counseling Benefit**
   - **Accidental Death Benefit with Double Indemnity while On a Common Carrier**
   - **Accidental Death Motor Vehicle Benefit**
   - **Accidental Death Benefit while in a Covered Accident**
   - **Accidental Death and Dismemberment: while Actively at Work**
   - **Double Indemnity while On A Common Carrier**
2. The maximum age for a student stated in the **Child Education Benefit** is changed to 26 if not already 26.
3. Regarding the definition of **Dependent Child(ren)** if shown in the **Definitions** section**:**:
   a) items a and b of item 2 do not apply to you
   b) the second item 2 does not apply to you
   c) the maximum age for a child is 26 if not already 26.
4. A qualifying **Change in Family Status** will also include from the date of placement for adoption with You.
5. Item 3 of the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision, in the **General Provisions** section does not apply to you.
6. The age references in the **Continuation for Dependent Child(ren) with Disabilities** provision are changed to 26 if not already 26.
7. Waiting periods must be eliminated from all **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** policies, including the **Accidental Hospital Income Benefit**.

Vermont:

1. **Purpose:** Vermont law requires that health insurers offer coverage to parties to a civil union that is equivalent to coverage provided to married persons.
   Definitions, Terms, Conditions and Provisions: The definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and are hereby superseded as follows:

a) Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship, or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship, such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary","survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms, include the relationship created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
b) Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union established according to Vermont law.
c) Terms that mean or refer to family relationships arising from a marriage, such as “family”, “immediate family”, “dependent”, “children”, “next of kin”, “relative”, “beneficiary”, “survivor” and any other such terms include family relationships created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
d) "Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union established according to Vermont law, and a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.
e) "Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW RIGHTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE

Vermont law grants parties to a civil union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities that flow from marriage under state law. However, some or all of the benefits, protections and responsibilities related to health insurance that are available to married persons under federal law may not be available to parties to a civil union. For example, federal law, the Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974 known as “ERISA”, controls the employer/employee relationship with regard to determining eligibility for enrollment in private employer health benefit plans. Because of ERISA, Act 91 does not state requirements pertaining to a private employer’s enrollment of a party to a civil union in an ERISA employee welfare benefit plan. However, governmental employers (not federal government) are required to provide health benefits to the dependents of a party to a civil union if the public employer provides health benefits to the dependents of married persons. Federal law also controls group health insurance continuation rights under COBRA for employers with 20 or more employees as well as the Internal Revenue Code treatment of health insurance premiums. As a result, parties to a civil union and their families may or may not have access to certain benefits under the policy, contract, certificate, rider or endorsement that derive from federal law. You are advised to seek expert advice to determine your rights under this contract.

Virginia:

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   Life and Health Division
   Bureau of Insurance
   P.O. Box 1157
   Richmond, VA 23209
   1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia)
   1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)

Washington:

1. The **Accelerated Benefit** is not available.

Wisconsin:

1. The time periods stated in the **Claim Appeal** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section are removed.

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**
   To request a Complaint Form:
   Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
   Complaints Department
   P.O. Box 7873
   Madison, WI 53707-7873
   1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)
   1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)

THE HARTFORD

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY
Hartford, Connecticut
(A stock insurance company)

Policyholder: Haralson County Schools
Policy Number: ADD-S08191
Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2015
Policy Anniversary Date: July 1, 2016

We have issued The Policy to the Policyholder. Our name, the Policyholder's name and The Policy Number are shown above. The provisions of The Policy, which are important to You, are summarized in this certificate consisting of this form and any additional forms which have been made a part of this certificate. This certificate replaces any other certificate We may have given to You earlier under The Policy. The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. Any difference between The Policy and this certificate will be settled according to the provisions of The Policy on file with Us at Our home office. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

Signed for the Company

Lisa Levin, *Secretary*

Michael Concannon, *President*

A note on capitalization in this Certificate:
Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term in The Policy or refers to a specific provision contained herein.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Cost of Coverage:
Non-Contributory
Coverage: Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Eligible Class(es) For Coverage: All Full-Time Active Members who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates, excluding temporary, leased or seasonal members.

Full-time Members: at least 20 hours weekly.

