## YOUR GROUP LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

**Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC)** 

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#### HOW TO OBTAIN PLAN BENEFITS

To obtain benefits see the Payment of Claims provision.

Forward Your completed claim form to:

Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) 1300 17th Street Centre Bakersfield, CA 93303

#### CLAIM ASSISTANCE

If You need assistance with filing Your claim or an explanation of how Your claim was paid, contact the:

United of Omaha Life Insurance Company Mutual of Omaha Plaza Omaha, Nebraska 68175 Call Toll-Free: 1-800-775-8805

When contacting the Company please have Your Policy number available. Your Policy number is GLUG-ABIH.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This certificate or verification of insurance is not an insurance policy and does not amend, extend or alter the coverage afforded by the policies listed herein. Not withstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate or verification of insurance may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policies.

#### NOTICE

If any questions or problems arise regarding this insurance, you may contact the Company at:

United of Omaha Life Insurance Company Mutual of Omaha Plaza Omaha, NE 68175 Telephone: 1-800-775-8805

When contacting the Company, please have your policy number available.

Should you feel you are not being treated fairly, we want you to know you may contact the California Department of Insurance with your complaint.

To contact the Department, write or call:

Consumer Division Department of Insurance, Los Angeles Office 300 South Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90013 In State Call Toll Free: 1-800-927-4357 Out of State Call: 1-213-897-8921

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## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

## UNITED OF OMAHA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office: Mutual of Omaha Plaza Omaha, Nebraska 68175

United of Omaha Life Insurance Company certifies that Group Policy No(s). GLUG-ABIH (policy) has been issued to Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC) (Policyholder).

Insurance is provided for certain Members as described in the policy.

The benefits described in this Certificate are subject to the terms and conditions of the policy. Benefits are effective only if you are eligible for the insurance, become insured and remain insured as described in this Certificate.

This Certificate replaces any certificate previously issued under the Policy.

UNITED OF OMAHA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Daniel P. Thay

Corporate Secretary

## THE DEFINITIONS AND RIDERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT PARTS OF YOUR POLICY. PLEASE READ THOSE PAGES CAREFULLY.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Active

The amount of insurance for You will be in accord with Your classification in this Schedule.

## **Classification(s)**

All eligible active Members

## LIFE INSURANCE For You

#### **Guarantee Issue Limit:**

For You: All Amounts

Subject to any reductions shown below, **Guarantee Issue** means the amount of insurance applied for which does not require Evidence of Good Health.

## **Life Insurance Benefits**

Amount of Life Insurance	REFER TO YOUR SUMMARY OF COVERAGE
Facility of Payment Amount	*\$500

<sup>\*</sup>This amount, if paid, will be deducted from the Amount of Life Insurance shown above.

Life Insurance Benefits will be reduced as follows:

If You are age:	Your Current Amount of Life Insurance
	will reduce by:
70	50%
75	50%
80	50%

This reduction will be made on the January 1st that coincides with or follows the day You attain the specified age.

If You are age 70 or older on the day You become insured under the Policy, the reduction will be made in accord with Your attained age.

Life Insurance Benefits end on the date of Your retirement.

**NOTE:** The Amount of Life Insurance outlined above will be reduced by the Amount of Living Benefits paid under the Living Benefits Option. In the event of Your death, the life insurance benefit will equal the original Amount of Life Insurance multiplied by the life reduction percentage, reduced by any Living Benefits paid under this Policy.

## **Living Benefits Option**

Amount of Living Benefits...... REFER TO YOUR SUMMARY OF COVERAGE

## HEALTH INSURANCE For You

## **Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits**

Principal Sum	An amount equal to the Amount of Life Insurance in force on Your						Your
	life; however, if Your Life Insurance Benefit has been reduced by the			y the			
	Living Benefits Option, such reduction will not apply to this				this		
	Accidental Death and Dismemberment Principal Sum.						

## MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

#### Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits

## **Definitions**

Terms defined in this provision may be used in, or apply to, other provisions throughout the Policy, Certificate and any Riders. Definitions of other terms may be found in other provisions. Any singular word shall include any plural of the same word.

## **Actively Employed** or **Active Employment** means:

- (a) Actively Working on a regular and continuous basis for the Policyholder 10 or more hours each week; and
- (b) receiving compensation from the Policyholder for work performed for the Policyholder.

Members who are Totally Disabled will not be considered actively employed.

**NOTE:** Members are considered actively at work during summer months if they were Actively Working on the last day of the school year.

**Actively Working** or **Active Work** means performing the normal duties of the Member's regular job for the Policyholder at:

- (a) the Policyholder's usual place of business;
- (b) an alternative work site at the direction of the Policyholder; or
- (c) a location to which one must travel to perform the job.

A Member will not be considered actively working if confined:

- (a) in a Hospital as an inpatient;
- (b) in any institution or facility other than a Hospital; or
- (c) at home and under the care or supervision of a Physician;

on the day insurance is to begin.

A Member will be considered actively working on any day that is a:

- (a) regular paid holiday or day of vacation;
- (b) regular or scheduled non-working day; or
- (c) day on which the Member is on a qualified family or medical leave of absence as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, unless the leave is due to the Member's own serious health condition:

provided the Member was actively working on the last preceding regular work day.

#### A Member who is confined:

- (a) in a Hospital as an inpatient;
- (b) in any institution or facility other than a Hospital; or
- (c) at home and under the care or supervision of a Physician due to an Injury or Sickness;

on the date insurance is to begin will not be considered actively working.

