

Term Life and AD&D Insurance

Employee Benefit Booklet



ALAMANCE COUNTY

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**Dearborn National® Life Insurance
Company**

Administrative Office:
1020 31st Street
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(A stock life insurance company, herein called the “We” “Us” or “Our”)

Having issued Group Policy No. F013683-0001

(herein called the Policy)

to

ALAMANCE COUNTY
(herein called the *Policyholder*)

GROUP INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

CERTIFIES that *You* are insured, provided that *You* qualify under the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision, become insured and remain insured in accordance with the terms of the Policy. *Your* insurance is subject to all the definitions, limitations and conditions of the Policy, and it takes effect as stated in the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision.

This Certificate describes *Your* eligibility for benefits and the terms and provisions of the Policy. It replaces and cancels any other Certificate previously issued to *You* under the Policy.


If the terms and provisions of the Group Insurance Certificate (issued to *You*) are different from the policy (issued to the *Policyholder*), the Policy will govern. *Your* coverage may be canceled or changed in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the Policy.

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS RENEWABLE AT THE OPTION OF DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY**

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY

Signed for Dearborn National Life Insurance Company


Secretary


President

Basic Group Term Life Insurance Certificate
with
Accidental Death & Dismemberment and Dependent Life Insurance Benefits
Non-Participating

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

POLICYHOLDER: ALAMANCE COUNTY

POLICY NUMBER: F013683-0001

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

ELIGIBILITY: ALL FULL TIME ACTIVE EMPLOYEES of the Policyholder working in the United States of America who are Actively at Work for the Policyholder and who have completed the Waiting Period are eligible for the insurance. A full-time *Employee* is one who regularly works a minimum of 30 hours per week for the *Policyholder*. Part-time, seasonal and temporary *Employees* of the *Policyholder* are not eligible.

Eligibility Waiting Period: Current *Employees*: None
New *Employees*: First of the month following 30 Days of continuous, full-time active work

Policyholder Contribution:	Basic Life & AD&D	100% of premium
	Dependent Life	0% of premium

GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Employee Basic Life Benefit Amount

1.00 times annual salary to a maximum of \$70,000 rounded to the next higher \$1,000, but not less than \$1,000 prior to any applied reductions.

Annual Earnings means *Your* gross annual income from the *Policyholder*. It includes *Your* total income before taxes and any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. ***Annual Earnings*** includes income actually received from commissions, but does not include bonuses, overtime pay, or any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than the *Policyholder*.

Commissions will be averaged for the lesser of:

- a. the 12 full calendar month period of *Your* employment with *Your Employer* just prior to the date of Loss, or
- b. the period of actual employment with *Your Employer*.

Reduction of Benefits

None. Benefits terminate at retirement.

Waiver of Premium

Waiver Eligibility

Totally Disabled prior to age 60 without interruption from the last date worked for at least 9 months

Insured Eligibility

Employee

Maximum Waiver of Premium Duration

age 65

Accelerated Death Benefit (ADB)

Benefit Amount

75% Basic Term Life Insurance In force

Insured Eligibility

Employee

Minimum Covered Life Insurance Amount

\$15,000

Maximum ADB Payment

\$250,000

Minimum ADB Payment

\$7,500

DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Spouse Benefit Amount

Basic: \$2,500 Not to exceed 100% of Employee Amount

Includes Registered Domestic Partner

Child(ren) Benefit Amount

Basic:

\$0 - age live birth to 14 days

\$2,500 - age 14 days to 6 months

\$2,500 - age 6 months to 19 years (or 25 years if full-time student)

GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

Employee Basic AD&D Coverage Amount	1.00 times annual salary to a maximum of \$70,000 rounded to the next higher \$1,000, but not less than \$1,000 prior to any applied reductions. Annual Earnings means <i>Your</i> gross annual income from the <i>Policyholder</i> . It includes <i>Your</i> total income before taxes and any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. Annual Earnings includes income actually received from commissions, but does not include bonuses, overtime pay, or any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than the <i>Policyholder</i> . Commissions will be averaged for the lesser of: a. the 12 full calendar month period of <i>Your</i> employment with <i>Your Employer</i> just prior to the date of Loss; or b. the period of actual employment with <i>Your Employer</i> .
Reduction of Benefits	None. Benefits terminate at retirement.
Seat Belt Benefit	10% of <i>Employee Coverage Amount</i> , to a maximum of \$25,000
Air Bag Benefit	5% of <i>Employee Coverage Amount</i> to a maximum of \$5,000
Repatriation Benefit	Actual costs to a maximum of \$5,000
Education Benefit	
Benefit Amount	3% of <i>Employee Coverage Amount</i> , to a maximum of \$3,000 per year
Maximum Benefit Duration	Benefit payable for a maximum of four (4)years
Eligible Dependents	Age live birth to age 19 years (23 if a full-time student)

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS

Who is eligible for this insurance?

The eligibility for this insurance is as indicated in the Schedule of Benefits.

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* is set forth in the Schedule of Benefits.

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When does Your Noncontributory insurance become effective?

Noncontributory means the *Policyholder* pays 100% of the premium for this insurance.

Current Employees

If *You* are an eligible *Employee* on the Policy effective date, *Your Noncontributory* coverage under the Policy will become effective on the date indicated in the Schedule of Benefits, provided *You* are Actively at Work on that day.

New Employees

If *You* become an eligible *Employee* after the Policy effective date, *Your Noncontributory* coverage under the Policy will become effective on the date indicated in the Schedule of Benefits, provided *You* are Actively at Work on that day.

If *You* waive all or a portion of *Your Noncontributory* coverage and choose to enroll at a later date, *You* are considered a late applicant and must furnish *Evidence of Insurability* satisfactory to *Us* before coverage can become effective. Coverage will become effective on the date *We* determine that the *Evidence of Insurability* is satisfactory and *We* provide written notice of approval.

You must be *Actively at Work* for coverage under the Policy to become effective.

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When does Your Contributory insurance become effective?

Contributory means *You* pay all or a portion of the premium for this insurance coverage.

You may apply for insurance coverage at any time. *Your* coverage will become effective as follows, provided *You* are Actively at Work on that date:

Your Contributory coverage for amounts up to the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit will become effective on the latest of the following dates provided *You* are Actively at Work on that date:

1. If *You* enroll for coverage prior to the Policy effective date, the Policy effective date;
2. If *You* enroll for coverage within 31 days of *Your* eligibility date, on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*;
3. If *You* do not enroll for coverage within 31 days after *Your* eligibility date, *You* are considered a late applicant and must furnish Evidence of Insurability satisfactory to *Us* before coverage can become effective, unless *You* qualify because of a *Change in Family Status*.
 - a. Coverage for a late applicant will become effective on the date *We* determine that the *Evidence of Insurability* is satisfactory and *We* provide written notice of approval.
 - b. Coverage requested because of a *Change in Family Status* will become effective on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*.

You must be *Actively at Work* for coverage under the Policy to become effective.

Enrollment Form means the application *You* complete to apply for coverage under the Policy.

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Change in Family Status

If *You* experience a *Change in Family Status*, *You* may enroll for coverage, apply for additional coverage, or request changes to *Your* current benefit program(s) without providing *Evidence of Insurability*, provided the benefit change is consistent with the *Change in Family Status*. *You* must submit the appropriate *Enrollment Form* within 31 days of the *Change in Family Status*.

Change in Family Status means changes in the status of *Your* family, including but not limited to:

1. *You* get married or execute a Domestic Partner affidavit;
2. *You* have a *Dependent Child*, or *You* adopt or become the legal guardian of a *Dependent* child;
3. *Your Spouse* dies or *You* become divorced;
4. *Your Dependent Child* becomes emancipated or dies;
5. *Your Spouse* is no longer employed, resulting in a loss of group insurance, or;
6. *You* have a change in classification which results in *You* changing from part-time to full-time, or full-time to part-time.