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:

1) None - if You are working for the Employer on the Policy Effective Date; or
2) The first day of the month following 1 calendar month of employment - if You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date.

The time periods referenced above are continuous.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit (AD&D)

Basic AD&D Principal Sum

Principal Sum Amount:
$10,000

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Reduction on and after Age 65: We will reduce Your Principal Sum on the Anniversary Date You attain ages shown below. The reduced amount will be determined by multiplying the Principal Sum shown in the Schedule by the percentage shown below for your attained age:

Percentage by which original amount of coverage will be reduced.

Your Age	Your % Reduction
65	35%
70	55%
75	70%
80	80%
85	85%
90	90%

These reductions also apply if:
1) You become covered under The Policy; or
2) Your coverage increases;
on or after the date You attain age 65.

Common Carrier
Common Carrier Limit: $20,000

Additional Benefits

Seat Belt and Air Bag Coverage:
Seat Belt Benefit Amount: 10% of Principal Sum to a maximum amount of $25,000
Minimum Benefit: $1,000

Air Bag Benefit Amount: 5% of Principal Sum to a maximum amount of $10,000

Child Education Benefit:
Maximum Amount: $10,000
Percentage of Principal Sum: 20%
Minimum Amount: $500

Day Care Benefit:
Maximum Amount: $5,000
Day Care Benefit Percentage: 15%
Minimum Amount: $500

Spouse Education Benefit:
Maximum Amount: $5,000
Percentage of Principal Sum: 2.5%
Minimum Amount: $500

Accident Hospital Income Benefit (Covered Accident):
Waiting Period: 7 day(s)
Monthly Accident Hospital Income Benefit: 1% of Principal Sum to a maximum of $2,500

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*
All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.

Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*
You will become eligible for coverage on the latest of:
1) the Policy Effective Date;
2) the date You become a member of an Eligible Class; or
3) the date You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*
Your Employer will automatically enroll You for the Amount of Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance. However, You will be required to complete a beneficiary designation form.

PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Effective Date: *When does my coverage start?*
Coverage will start on the date You become eligible.

Continuity from a Prior Policy: *Is there Continuity of Coverage from a Prior Policy?*
Your initial coverage under The Policy will begin, and will not be deferred if on the day before the Effective Date, You were insured under the Prior Policy, but on the Effective Date, You were not Actively at Work, but would otherwise meet the Eligibility requirements of The Policy. However, Your Amount of Insurance will be the amount of accidental death and dismemberment principal sum:
1) You had under the Prior Policy; or
2) shown in the Schedule of Insurance;

reduced by any coverage amount:
1) that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy; or
2) that would have been so payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.

Such amount of insurance under this provision is subject to any reductions in The Policy and will not increase.

Coverage provided through this provision ends on the first to occur of:
1) the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months after the Effective Date;
2) the date Your insurance terminates for any reason shown under the Termination provision;
3) the last day You would have been covered under the Prior Policy, had the Prior Policy not terminated; or
4) the date You are Actively at Work.

However, if the coverage provided through this provision ends because You are Actively at Work, You may be covered as an Active Member under The Policy.

Effective Date for Changes in Coverage: *When will changes in coverage become effective?*
Any decrease in coverage will take effect on the date of the change. Any increase in coverage will take effect on the date of the change.

Termination: *When will my coverage end?*
Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

1) the date The Policy terminates;
2) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You are no longer in a class eligible for coverage, or the Policy no longer covers Your class;
3) the end of the month on or next following the date the required premium is due but not paid;
4) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
5) the last day of the month for which premiums are paid on or next following the date You are no longer Actively at Work;

unless continued in accordance with one of the Continuation Provisions.

Continuation Provisions: *Can my coverage be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate?*
Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all members the same way. Coverage may not be continued under more than one Continuation Provision.
The amount of continued coverage will be the amount of coverage in effect on the date immediately before coverage would otherwise have ended. Continued coverage:

1) is subject to any reductions in The Policy;
2) is subject to payment of premium;
3) may be continued up to the maximum time shown in the provisions; and
4) terminates if The Policy terminates.

In no event will the amount of insurance increase while coverage is continued in accordance with the following provisions.

In all other respects, the terms of Your coverage remain unchanged.