**Certificate** means this Certificate of Insurance form and all Riders to this certificate.

**Eligibility Waiting Period** means a continuous period of Active Employment that the Member must satisfy before becoming eligible for insurance as described in the When A Member Becomes Eligible For Coverage provision of this Certificate.

**Member** means a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or a person who is authorized to work in the United States pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act and related rules and regulations, who is Actively Employed:

- (a) in the United States; or
- (b) outside the United States for a period of 12 consecutive months or less.

## A Member does not include a person:

- (a) working outside the United States for a period in excess of 12 consecutive months unless written approval has been received from an officer in Our Home Office;
- (b) unauthorized to work in the United States pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act and related rules and regulations;
- (c) working on a seasonal or temporary basis; or
- (d) performing services for the Policyholder as an independent contractor, including persons reporting income on a 1099 form, or subject to the terms of a leasing agreement between the Policyholder and a leasing organization.

**Evidence of Good Health** means proof, acceptable to Us, of the Member's good health. Unless otherwise stated in the Policy, such evidence is required when a Member:

- (a) applies for insurance more than 31 days after the date the Member completes the Eligibility Waiting Period;
- (b) applies for insurance in excess of the Guarantee Issue Limit;
- (c) was eligible for insurance under a Prior Plan but did not elect such insurance; or
- (d) was insured under a Prior Plan but the Member applied for insurance under this Policy in excess of the amount of insurance under the Prior Plan.

Guarantee Issue Limit means the maximum amount of insurance We may issue to a Member without requiring Evidence of Good Health. The guarantee issue limit is shown in the Schedule in this Certificate.

**Hospital** means an accredited facility licensed by the proper authority of the area in which it is located to provide care and treatment for the condition causing confinement. A hospital does not include a facility or institution or part of a facility or institution which is licensed or used principally as a clinic, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or home for the aged, halfway house or board and care facilities.

**Policy** means the policy issued to the Policyholder by Us, including this Certificate.

**Prior Plan** means any plan of group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance that has been replaced by insurance under part or all of this Policy. The prior plan must have been in effect and sponsored by the Policyholder on the day before the effective date of this Policy.

**Rider** means a document that is added to and made a part of the Policy. A rider amends, limits, restricts, or otherwise changes the provisions of the Policy.

## When a Member Becomes Eligible for Coverage

A Member becomes eligible for insurance under the Policy on the day the Member begins Active Employment.

## **Continuity of Coverage**

If this Policy replaces a Prior Plan that contained a provision allowing for continuation of coverage due to Total Disability without payment of premium (the "Prior Plan's Continuation Provision"), this Policy will provide life and accidental death and dismemberment coverage, subject to all of the conditions below, for a Member who:

- (a) was insured under the Prior Plan on the last day it was in effect;
- (b) is otherwise eligible under this Policy, but is not Actively Employed on this Policy's effective date due to Injury or Sickness;
- (c) was eligible for continuation of coverage under the Prior Plan's Continuation Provision, but has been denied continuation of coverage under the Prior Plan's Continuation Provision after exhausting all reasonable attempts to apply for such continued coverage;
- (d) is not a retired Member, unless this Policy provides coverage for retired Members; and
- (e) is not Totally Disabled on this Policy's effective date.

This Continuity of Coverage provision is subject to the following additional conditions:

- (a) coverage under this Policy will not exceed the Member's amount of coverage under the Prior Plan on the last day it was in effect;
- (b) the Policyholder must notify Us in writing prior to the effective date of this Policy of the Member's amount of coverage under the Prior Plan on the last day it was in effect;
- (c) coverage is subject to uninterrupted payment of premium to Us; and
- (d) coverage is subject to any reductions shown in the Schedule of this Certificate and all other terms and conditions of this Policy.

We reserve the right to request any information We need from the Policyholder to determine whether a Member has satisfied the conditions necessary to be eligible for coverage under this Continuity of Coverage provision. If We do not receive such information or determine that the conditions necessary to be eligible for coverage under this Continuity of Coverage provision have not been satisfied, coverage will not be provided under this provision.

Members who are not eligible for coverage under this Continuity of Coverage provision may be eligible to apply for conversion coverage under the Prior Plan and should contact the Policyholder for additional information.

Coverage under this Continuity of Coverage provision ends on the earliest of:

- (a) the date the Member begins Active Employment for the Policyholder or full-time employment with any other employer;
- (b) the last day the Member would have been covered under the Prior Plan, had the Prior Plan not terminated;
- (c) the date the Member's insurance under this Policy terminates for any reason shown under the When Member Insurance Ends provision; or
- (d) the last day of the Policy month following a period of 12 consecutive months after the effective date of this Policy.

If a Member is eligible for coverage under this Continuity of Coverage provision, the Member will not be eligible for coverage under the Waiver of Premium Benefit provision shown in this Certificate.

#### **When Member Insurance Begins**

When the Policyholder pays 100% of the cost of the Member's insurance under the Policy, the Member will become insured on the later of the date:

- (a) the Member satisfies the Eligibility Waiting Period; or
- (b) We approve Evidence of Good Health, if required;

provided the Member is Actively Employed on that date. If the Member is not Actively Employed on that date, insurance will begin on the date the Member returns to Active Employment.

When the Member and the Policyholder share in the cost of the Member's insurance or, when the Member pays 100% of the cost of Member insurance, the Member must request insurance by properly completing and signing an enrollment form acceptable to Us and submitting this form to the Policyholder (who will then submit the form to Us) within 31 days following the day the Member becomes eligible for the Policy.