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When is Evidence of Insurability required?

Evidence of Insurability is required if:

1. *You* are a late applicant, which means *You* enroll for insurance more than 31 days after *Your* eligibility date; or
2. *You* voluntarily canceled *Your* insurance and choose to reapply; or
3. *Your* coverage amount exceeds the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits; or
4. *You* apply to increase *Your* coverage amount during the Policy year; or
5. An increase to *Your Annual Earnings* results in an increase to *Your* Life Insurance benefit of more than \$50,000, and that amount exceeds the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit.

Receipt of premium before *We* have approved *Evidence of Insurability* will not constitute acceptance and does not guarantee issuance of any benefit amount prior to *Our* approval.

Evidence of Insurability means a statement of *Your* medical history which *We* will use to determine if *You* are approved for coverage. *Evidence of Insurability* will be provided at *Your* expense.

Evidence of Insurability Form means a form provided or approved by *Us* on which *You* provide a statement of *Your* medical history.

You may obtain an *Evidence of Insurability Form* from the *Policyholder*.

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If You are not Actively at Work, when does coverage become effective?

If *You* are absent from *Active Work* on the date *Your* coverage would otherwise become effective; and *Your* absence is caused by an *Injury*, illness or layoff,

Your effective date for any initial coverage or increased coverage will be deferred until the first day *You* return to *Active Work*.

However, *You* will be considered *Actively at Work* on any day that is not *Your* regularly scheduled work day (including but not limited to a weekend, vacation or holiday) if *You* were *Actively at Work* on the immediately preceding scheduled work day and *You* were:

1. not *Hospital Confined*; or;
2. disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

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Changes to Your coverage

A change in *Your* coverage may occur if:

1. There is a Policy change; or
2. *You* enter another class and become eligible for a change in benefits; or
3. *You* experience a qualified *Change in Family Status*
4. There is a change in *Your Annual Earnings*, which results in an increased benefit amount

If *You* are eligible for additional coverage due to a Policy change, the additional coverage will be effective on the date the Policy change is effective, as requested by the *Policyholder* and agreed upon by *Us*.

Additional coverage for reasons other than a Policy change will be effective as indicated in the "***When Does Your Non-Contributory insurance become effective?***" section, or the later of:

1. The date *You* enroll for the additional coverage; or
2. The date *You* become eligible for the additional coverage, if enrollment is not required; or
3. The date *We* approve *Your* coverage if *Evidence of Insurability* is required.

In order for *Your* additional coverage to begin, *You* must be *Actively at Work*.

Additional *Contributory* coverage is subject to payment of premium.

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Eligibility after You Terminate Employment

If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment, *You* must meet all the requirements of a new *Employee* if *You* are rehired at a later date.

Exception: If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment and *You* return to *Active Work* in an eligible class within 6 months, we will not:

1. apply a new *Eligibility Waiting Period*; or
2. require *Evidence of Insurability*.

If *You* converted all or part of *Your* group life insurance when employment terminated, the individual policy must be surrendered upon return to *Active Work*.

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TERM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT

**THIS BENEFIT ONLY APPLIES TO YOU IF YOU HAVE ELECTED TERM LIFE INSURANCE
AND YOU HAVE PAID OR AGREED TO PAY THE APPLICABLE PREMIUM.**

When is a Life Insurance Benefit payable?

We will pay *Your* beneficiary the amount of life insurance in force as of the date of *Your* death provided:

1. *You* are insured under the Policy on the date of death, and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years after the date of death.

We will determine the amount of insurance payable based upon the Schedule of Benefits.

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Who will receive Your Life Insurance Benefits?