Leave of Absence: If You are on a documented leave of absence, other than Family and Medical Leave or Military Leave of Absence, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of the month following the month in which the leave of absence commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Military Leave of Absence: If You enter active military service and are granted a military leave of absence in writing, Your coverage may be continued for up to 12 week(s). If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Lay Off: If You are temporarily laid off by the Employer due to lack of work, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of the month following the month in which the layoff commenced. If the lay-off becomes permanent, this continuation will cease immediately.

Status Change: If You are:

1) employed by the Policyholder; and
2) no longer in an Eligible Class due to a reduction in the number of scheduled hours You work;

Your coverage may be continued until the last day of the third consecutive month after the date Your scheduled hours were reduced.

Sickness or Injury: If You are not Actively at Work due to sickness or injury, all of Your coverages may be continued:

1) for a period of twelve consecutive months from the date You were last Actively at Work; or
2) if such absence results in a leave of absence in accordance with state and/or federal family and medical leave laws, then the combined continuation period will not exceed twelve consecutive months.

Family and Medical Leave: If You are granted a leave of absence, in writing, in accordance with state and/or federal family and medical leave laws, all of Your coverages may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by state law, following the date Your insurance would have terminated. If the leave of absence ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can my coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?*

If:

1) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and
2) You are rehired within 12 months of the date Your coverage terminated;

then coverage for You may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 31 days of the date You return to work.

The reinstated coverage will be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated and will be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

BENEFITS

Accidental Death Benefit with Double Indemnity while On a Common Carrier: *When is the Accidental Death Benefit with Double Indemnity while on a Common Carrier payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in Loss of life within 365 days of the date of accident, We will pay Your amount of Principal Sum after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision.

This Benefit will be paid according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

If the Injury occurs while On a Common Carrier, We will double the Principal Sum payable for this Benefit. However, in no event will the Principal Sum be increased by more than the Common Carrier Limit.

Your amount of Principal Sum is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit: *When is the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in any of the following Losses within 365 days of the date of accident, We will pay Your amount of Principal Sum, or a portion of such Principal Sum, as shown opposite the Loss after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision.

This Benefit will be paid according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

We will not pay more than the Principal Sum to any one person, for all Losses due to the same accident. Your amount of Principal Sum is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

For Loss of:	**Benefit:**
Life	Principal Sum
Both Hands or Both Feet or Sight of Both Eyes	Principal Sum
One Hand and One Foot	Principal Sum
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears	Principal Sum
Either Hand or Foot and Sight of One Eye	Principal Sum
Movement of Both Upper and Lower Limbs (Quadriplegia)	Principal Sum
Movement of Both Lower Limbs (Paraplegia)	Three-Quarters of Principal Sum
Movement of Three Limbs (Triplegia)	Three-Quarters of Principal Sum
Movement of the Upper and Lower Limbs of One Side of the Body (Hemiplegia)	One-Half of Principal Sum
Either Hand or Foot	One-Half of Principal Sum
Sight of One Eye	One-Half of Principal Sum
Speech or Hearing in Both Ears	One-Half of Principal Sum
Movement of One Limb (Uniplegia)	One-Quarter of Principal Sum
Thumb and Index Finger of Either Hand	One-Quarter of Principal Sum

Loss means with regard to:

1) hands and feet, actual severance through or above wrist or ankle joints;
2) sight, speech and hearing, entire and irrecoverable loss thereof;
3) thumb and index finger, actual severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joints; or
4) movement, complete and irreversible paralysis of such limbs.

Exposure and Disappearance: *What if Loss is due to exposure or disappearance?*
Exposure to the elements will be presumed to be Injury if:

1) it results from the forced landing, stranding, sinking or wrecking of a conveyance in which You were an occupant at the time of the accident; and
2) The Policy would have covered an Injury resulting from the accident.

We will presume that You suffered Loss of life if:
1) the person's body has not been found within one year after the disappearance of a conveyance in which he or she was an occupant at the time of its disappearance;
2) the disappearance of the conveyance was due to its accidental forced landing, stranding, sinking or wrecking; and
3) The Policy would have covered an Injury resulting from the accident.