The Member will become insured on the later of the day:

- (a) the Member becomes eligible; or
- (b) the Member's enrollment form, acceptable to Us, is properly completed and signed;

and, if required, We approve Evidence of Good Health provided the Member is Actively Employed on that date. If the Member is not Actively Employed on that date, insurance will begin on the date the Member returns to Active Employment.

If a Member was eligible for group life insurance under a Prior Plan immediately prior to the effective date of this Policy, but did not elect insurance under such plan, the Member may enroll for insurance under this Policy if the Member is otherwise eligible and provides Us with Evidence of Good Health. Insurance will begin on the day We determine such evidence is acceptable, provided the Member is Actively Employed on that date. If the Member is not Actively Employed on that date, insurance will begin on the day the Member returns to Active Employment.

#### **Changes in the Amount of Your Insurance**

#### **Decrease in the Amount of Your Insurance**

Regardless of whether or not You are Actively Employed at the time, any decrease in the amount of insurance will take effect on the day of the decrease.

The amount of insurance cannot be decreased to an amount less than any plan minimums shown in the Schedule of this Certificate. Any reductions due to age as shown in the Schedule in this Certificate will apply.

#### **Increase in the Amount of Your Insurance**

You cannot request an increase to the amount of Your insurance unless You are Actively Employed on the day You submit such request. We will use the Policyholder's payroll records and the premium We have received to determine the appropriate insurance amount.

Any increase in the amount of Your insurance will take effect on the later of the day:

- (a) of the change; or
- (b) the first day of the month which coincides with or follows the day We approve Your Evidence of Good Health, if required by Us.

If You are not Actively Employed on the day the increase in insurance would otherwise take effect, the increase will become effective the day You return to Active Employment.

#### **Reinstatement of Member Insurance**

A Member may be eligible to reinstate insurance that has ended. A written request for reinstatement must be submitted to Us. The reinstated insurance will take effect on the date We approve the Member's written request, provided the Member is Actively Employed on the date the increase would take effect.

The following reinstatement options are available and are each subject to the conditions described in the following paragraphs:

- (a) Non-Payment of Premium;
- (b) Involuntary Reduction in Hours; and
- (c) Rehired Member.

## **Non-payment of Premium**

If insurance ended due to non-payment of premiums, We will require Evidence of Good Health, acceptable to Us, to reinstate Your insurance.

## **Involuntary Reduction in Hours**

If insurance ended because the Member is no longer Actively Employed due to an involuntary reduction of hours worked, the Member's insurance may be reinstated without satisfying another Eligibility Waiting Period if the Member returns to Active Employment and there was no break in employment with the Policyholder after the date insurance ended.

We will require Evidence of Good Health if the amount of insurance being requested exceeds the amount of coverage in effect on the Member's last day of Active Employment.

#### **Rehired Member**

If insurance ended because the Member is no longer Actively Employed due to termination of employment with the Policyholder, the Member's insurance may be reinstated without satisfying another Eligibility Waiting Period if the Member is rehired and becomes Actively Employed within 90 days from the date employment ended.

We will require Evidence of Good Health acceptable to Us if the amount of insurance being requested exceeds the amount of insurance in effect on the Member's last day of Active Employment.

If employment terminated due to a military leave, the Member is eligible to reinstate insurance up to the amount in effect on the last day of Active Employment upon return to Active Employment immediately after discharge from active duty, provided the Member meets the eligibility requirements of the Policy.

## **When Member Insurance Ends**

Insurance will end the last day of the month in which:

- (a) the Policy terminates;
- (b) You are no longer Actively Employed;
- (c) You do not satisfy any other eligibility conditions described in this Certificate;
- (d) any applicable premium contribution is due and unpaid; or
- (e) You enter the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves of any state or country on active duty (except for temporary active duty of two weeks or less).

#### **Exceptions to When Member Insurance Ends**

If You are no longer Actively Employed, You may be eligible to continue insurance under one of the following continuation options. The conditions for each continuation option are described within each provision.

For life insurance:

- (a) Layoff or Leave of Absence
- (b) Waiver of Premium Benefit

For accidental death and dismemberment insurance: Layoff or Leave of Absence

## **Layoff or Leave of Absence**

You may be able to continue life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance under this provision for 12 months from the day You are no longer Actively Employed in the event of an involuntary layoff or personal leave of absence approved by the Policyholder.

Under this provision, insurance will continue subject to the following conditions:

- (a) We must continue to receive uninterrupted premium payment;
- (b) the Policyholder may be able to continue Your life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance for up to 12 months if You are no longer Actively Employed due to Injury or Sickness;
- (c) We must receive written notification from the Policyholder within 31 days from the date You are no longer Actively Employed; and
- (d) the amount of insurance will not be increased while You are laid off or on approved leave of absence.

Insurance under this provision will end on the first day of the month which coincides with or follows the earliest of the day:

- (e) the Policy terminates;
- (f) any applicable premium contribution is due and unpaid;
- (g) You elect to obtain insurance under the Conversion Privilege;
- (h) before You enter the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves of any state or country on active duty (except for temporary active duty of two weeks or less);
- (i) You return to Active Employment or begin employment with an employer other than the Policyholder; or
- (j) Your insurance would otherwise end under the Policy.

If state law requires an employer to allow a leave of absence related to pregnancy, childbirth, or adoption, We will continue insurance during that leave period subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy. Contact Your employer to determine whether or not You are eligible for this type of leave.