Your beneficiary designation must be made on a form which *We* provide or on a form accepted by *Us*. If two or more beneficiaries are named, payment of proceeds will be apportioned equally unless *You* had specified otherwise. The *Policyholder* may not be named as beneficiary. Unless *You* provide otherwise, if a beneficiary dies before *You*, *We* will divide that beneficiary's share equally between any remaining named beneficiaries.

If a beneficiary is a minor, or is not able to give a valid release for any payment of benefits made, *We* will not make payment until a claim is made by the person or entity which, by court order, has been granted control of the estate of such beneficiary. This provision does not prevent *Us* from making payment to or for the benefit of a minor beneficiary in accordance with the applicable state law.

Facility of Payment

If no named beneficiary survives *You* or if *You* do not name a beneficiary, *We* will pay the amount of insurance:

1. to *Your* spouse, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,
3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and/or sisters, if living; if not,
5. to *Your* estate.

If any benefits under this provision are to be paid to *Your* estate, *We* may pay an amount not greater than \$250 to any person *We* consider equitably entitled by reason of having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to *Your* death. Any and all payments made by *Us* shall fully discharge *Us* in the amount of such payment.

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May You change Your beneficiary?

You may change *Your* beneficiary at any time by completing a form provided or accepted by *Us*, and sending it to the *Policyholder*. *Your* written request for change of beneficiary will not be effective until it is recorded by the *Policyholder*. After it has been so recorded, it will take effect on the later of the date *You* signed the change request form or the date *You* specifically requested. If *You* die before the change has been recorded, *We* will not alter any payment that *We* have already made. Any prior payment shall fully discharge *Us* from further liability in that amount.

If *You* are approved for continued life coverage under the Waiver of Premium, *You* may be asked to name a beneficiary. A beneficiary designation made in connection with Waiver of Premium, if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the Policy. Such change of beneficiary only applies while *You* qualify for continued coverage under the Waiver of Premium provision.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, *We* will pay death benefits in accordance with the Facility of Payment provision.

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CONVERSION OF LIFE INSURANCE

How much Life Insurance may You convert if eligibility terminates?

You may convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance, or a portion of it, ceases because:

1. *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*; or
2. *You* are no longer in a class which is eligible for life insurance.

In either of these situations, *You* may convert all or any portion of *Your* life insurance which was in force on the date *Your* life insurance ceased.

How much Life Insurance may You convert if the policy terminates or is amended?

You may also convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance ceases because:

1. life insurance benefits under the Policy cease; or
2. the Policy is amended making *You* ineligible for life insurance; however, in either of these situations,

You must have been insured under the Policy, or the Policy it replaced, for at least five (5) years. The amount of insurance converted in either of these situations will be the lesser of:

1. the amount of life insurance in force, less any amount for which *You* become eligible under this or any other group policy within 31 days after the date *Your* life insurance ceased; or
2. \$10,000.

How to apply for conversion

We must receive written application and the first premium for the individual life insurance policy within 31 days after life insurance under the Policy ceased. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required.

The individual policy will be a policy of whole life insurance. It will not contain waiver of premium, accelerated death benefit, disability benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits or any other ancillary benefits.

The minimum issue amount of an individual conversion policy is \$2,000. The premium for the individual policy will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates based upon *Your* attained age; and
2. the amount of the individual policy.

If application is made for an individual policy, the coverage under the individual policy will be effective on the day following the 31-day period during which *You* could apply for conversion.

If *You* die during a period when *You* would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to *You* and if *You* die before such an individual policy became effective, *We* will pay *Your* beneficiary the greatest amount of group term life insurance for which an individual policy could have been issued, provided:

1. *Your* death occurred during the 31-day period within which *You* could have made application; and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years of the date of death.

If life insurance benefits are paid under the Policy, payment will not be made under the converted policy, and premiums paid for the converted policy will be refunded.

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WAIVER OF PREMIUM

What is the Waiver of Premium benefit?