Seat Belt and Air Bag Benefit: *When is the Seat Belt and Air Bag Benefit payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in a Loss payable under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, We will pay an additional Seat Belt and Air Bag Benefit if the Injury occurred while You were:
1) a passenger riding in; or
2) the licensed operator of;

a properly registered Motor Vehicle and was wearing a Seat Belt at the time of the Accident as verified on the police accident report.

This Benefit will be paid:
1) after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision; and
2) according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

If a Seat Belt Benefit is payable, We will also pay an Air Bag Benefit if You were:
1) positioned in a seat equipped with a factory-installed Air Bag; and
2) properly strapped in the Seat Belt when the Air Bag inflated.

The Seat Belt Benefit is the lesser of:
1) an amount resulting from multiplying Your amount of Principal Sum by the Seat Belt Benefit Percentage; or
2) the Maximum Amount for this Benefit.

The Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of:
1) an amount resulting from multiplying Your amount of Principal Sum by the Air Bag Benefit Percentage; or
2) the Maximum Amount for this Benefit.

If it cannot be determined that You were wearing a Seat Belt at the time of Accident, a Minimum Benefit will be payable under the Seat Belt Benefit.

Accident, for the purpose of this Benefit only**,** means the unintentional collision of a Motor Vehicle during which You were wearing a Seat Belt.

Air Bag means an inflatable supplemental passive restraint system installed by the manufacturer of the Motor Vehicle or its proper replacement parts installed as required by the Motor Vehicle's manufacturer's specifications that inflates upon collision to protect an individual from Injury and death. An Air Bag is not considered a Seat Belt.

Seat Belt means:
1) an unaltered belt, lap restraint, or lap and shoulder restraint installed by the manufacturer of the Motor Vehicle, or proper replacement parts installed as required by the Motor Vehicle's manufacturer's specifications; or
2) a child restraint device that meets the standards of the National Safety Council and is properly secured and used in accordance with applicable state law and installed according to the recommendations of its manufacturer for children of like age and weight.

The Seat Belt and Air Bag Benefit will not be payable if You are operating the Motor Vehicle at the time of Injury while:
1) Intoxicated; or
2) taking drugs, including but not limited to sedatives, narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, or hallucinogens, unless as prescribed by or administered by a Physician.

Intoxicated means:
1) the blood alcohol content;
2) the results of other means of testing blood alcohol level; or
3) the results of other means of testing other substances;

that meet or exceed the legal presumption of intoxication, or under the influence, under the law of the state where the accident occurred.

The specific amounts for this Benefit are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Child Education Benefit: *When is the Child Education Benefit payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in Loss of life payable under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, We will pay an additional Child Education Benefit to Your Child(ren).

This Benefit will be paid:
1) after We receive proof that your Child(ren) qualify as a Student, as defined in this Benefit; and
2) according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

If You die, the Child Education Benefit provides an annual amount equal to the lesser of:
1) the amount resulting from multiplying Your Principal Sum by the Child Education Percentage; or
2) the Maximum Amount for this Benefit.

The Child Education Benefit is payable to each of Your Child(ren):
1) on the date; and
2) for whom;
We have received proof satisfactory to Us that he or she is a Student.

If he or she is a minor, We will pay the benefit to the Student's legal guardian.

We will pay the Child Education Benefit to a qualifying Student until the first to occur of:
1) Our payment of the fourth Child Education Benefit to or on behalf of that person; or
2) the end of the 12th consecutive month during which We have not received proof satisfactory to Us that he or she is a Student.

We will not pay more than one Child Education Benefit to any one Student during any one school year.

We will pay the Minimum Amount for this Benefit in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision of The Policy if:
1) a Principal Sum is payable because of Your death; and
2) no person qualifies as a Student.

Student means Your Child(ren) on the date of Your death and:
1) is a full-time (at least 12 course credit hours per semester) post-high school student at an accredited institution of learning on the date of Your death; or
2) became a full-time (at least 12 course credit hours per semester) post-high school student at an accredited institution of learning within 365 days after Your death and was a student in the 12th grade on the date of Your death.

If the institution establishes full-time status in any other manner, We reserve the right to determine whether the student qualifies as a Student.

Child(ren) means Your unmarried child, stepchild, legally adopted child, child in the process of adoption or foster child who is less than age 23 who:
1) regularly attends an accredited institution of learning; and
2) is primarily dependent on You for financial support and maintenance.