## **Waiver of Premium Benefit**

You may be able to continue life insurance under this provision without payment of premium if You become Totally Disabled while insured under the Policy prior to age 60. If You are over age 60 You may apply for an individual life insurance conversion policy according to the terms of the Conversion Privilege described in this Certificate.

Continuation of insurance under this Waiver of Premium Benefit provision is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the amount of insurance will not be increased while You are Totally Disabled;
- (b) the amount of insurance will be reduced or terminated in accordance with the terms shown in the Schedule in this Certificate;

- (c) the Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period must be satisfied; and
- (d) Proof of Total Disability must be provided to Us as described in the following paragraphs.

#### Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period

The Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period is a period of 9 consecutive months of Total Disability beginning on the date You became Totally Disabled while insured under the Policy. Your insurance will continue during this time without premium payment as long as You remain Totally Disabled.

## **Proof of Total Disability**

You must notify Us in writing of Total Disability within 3 months from the date You became Totally Disabled. Satisfactory proof of Total Disability must be submitted to Us before the end of the Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period. We will notify You in writing if this proof is not acceptable. You will have 31 days from the date of Our denial in which to exercise the Conversion Privilege described in this Certificate.

If You are approved for continuation of coverage under this Waiver of Premium provision, We will periodically require proof of continuing Total Disability. This will be at Your expense. If at any time We determine You are no longer Totally Disabled We will notify You in writing and You will have 31 days from the date of Our denial in which to exercise the Conversion Privilege described in this Certificate.

In order to confirm that You are Totally Disabled, We have the right to have You examined by a Physician of Our choice at Our expense. We may have You examined any time during the first two years of Total Disability and once a year thereafter.

## Death While Satisfying the Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period

If You die during the Waiver of Premium Benefit Elimination Period, benefits will be paid to Your beneficiary if We receive satisfactory proof of Total Disability and We determine that You were Totally Disabled on the day before the date of death.

#### When the Waiver of Premium Benefit Ends

Your continued insurance under the Waiver of Premium Benefit provision will end on the earliest of:

- (a) the day You are no longer Totally Disabled;
- (b) 90 days after a proof of Total Disability form is sent to You, but has not been returned to Us;
- (c) the day You fail to be examined by a Physician of Our choice or do not cooperate with an exam in accordance with the Proof of Total Disability provision; or
- (d) the day You reach age 65.

## **Continuation of Insurance Under Family and Medical Leave**

The federal Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and any amendments thereto as well as certain state statutes provide continuation of coverage in certain instances for leaves of absence.

You may be eligible for continued coverage under FMLA and/or any state family medical leave laws. You should check with Your employer for additional information regarding the continued coverage that may be available to You.

Any continued coverage for family medical leave will not exceed the continued coverage provided by FMLA and/or state required family medical leave.

Any family medical leave continuation is subject to all terms and conditions of the Policy, including, without limitation, payment of premium and eligibility. Any continued coverage will end in accordance with the When Member Insurance Ends provision in Your Certificate.

## **AMENDMENT RIDER**

This Rider is made part of Group Policy GLUG-ABIH.

This Rider is effective the later of October 1, 2008 or the day You become insured under the Policy.

In the event of a conflict between this Rider and any other provision of the Policy, including the Certificate, this Rider shall control. This Rider shall be subject to all provisions of the Policy, including the Certificate, not in conflict with this Rider.

All references to "spouse" in the Policy, Your Certificate, Rider(s) or Our communication materials shall include Your registered domestic partner. Any terms, conditions or limitations that apply to a spouse will also apply to Your registered domestic partner.

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#### LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

### For You

## **Benefits**

If You die while insured under this provision, We will pay the **Amount of Life Insurance** shown in the **SCHEDULE**. Benefits will be paid to the beneficiary You name. If You do not name a beneficiary or if no beneficiary survives You, benefits will be paid:

- (a) to Your surviving spouse; if none, then
- (b) to Your surviving natural and/or adopted children; if none, then
- (c) to Your surviving parent(s); if none, then
- (d) to Your estate.

Benefits will be paid equally among surviving children or surviving parents.

## **Mode of Payment**

We will pay benefits in a lump sum.

## **Beneficiary or Mode of Payment Change**

The beneficiary and mode of payment may be changed, subject to any restrictions or limitations in this Policy. To make a change, written request should be sent to the office where the beneficiary records are kept. If You do not know where the records are kept, send the request to us. When recorded and acknowledged, the change will take effect as of the date the request is signed. However, the change will not apply to any payments or other action taken by us before the request was acknowledged.

## **Facility of Payment**

We may pay up to the Facility of Payment Amount to any person who has incurred expenses for Your fatal illness or burial. The **Facility of Payment Amount** is shown in the **SCHEDULE**.

#### **Conversion Privilege**

If any of Your life insurance ends because Your employment or membership in a class ends, You may apply for an individual policy of life insurance (called a conversion policy) without giving information about Your health. Issuance of a conversion policy is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) You may apply for any of our individual life insurance policies except term insurance. You may not apply for any supplemental coverage.
- (b) You may apply for an amount which is not more than the amount of Your terminated group life insurance.

- (c) The premium for Your conversion policy will be at our standard rate for that type of policy according to:
  - (1) Your class of risk; and
  - (2) Your age on the date the policy takes effect.
- (d) You must submit Your written application and Your first conversion premium to Us within 31 days after Your group life insurance ends or reduces.