The specific amounts for this Benefit are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Day Care Benefit: *When is the Day Care Benefit payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in Loss of life payable under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, We will pay an additional Day Care Benefit for each of your Children if such Child is under age 7 at the time of Your death.

This Benefit will be paid:
1) after We receive proof of enrollment in a Day Care Program as described in this Benefit; and
2) according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

We will make one Day Care Benefit payment each year, for a maximum of 4 Day Care Benefit payments, for each Child. The Benefit will be paid to the person who has primary responsibility for the Child's Day Care expenses.

Proof of enrollment satisfactory to Us for each Child in a Day Care Program includes, but will not be limited to, the following:

1) a copy of the Child's approved enrollment application in a Day Care Program;
2) cancelled check(s) evidencing payment to a Day Care facility or Day Care provider;
3) a letter from the Day Care facility or Day Care provider stating that the Child:
    a) is attending a Day Care Program; or
    b) has been enrolled in a Day Care Program and will be attending within 365 days of the date of the death.

Proof of enrollment must be sent to Us prior to the last day of the 12th month following the date of death.

If you die, the Day Care Benefit pays an amount equal to the lesser of:

1) the amount resulting from multiplying Your Principal sum by the Day Care Benefit Percentage; or
2) the Maximum Amount for this Benefit.

We will pay the Minimum Amount for this Benefit in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision for payment of benefits for Loss of life if:

1) a Principal Sum is payable because of Your death; and
2) no person qualifies as a Child eligible for the Day Care Benefit.

Day Care or Day Care Program means a program of child care which:

1) is operated in a private home, school or other facility;
2) provides, and makes a charge for, the care of children; and
3) is licensed as a day care center or is operated by a licensed day care provider, if such licensing is required by the state or jurisdiction in which it is located; or
4) licensing is not required, provides childcare on a daily basis for 12 months a year.

Child means Your unmarried child, stepchild, legally adopted child, child in the process of adoption or foster child who is less than age 7 and primarily dependent on You for financial support and maintenance.

The specific amounts for this Benefit are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Spouse Education Benefit: *When is the Spouse Education Benefit payable?*
If You sustain an Injury that results in a Loss of life, payable under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, We will pay an additional Spouse Education Benefit to Your surviving Spouse.

This Benefit will be paid:

1) after We receive proof satisfactory to Us that the Spouse has enrolled in an Occupational Training program; and
2) according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

The Spouse Education Benefit is the least of:

1) the Expense Incurred for Occupational Training;
2) the amount resulting from multiplying Your Principal Sum by the Spouse Education Benefit Percentage; or
3) the Maximum Amount for this Benefit.

If a Principal Sum is payable because of Your death and there is no surviving Spouse, We will pay the Minimum Amount for this Benefit in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision.

Your surviving Spouse must enroll in Occupational Training:

1) for the purpose of obtaining an independent source of income; and
2) within one (1) year of Your death.

Occupational Training means any:

1) education;
2) professional; or
3) trade training;

program which prepares the Spouse for an occupation for which he or she was not previously qualified.

Expense Incurred means:

1) the actual tuition charged, exclusive of room and board; and
2) the actual cost of the materials needed;

for the Occupational Training.
The expense must be incurred within two (2) years of the date of Your death.

The specific amounts for this Benefit are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Accident Hospital Income Benefit (Covered Accident): *When is the Accident Hospital Income Benefit for a Covered Accident payable?*
If You are Confined in a Hospital during one or more Periods of Confinement and the:
1) Confinement is due to Injury sustained in a Covered Accident; and
2) the first day of Confinement occurs within 90 days after the accident; and
3) the Confinement exceeds the Waiting Period;

We will pay the Monthly Accident Hospital Income Benefit or a portion thereof, for each month the injured person is Confined.

This Benefit will be paid:
1) after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision; and
2) according to the General Provisions of The Policy.

If You are Confined as a result of more than one Covered Accident, only one benefit, the largest, will be payable.

We will not pay for any Day of Confinement which:
1) is during the Waiting Period at the beginning of Confinement;

2) occurs more than 2 year after the date of accident;
3) exceeds the Benefit Amount.

Confined or Confinement means being an inpatient in a Hospital due to Injury.

Day of Confinement means a day of inpatient Confinement in a Hospital for which a daily room and board charge is made for a full day of Confinement.

Period of Confinement means the interval of time during which You are Confined as an inpatient in a Hospital. A Period of Confinement begins on the date of admission to the Hospital and ends on the date of release from a Hospital. If a Benefit is payable to You, and You are subsequently Confined to a Hospital for the same Injury within 90 days, We will consider it the same Period of Confinement.

The specific amounts for this Benefit are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

Exclusions: *What losses are not covered?*
The Policy does not cover any loss caused or contributed to by:
1) intentionally self-inflicted Injury;
2) suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane;
3) war or act of war, whether declared or not;
4) Injury sustained while on full-time active duty as a member of the armed forces (land, water, air) of any country or international authority except Reserve National Guard Service;

   (We will refund the pro rata portion of any premium paid for You while You are in the armed forces on full-time active duty, for a period of two months or more. Written notice must be given to Us within 12 months of the date You enter the armed forces);
5) Injury sustained while On any aircraft except a Civil or Public Aircraft, or Military Transport Aircraft;
6) Injury sustained while On any aircraft:
   a) as a pilot, crewmember or student pilot;
   b) as a flight instructor or examiner;

c) if it is owned, operated or leased by or on behalf of the Policyholder, or any Employer or organization whose eligible persons are covered under The Policy;
d) being used for tests, experimental purposes, stunt flying, racing or endurance tests;

7) Injury sustained while taking drugs, including but not limited to sedatives, narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, or hallucinogens unless as prescribed by or administered by a Physician;
8) Injury sustained while riding or driving in a scheduled race or testing any Motor Vehicle on tracks, speedways or proving grounds;
9) Injury sustained while committing or attempting to commit a felony.
10) Injury sustained while Intoxicated.

Intoxicated means:
1) the blood alcohol content;
2) the results of other means of testing blood alcohol level; or
3) the results of other means of testing other substances;

that meet or exceed the legal presumption of intoxication, or under the influence, under the law of the state where the accident occurred.

Reserve National Guard Service means: You are:
1) attending or en route to or from any active duty training of less than sixty (60) days;
2) attending or en route to or from a service school of any duration;
3) taking part in any authorized inactive duty training; or
4) taking part as a unit member in a parade or exhibition authorized by official orders.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*
You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, must give Us, written notice of a claim within 30 days after:
1) the date of death; or
2) the date of loss.

If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible after that. Such notice must include the claimant's name, address and the Policy Number.

Claim Forms: *Are special forms required to file a claim?*
We will send forms to the claimant to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, the claimant may submit any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of the claim.

Proof of Loss: *What is Proof of Loss?*
Proof of Loss may include, but is not limited to, the following:
1) a completed claim form;
2) a certified copy of the death certificate (if applicable);
3) Your Beneficiary Designation (if applicable);
4) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
5) the names and addresses of all:
   a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
   b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
   c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
6) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information (if applicable); or
7) Any additional information required by Us to adjudicate the claim.

All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

Sending Proof of Loss: *When must Proof of Loss be given?*
Written Proof of Loss must be sent within 90 day(s) after the loss. All Proof of Loss should be sent to Us. However, all claims should be submitted to Us within 90 day(s) of the date coverage ends.

If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

1) it was not possible to give proof within the required time; and
2) proof is given as soon as possible; but
3) not later than 1 year after it is due unless You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, are not legally competent.

Physical Examination and Autopsy: *Can We have a claimant examined or request an autopsy?*
While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:
1) to have the person who has a loss examined by a Physician when and as often as We reasonably require; and
2) to have an autopsy performed in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

Claim Payment: *When are benefit payments issued?*
When We determine that benefits are payable, We will pay the benefits in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision, but not more than 30 day(s) after such Proof of Loss is received.

Claims to be Paid: *To whom will benefits for my claim be paid?*
Benefits for Loss of Life will be paid in accordance with the Beneficiary Designation. If no beneficiary is named, payment will be made according to the beneficiary designation under the group life policy issued to the Policyholder and in effect at the time of death.