If Your group life insurance ends because of termination of the Policy or termination of a class, and You have been insured under the Policy at least five years, You may apply within 31 days for a conversion policy. Issuance of the conversion policy is subject to conditions (a), (c) and (d) above. Your converted life insurance may not exceed the lesser of:

- (a) \$3,000; or
- (b) the amount of Your terminated group life insurance less the amount of any other group life insurance for which You become eligible within 31 days.

If You die within the 31-day period after insurance ends, We will pay the amount of group life insurance You Were entitled to convert.

If We issue a conversion policy and You again become eligible for group life insurance under the Policy, coverage will become effective only if:

- (a) You terminate the conversion policy; or
- (b) You submit, at Your own expense, evidence of good health acceptable to Us.

## LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

# For You - LIVING BENEFITS OPTION (ACCELERATED BENEFITS)

## **Definition**

## **Terminal Condition** means an Injury or Sickness:

- (a) expected to result in Your death within 12 months; and
- (b) from which there is no reasonable prospect of recovery;

as determined by Us.

#### **Benefits**

If You incur a Terminal Condition while insured under this provision, You or Your legal representative, while You are living, may request Living Benefits. The **Amount of Living Benefits** is shown in the **Schedule**, and will be payable provided You are living at the time payment is made. Benefits will be paid in one lump sum.

## **Conditions**

- 1. To be insured for Living Benefits, You must be insured for group life insurance under this Policy.
- 2. We may require the beneficiary's written consent. Before Living Benefits are paid in community property states, Your spouse's written consent may be required.
- 3. The amount of Your group life insurance and the amount You may convert in accordance with the life **Conversion Privilege** provision will be reduced by the Living Benefit amount paid under this provision.
- 4. An Insured Person may receive Living Benefits only once.
- 5. Premium payments must continue to be paid on the full amount of group life insurance, unless You qualify for waiver of premium, in accordance with the **Continuation of Life Insurance Benefits Due to Total Disability** provision.

## **Exceptions**

This **Living Benefits** provision will not apply:

- (a) when You have irrevocably assigned group life insurance under this Policy;
- (b) when all or a portion of group life insurance benefits under this Policy are to be paid to a former spouse as part of a divorce agreement;
- (c) to any intentionally self-inflicted Injury, Sickness or suicide attempt;
- (d) if Your life insurance benefits end:
- (e) if the required premium is due and unpaid; or

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(f) if the Master Policy terminates.

**NOTE:** Benefits paid under this provision may be taxable. If so, You may incur a tax obligation. As with all tax matters, You should consult a personal tax advisor to assess the impact of this benefit.

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

#### For You

## **Definitions**

**Accident** means a sudden, unexpected, unforeseeable and unintended event, independent of Sickness and all other causes.

Accident does not include Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof, bacterial or viral infection, regardless of how contracted. Accident does include bacterial infection that is the natural and foreseeable result of an accidental external bodily Injury or accidental food poisoning.

**Automobile** means a licensed private passenger motor vehicle for use on public highways.

**Controlled Drug** means any drug having the capacity to affect behavior and regulated by law with regard to possession and use.

**Intoxicated** means blood alcohol level at the time of death or dismemberment that equals or exceeds the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle in the jurisdiction in which the loss occurs.

**Loss of a Hand or Foot** means complete Severance of at least four whole fingers from one hand or Severance above the ankle joint.

**Loss of Hearing** means total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears which cannot be corrected by any means.

**Loss of Sight** means the total and permanent loss of sight of the eye. The loss of sight must be irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of Speech** means total, permanent and irrecoverable loss of audible communication. The loss of speech must be irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of a Thumb and Index Finger** means Severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joints (the joints between the fingers and the hand).

**Seat Belt** means a factory-installed lap and shoulder seat belt or other restraint device approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Severance** means the complete separation and dismemberment of the part from the body.

**Traveling on Business of the Policyholder** means any trip made by You on assignment by or with authorization of the Policyholder for the purpose of furthering the business of the Policyholder. If this trip is made on a private aircraft, then the aircraft must:

- (a) have a current and valid Federal Aviation Administration of the United States (FAA) standard air worthiness certificate: and
- (b) is operated by a person holding a current and valid FAA pilot's certificate of rating authorizing him or her to operate the aircraft. The pilot or crew could be an Insured Person under the Policy.

## **Benefits**

If You are Injured or die as a result of an Accident, We will pay the Benefit shown in the Table below for any of the following losses:

#### **TABLE**

<u>Loss</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
Loss of Life	Principal Sum
Loss of Both Hands	Principal Sum
Loss of Both Feet	Principal Sum
Loss of Entire Sight of Both Eyes	Principal Sum
Loss of Entire Sight of One Eye	One-half Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand and One Foot	Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand and Entire Sight of One Eye	Principal Sum
Loss of One Foot and Entire Sight of One Eye	Principal Sum
Loss of Thumb and Index Finger of same Hand	One-fourth Principal Sum
Loss of Speech and Hearing (both ears)	Principal Sum
Loss of Speech or Hearing (both ears)	One-half Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand or One Foot	One-half Principal Sum

## The **Principal Sum** is shown on the **SCHEDULE**.

If an Injury causes more than one loss shown in the Table above, We will pay only the **largest** Benefit. However, some benefits are paid in addition to the Principal Sum shown in the Table, as specifically provided in other provisions below.

## **Payment For Loss of Life**

## **Beneficiary**

Benefits payable under this provision because of Your death will be paid to the beneficiary You name. If You do not name a beneficiary or if no beneficiary survives You, benefits will be paid:

- (a) to Your surviving spouse; if none, then
- (b) to Your surviving natural and/or adopted children; if none, then
- (c) to Your surviving parent(s); if none, then
- (d) to Your estate.

Benefits will be paid equally among surviving children or surviving parents.

## **Mode of Payment**

We will pay death benefits in a lump sum.

## **Beneficiary or Mode of Payment Change**

The beneficiary and mode of payment may be changed, subject to any restrictions or limitations in this Policy. To make a change, written request should be sent to the office where the beneficiary records are kept. If You do not know where the records are kept, send the request to Us. When recorded and acknowledged by Us, the change will take effect as of the date the request is signed. However, the change will not apply to any payments or other action taken by Us before the request was acknowledged.

## **Payment For Other Than Loss of Life**

Benefits payable under this provision for any loss other than loss of life will be paid to You in a lump sum.

#### **Exposure and Disappearance**

You will be presumed to have died, for the purposes of this coverage, if after the forced landing, stranding, sinking or wrecking of a vehicle:

- (a) You disappear;
- (b) Your body is not found; and
- (c) a valid death certificate is issued by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

#### **Airbag Benefit**

#### **Definition**

**Airbag** means any factory-installed, inflatable, supplemental restraint device which meets published federal safety standards.

#### **Benefits**

If You are Injured in an Automobile Accident and that Injury results in Your death, We will pay 10% of the amount of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of \$50,000. This benefit is paid in addition to the Principal Sum.

## **Exception**

We will not pay Airbag Benefits if the Automobile Accident occurs when:

- (a) You are not seated directly behind an Airbag;
- (b) the Automobile is being used for racing, stunting, or exhibition work; or
- (c) You are breaking any traffic laws of the jurisdiction in which the Automobile is being operated.

## **Childcare Center Benefit**

#### **Definitions**

**Childcare Center** means care provided for children on a regular basis for daily periods of less than 24 hours, whether the care is for daytime or nighttime hours. This care must be provided by an adult other than a person who is part of Your immediate family.

## **Dependent** means:

- (a) Your child who is:
  - (1) natural-born;
  - (2) legally adopted;
  - (3) a stepchild living in Your home; or
- (b) a child:
  - (1) You are raising as Your own child;
  - (2) who is living in Your home and chiefly dependent on You for support; and
  - (3) for whom You have full parental responsibility and control;

all as indicated by evidence acceptable to Us.

The term Dependent does not include:

- (a) anyone insured under this Policy as an Employee;
- (b) anyone who enters the Armed Forces on active duty (except for temporary active duty of two weeks or less);
- (c) Your married child(ren);
- (d) Your child who has been legally adopted by another person;
- (e) any child who has attained age 25; or
- (f) a child:
  - (1) temporarily living in Your home;
  - (2) placed in Your home by a social service agency which retains control over the child; or
  - (3) who has a natural parent in a position to exercise or share parental responsibility and control.

## **Benefits**

If You are Injured and that Injury results in Your death, an eligible Dependent may receive Childcare Center benefits equal to 2% of the Principal Sum, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The Childcare Center Benefit is payable for each Dependent. This benefit is paid in addition to the Principal Sum and will be paid to the eligible dependent spouse.

#### **Conditions**

We will only pay the Childcare Center Benefit if:

(a) the surviving spouse requires the services of a Childcare Center because of their employment or they are seeking education or training;

- (b) the Childcare Center Benefit shall be payable for a maximum of two years or until the Dependent's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- (c) You have a surviving spouse at the time of Your death.

#### **Child Education Benefits**

#### **Definitions**

Accredited School means a state accredited college, university, trade school or vocational school.

**Full Time Basis** means full-time as defined by the Accredited School being attended by the Eligible Dependent Student.

**Eligible Dependent Student** means each of Your unmarried children who are less than 25 years of age and are:

- (a) enrolled on a Full Time Basis in an Accredited School at Your death; or
- (b) enrolled on a Full Time Basis in an Accredited School within one year after Your death; and
- (c) natural-born;
- (d) legally adopted;
- (e) a stepchild living in Your home; or
- (f) a child:
  - (1) You are raising as Your own;
  - (2) who is living in Your home and chiefly dependent on You for support; and
  - (3) for whom You have full parental responsibility and control;

all as indicated by evidence acceptable to Us.

The term Eligible Dependent Student does not include:

- (a) anyone insured under this Policy as an Employee;
- (b) anyone who enters the Armed Forces on active duty (except for temporary active duty of two weeks or less);
- (c) Your married child(ren);
- (d) Your child who has been legally adopted by another person;
- (e) a child:
  - (1) temporarily living in Your home;
  - (2) placed in Your home by a social service agency which retains control over the child; or
  - (3) who has a natural parent in a position to exercise or share parental responsibility and control.

#### **Benefits**

If You are Injured, and that Injury results in Your death, We will pay benefits equal to 5% of the amount of the Principal Sum, up to \$5,000. This Child Education Benefit will be payable at the end of each school year for a maximum of four consecutive years.

This benefit is paid in addition to the Principal Sum, and will be paid to the Eligible Dependent Student or, if a minor child, to the Eligible Dependent Student's legal guardian.

When the parents of an Eligible Dependent Student are both insured under the Policy as employees, benefits will be limited to payment under only one parent's certificate.

### **Conditions**

We will only pay the Child Education Benefit if:

- (a) there is an Eligible Dependent Student who continues to be enrolled for each consecutive term; and
- (b) a copy of the Eligible Dependent Student's most recent grade report is submitted with the claim.