If no beneficiary is named, or if no named beneficiary survives You, We may, at Our option, pay:
1) the executors or administrators of Your estate; or
2) all to Your surviving Spouse; or
3) if Your Spouse does not survive You, in equal shares to Your surviving Child(ren); or
4) if no Child survives You, in equal shares to Your surviving parents.

In addition, We may, at Our option, pay a portion of Your Accidental Death Benefit up to $500 to any person equitably entitled to payment because of expenses from Your burial. Payment to any person, as shown above, will release Us from liability for the amount paid.

If any beneficiary is a minor, We may pay his or her share, until a legal guardian of the minor's estate is appointed, to a person who at Our option and in Our opinion is providing financial support and maintenance for the minor. We will pay:
1) $200 at Your death; and
2) monthly installments of not more than $200.

Payment to any person as shown above will release Us from all further liability for the amount paid.

We will make any payments, other than for loss of life, to You. We may make any such payments owed at Your death to Your estate. If any payment is owed to:
1) Your estate;
2) a person who is a minor; or
3) a person who is not legally competent,

then We may pay up to $1,000 to a person who is related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.

Beneficiary Designation: *How do I designate or change my beneficiary?*
You may designate or change a beneficiary by doing so in writing on a form satisfactory to Us and filing the form with the Employer. Only satisfactory forms sent to the Employer prior to Your death will be accepted.

Beneficiary designations will become effective as of the date You signed and dated the form, even if You have since died. We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change from the Employer.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a Power of Attorney.

Claim Denial: *What notification will my Beneficiary or I receive if a claim is denied?*
If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You or Your beneficiary will be furnished with written notification of the decision.

This written notification will:
1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
2) make specific reference to the provisions on which the denial is based;

3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to perfect a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

Claim Appeal: *What recourse do my Beneficiary or I have if a claim is denied?*
On any claim, the claimant or his or her representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so, he or she:
1) must request a review upon written application within:
   a) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of disability; or
   b) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of disability; and
2) may request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim; and
3) may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim.

We will respond in writing with Our final decision on the claim.

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. This provision applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Assignment: *Are there any rights of assignment?*
Except for the dismemberment benefits under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, You have the right to absolutely assign Your rights and interest under The Policy including, but not limited, to the following:
1) the right to make any contributions required to keep the insurance in force;
2) the right to convert; and
3) the right to name and change a beneficiary.

We will recognize any absolute assignment made by You under The Policy, provided:
1) it is duly executed; and
2) a copy is acknowledged and on file with Us.

We and the Policyholder assume no responsibility:
1) for the validity or effect of any assignment; or
2) to provide any assignee with notices which We may be obligated to provide to You.

You do not have the right to collaterally assign Your rights and interest under The Policy.

Legal Actions: *When can legal action be taken against Us?*
Legal action cannot be taken against Us:
1) sooner than 60 days after the date Proof of Loss is furnished; or
2) more than 3 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be furnished according to the terms of The Policy.

Workers' Compensation: *How does The Policy affect Workers' Compensation coverage?*
The Policy does not replace Workers' Compensation or affect any requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage.

Insurance Fraud: *How does the Company deal with fraud?*
Insurance Fraud occurs when You provide Us with false information or file a claim for benefits that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive Us. It is a crime if You commit Insurance Fraud. We will use all means available to Us to detect, investigate, deter and prosecute those who commit Insurance Fraud. We will pursue all available legal remedies if You perpetrate Insurance Fraud.

Misstatements: *What happens if facts are misstated?*
In the absence of Insurance Fraud, if material facts about You were not stated accurately:
1) the premium may be adjusted; and
2) the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

DEFINITIONS

Active Member means a member who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. This must be at least the number of hours shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Actively at Work means at work with Your Employer on a day that is one of Your Employer's scheduled workdays. On that day, You must be performing for wage or profit all of the regular duties of Your job:

1) in the usual way; and
2) for Your usual number of hours.

We will also consider You to be Actively At Work on any regularly scheduled vacation day or holiday, only if You were Actively At Work on the preceding scheduled work day.

Actively at Work will also include a Business Trip.

Actively at Work does not include everyday travel to and from work.

Airworthiness Certificate means:

1) the "Standard" Airworthiness Certificate issued by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); or
2) a foreign equivalent issued by the governmental authority with jurisdiction over civil aviation in the country of its registry.