#### **Seat Belt Benefits**

#### **Benefits**

If You are Injured in an Automobile Accident while You were wearing a Seat Belt, and that Injury results in Your death, We will pay 10% of the amount of the Principal Sum, up to \$50,000. We must receive satisfactory written proof that Your death resulted from an Automobile Accident and that You were wearing a Seat Belt at the time of the Accident. A copy of the police accident report must be submitted with the claim. This benefit is paid in addition to the Principal Sum.

## **Exceptions**

We will not pay Seat Belt benefits if the Automobile Accident occurs when:

- (a) the Automobile is being used for racing, stunting, or exhibition work; or
- (b) You are breaking any traffic laws of the jurisdiction in which the Automobile is being operated.

## **Spouse Retraining Benefit**

#### **Definitions**

**Accredited School** means a state accredited college, university, trade school or vocational school.

**Full Time Basis** means full-time as defined by the Accredited School being attended by the Spouse.

**Spouse** means Your lawful spouse, not a divorced or separated spouse.

#### **Benefits**

If You are Injured and that Injury results in Your death, Your surviving Spouse will receive the Spouse Retraining Benefit equal to the cost incurred by enrolling on a Full Time Basis in an Accredited School, up to a maximum of \$3,000. This benefit will be payable at the end of each school year for a maximum of four consecutive years if Your Spouse continues to be enrolled on a full time basis for each consecutive term. A copy of Your Spouse's most recent grade report must be submitted with the claim. This benefit is paid in addition to the Principal Sum, and will be paid to the eligible dependent Spouse.

#### **Conditions**

We will only pay the Spouse Retraining Benefit if:

- (a) Your Spouse enrolls in any Accredited School for the purpose of retraining or refreshing skills needed for employment within one year after Your death;
- (b) Your Spouse incurs expenses payable directly to, or approved and certified by such school; and
- (c) receipts from the Accredited School are submitted to Us for approval prior to receipt of the benefit.

#### **Exclusions**

We will not pay for any loss which:

- (a) results, whether the Insured Person is sane or insane, from:
  - (1) An intentionally self-inflicted Injury or Sickness; or
  - (2) Suicide or attempted suicide;
- (b) results from the Insured Person's participation in a riot or in the commission of a felony;
- (c) results from an act of declared or undeclared war or armed aggression;
- (d) is incurred while the Insured Person is on active duty or training in the Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves of any state or country and for which any governmental body or its agencies are liable;
- (e) is not permanent, unless specifically provided;
- (f) occurs more than 365 days after the Injury; NOTE: This 365 day limit will not apply if You are in a coma or being kept alive by an artificial support system at the end of the 365 days.
- (g) does not result from an Accident;
- (h) is caused by intentional, self-infliction of carbon monoxide poisoning emanating from a motor vehicle;
- (i) results from Injuries You receive in any aircraft while operating, riding as a passenger, boarding or leaving. This exception does not apply while You are riding as a passenger in a commercial aircraft on a regularly scheduled flight or while Traveling on Business of the Policyholder;
- (j) results in Injuries You receive while riding in any aircraft engaged in:
  - (1) racing;
  - (2) endurance tests; or
  - (3) acrobatic or stunt flying;
- (k) is caused by You, and is a result of Injuries You receive, while under the influence of any Controlled Drug, unless administered on the advice of a Physician; or
- (l) is caused by You, and is a result of Injuries You receive, while Intoxicated.

## PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

## **How to File Claims**

Before benefits are paid, we must be given a written proof of loss, as described below. In the event of your death or incapacity, your beneficiary or someone else may give us the proof.

## **Proof of Loss Requirements**

1. First, request a claim form from the Plan Administrator or from us.

This request should be made:

- (a) within 20 days after a loss occurs; or
- (b) as soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive the request, we will send a claim form for filing proof of loss. If we do not send it within 15 days, you can meet the proof of loss requirement by giving us a written statement of what happened. We must receive a written statement within the time shown in 3 below.

- 2. Next, complete and sign the claim form. If a physician must complete part of the claim form, have the physician complete and sign that part.
- 3. Finally, return the claim form to the Plan Administrator or to us. The claim form is due:
  - (a) within 90 days after the loss occurs; or
  - (b) as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after (a) above, unless the claimant is not legally capable.

#### When Claims are Paid

Policy benefits will be paid as soon as we receive acceptable proof of loss.

## **Direct Payments**

Any loss of life benefit will be paid in accord with the Life Insurance Benefits and/or Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits provision(s).

Any other benefits will be paid to you except that benefits unpaid at your death may be paid, at our option to:

- (a) your beneficiary; or
- (b) your estate.

If your beneficiary is unable to give a valid release or if benefits unpaid at your death are not more than \$1,000, we may pay up to \$1,000 to any relative of yours who we find is entitled to the benefit.

Any payment made in good faith will fully discharge us to the extent of the payment.

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## **Examination and Autopsy**

We sometimes require that a claimant be examined by a physician of our choice. We will pay for these examinations. We will not require more than a reasonable number of examinations. Where not prohibited by law, we may also require an autopsy. We will pay for this autopsy.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

An "Adverse Benefit Determination" means a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit, including any such denial, reduction, termination, or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of the Insured Person's eligibility to participate in a plan.

A document, record, or other information will be considered "Relevant" to a claim if it:

- (a) was relied upon in making the claim decision;
- (b) was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the claim decision, without regard to whether it was relied upon in making the claim decision; or
- (c) demonstrates compliance with administrative processes and safeguards designed to ensure and verify that claim decisions are made in accordance with the Policy and that, where appropriate, Policy provisions have been applied consistently with respect to similarly situated claimants.

#### INITIAL CLAIM DECISION

<u>Initial Claim Decision</u>. We will make a claim decision regarding a life or accidental death and dismemberment claim within 90 days after Our receipt of the claim.

<u>Extensions</u>. The initial 90 day period may be extended for up to 90 days, if We (1) determine that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim and (2) notify the claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial 90 day period, of the special circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which We expect to render a decision.

<u>Time Periods</u>. The period of time within which a claim decision is required to be made will begin at the time a claim is filed, without regard to whether all the information necessary to make a claim decision accompanies the filing.

#### NOTICE OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION

We will provide the claimant with written or electronic notice of any Adverse Benefit Determination within 90 days after Our receipt of the claim, subject to the extension described above. The notice will include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the Adverse Benefit Determination;
- (b) reference to the specific Policy provision(s) on which the Adverse Benefit Determination is based;
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and the reason We need the material or information; and
- (d) a description of the Policy's appeal procedures, including the time limits for such procedures.

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## **APPEALS OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS**

The claimant must appeal within 60 days following receipt of notification of an Adverse Benefit Determination.

The request for an appeal should include:

- (a) The Insured Person's name;
- (b) the name of the person filing the appeal if different from the Insured Person;
- (c) the Policy number; and
- (d) the nature of the appeal.

The claimant will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim.

The claimant will be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information Relevant to the claim.

Our review will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial claim decision.

#### APPEAL DECISION

<u>Notice of Appeal Decision</u>. We will notify the claimant of Our appeal decision within 60 days after receipt of a timely appeal request, unless We determine that special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the appeal. We will provide the claimant with written or electronic notice of Our appeal decision. Notice of an Adverse Benefit Determination will include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the Adverse Benefit Determination;
- (b) reference to the specific Policy provision(s) on which the Adverse Benefit Determination is based: and
- (c) a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information Relevant to the claim.

<u>Notice of Extension</u>. If We determine that an extension is required, We will notify the claimant in writing of the extension prior to the termination of the initial 60 day period. In no event will the extension exceed 60 days from the end of the initial period. The extension notice will indicate the special circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which We expect to render the appeal decision.

<u>Time Periods</u>. The period of time within which an appeal decision is required to be made will begin at the time an appeal is timely filed, without regard to whether all the information necessary to make an appeal decision accompanies the filing. If a period of time is extended as described above due to the claimant's failure to submit information necessary to decide a claim, the period for making the appeal decision shall be "tolled" or suspended from the date on which the extension notice is sent to the claimant until the earlier of (1) the date on which We receive the claimant's response; or (2) the date established by Us in the notice of extension for the furnishing of the requested information.

## STANDARD PROVISIONS

## **Insurance Contract**

The insurance contract consists of:

- (a) the policy;
- (b) the Policyholder's application attached to the policy; and
- (c) your application, if required.

## **Changes in the Insurance Contract**

The insurance contract may be changed (including reducing or terminating benefits or increasing premium costs) any time we and the Policyholder both agree to a change. No one else has the authority to change the insurance contract. A change in the insurance contract:

- (a) does not require your or your beneficiary's consent; and
- (b) must be:
  - (1) in writing;
  - (2) made a part of the policy; and
  - (3) signed by one of our officers.

A change may affect any class of insured persons, including retirees if retiree coverage is included in the policy.

## **Applications**

We may use misstatements or omissions in your application to contest the validity of insurance, reduce coverage or deny a claim; but we must first furnish you or your beneficiary with a copy of that application. We will not use your application to contest or reduce insurance which has been in force for two years or more during your lifetime. However, if you are not eligible for insurance, there is no time limit on our right to contest insurance or deny a claim.

Statements in an application are treated as representations, not as warranties.

## **Legal Actions**

No legal action can be brought until at least 60 days after we have been given written proof of loss. No legal action can be brought more than three years after the date written proof of loss is required.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Terms defined in this provision are used in, or apply to other provisions throughout the Policy, Certificate and any Riders. Definitions of other terms may be found in other provisions.

**Injury** means an accidental bodily injury which requires treatment by a Physician. It must result in loss independently of Sickness and other causes.

**Physician** means any of the following licensed practitioners:

- (a) a doctor of medicine (MD), osteopathy (DO), podiatry (DPM) or chiropractic (DC);
- (b) a licensed doctoral clinical psychologist;
- (c) a Master's level counselor and licensed or certified social worker who is acting under the supervision of a doctor of medicine or a licensed doctoral clinical psychologist;
- (d) a licensed physician's assistant (PA); or
- (e) where required to cover by law, any other licensed practitioner who is acting within the scope of his/her license.

A physician does not include a person who lives with You or is part of Your family (You; Your spouse; or a child, brother, sister or parent of You or Your spouse).

Our, We, Us means the Company shown on Your Certificate of Insurance.

**Rider** means a provision added to the Policy or Your certificate to expand or limit benefits or coverage.

**Sickness** means a disease, disorder or condition, which requires treatment by a Physician.

**Total Disability, Totally Disabled or Disabled** means that because of an Injury or Sickness You are completely and continuously unable to perform any work or engage in any occupation.

You, Your, Insured Person means an employee or member who is insured under the Policy.

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