Business Trip means a bona fide trip while on assignment for or at the direction of the Employer for the purpose of furthering the business of the Policyholder which:

1) begins when You leave Your residence or place of regular employment, whichever occurs last, for the purpose of beginning the trip; and
2) ends when You return to Your residence or place of regular employment, whichever occurs first.

Civil or Public Aircraft means a civil or public aircraft which:

1) has a current and valid Airworthiness Certificate;
2) is piloted by a person who has a valid and current certificate of competency of a rating which authorizes him or her to pilot the aircraft; and
3) is not operated by the militia, or armed forces of any state, national government or international authority.

Common Carrier means a conveyance operated by a concern, other than the Policyholder, organized and licensed for the transportation of passengers for hire and operated by that concern.

Common Carrier will not mean any such conveyance which is hired or used for a sport, gamesmanship, contest, sightseeing, observatory and/or recreational activity, regardless of whether such conveyance is licensed.

Covered Accident means one of the following types of accidents:

Type A: On a Common Carrier: must occur while You or Your Dependents are a fare paying passenger On a Common Carrier;

Type B: Interstate Highway Motor Vehicle Accident: must occur while You or Your Dependents are the licensed operator of or passenger On a Motor Vehicle only while on an Interstate Highway;

Type C: Motor Vehicle/Pedestrian Accident: must occur while You or Your Dependents are a Pedestrian or the licensed operator of or passenger On a Motor Vehicle: or

Type D: All Other Accidents not listed as Type A, Type B or Type C above.

Earnings means Your regular annual rate of pay, not counting bonuses, commissions, tips and tokens, overtime pay or any other fringe benefits or extra compensation, in effect on the last Policy Anniversary Date.

Employer means the Policyholder.

FAA means:

1) the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States; or
2) the equivalent aviation authority for the country of the aircraft's registry, if the governmental authority is recognized by the United States.

Hospital means an institution which:

1) operates pursuant to law;
2) primarily and continuously provides medical care and treatment to sick and injured persons on an inpatient basis;
3) operates facilities for medical and surgical diagnosis and treatment by or under the supervision of Physicians; and

4) provides 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of registered graduate nurses (R.N.).

Hospital does not mean any institution or part thereof which is used primarily as:
1) a nursing home, convalescent home, or skilled nursing facility;
2) a place for rest, custodial care, or for the aged;
3) a clinic; or
4) a place for the treatment of mental illness, alcoholism, or substance abuse.

However, a place for the treatment of mental illness, alcoholism or substance abuse will be regarded as a Hospital if it is:
1) part of an institution that meets the above requirements; and
2) listed in the American Hospital Association Guide as a general Hospital.

Injury means bodily injury resulting:
1) directly from an accident; and
2) independently of all other causes;

which occurs while You are covered under The Policy.

Loss resulting from:
1) sickness or disease, except a pus-forming infection which occurs through an accidental wound; or
2) medical or surgical treatment of a sickness or disease;

is not considered as resulting from Injury.

Military Transport Aircraft means a transport aircraft operated by:
1) the United States Air Mobility Command (AMC); or
2) a national military air transport service of a governmental authority recognized by the United States.

Motor Vehicle means a self-propelled, four (4) or more wheeled:
1) private passenger: car, station wagon, van or sport utility vehicle;
2) motor home or camper; or
3) pick-up truck;

not being used as a Common Carrier.

A Motor Vehicle does not include farm equipment, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, lawnmowers or any other type of equipment vehicles.

Non-Contributory Coverage means coverage for which You are not required to contribute toward the cost. Non-Contributory Coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

On means, when used with reference to any conveyance (land, water or air), in or on, boarding or alighting from the conveyance.

Pedestrian means You while You or they are standing or walking on an open public street or highway.

Physician means a person who is:
1) a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
2) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
3) practicing within the scope of that license; and
4) not Related to You by blood or marriage.

Prior Policy means the group accidental death and dismemberment insurance Policy carried by the Policyholder on the day before the Policy Effective Date and will only include the coverage which is transferred to Us.

Related means Your Spouse or other adult living with You, sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, grandchild, or step-child.

Spouse means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.

The Policy means the policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.

We, Us, or Our means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.

You or Your means the person to whom this certificate is issued.

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