We will continue *Your* Basic life insurance benefit under the Policy without further payment of life insurance premium if *You* become *Totally Disabled*, provided:

1. *You* are insured under the Policy and were *Actively at Work* on or after the effective date of the Policy; and
2. *You* are under the age of 60; and
3. *You* provide *Us* with satisfactory written proof within 12 months after the date *You* became *Totally Disabled*; and
4. *Your Total Disability* has continued without interruption for at least 9 months; and
5. *You* are still *Totally Disabled* when *You* submit the proof of disability; and
6. all required premium has been paid.

Total Disability or ***Totally Disabled*** means *You* are diagnosed by a *Doctor* to be completely unable because of *Sickness* or *Injury* to engage in any occupation for wage or profit or any occupation for which *You* become qualified by education, training or experience.

We will waive premium beginning the month after *We* receive satisfactory proof that *You* have been *Totally Disabled* for at least 9 months. Premium will continue to be waived provided *You*:

1. remain *Totally Disabled*; and
2. provide satisfactory written proof of continuing *Total Disability* upon request.

You are responsible for obtaining initial and continuing proof of *Total Disability*.

You will be covered for the amount of life insurance in force as of the date *Total Disability* commenced. The amount of life insurance continued in force will be subject to any reduction in benefits as shown on the Schedule of Benefits or which are the result of an amendment to the Policy, but in no event will the

insurance amount increase while *Your* life insurance is continued under Waiver of Premium. This life insurance coverage will continue without the payment of premium until *You* are no longer *Totally Disabled*, or attain the Maximum Waiver of Premium Duration as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits or retire, whichever occurs first.

We may have *You* examined at reasonable intervals during the period of claimed *Total Disability*. Continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision shall end immediately and without notice if *You* refuse to be examined as and when required.

If *You* are approved for continued coverage under the Waiver of Premium provision, *You* will be asked to name a beneficiary. That beneficiary designation:

1. will only apply while *Your* coverage continues under this Waiver of Premium provision; and
2. if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the Policy.

We will pay the amount of life insurance in force to *Your* beneficiary if *You* die before furnishing satisfactory proof of *Total Disability*, if:

1. *You* die within one year from the date *You* became *Totally Disabled*; and
2. *We* receive proof that *You* were continuously *Totally Disabled* until the date of death; and
3. *We* receive proof of death not more than two (2) years after *Your* death.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases while the Policy is still in force, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *Your* life insurance will continue provided premium payments begin on the next premium due date. If *You* return to work with the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, *We* will pay death benefits in accordance with the Facility of Payment provision.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases, and *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*, *You* may apply for an individual life insurance policy in accordance with the Conversion of Life Insurance provision of this Certificate.

How does termination of the Policy affect Your insurance under the Waiver of Premium Benefit?

Termination of the Policy will not affect any insurance that has been continued under this Provision prior to the termination date.

What if You are Totally Disabled and the Policy ends before You satisfy the Elimination Period?

Your coverage under the *Policy* will end if the *Policy* ends before *You* satisfy the *Elimination Period*. However, when the *Policy* ends *You* may be entitled to convert *Your* coverage to an individual plan of life insurance as described in the Conversion of Life Insurance provision.

You may still submit a claim for Waiver of Premium Benefits after the *Policy* ends. However, *You* must be *Totally Disabled*, pay the Conversion premium for the full length of the Elimination Period and qualify for the Waiver of Premium Benefits.

At no time can You be covered under both the individual conversion policy and this Policy.

Upon receipt of timely notice and due proof of *Your Total Disability* *We* will evaluate *Your* claim. If *We* determine that *You* qualify and *You* pay all applicable premiums, *We* will approve *Your* Waiver of Premium claim under the *Policy* and agree to rescind any individual policy of life insurance issued to *You* under the Conversion privilege. *We* will refund any premiums paid for such coverage. Insurance under the *Policy* will not go into effect until *We* approve your claim in writing.

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ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT

The benefit paid under this provision may be taxable. If so, *You* or *Your* beneficiary may incur a tax obligation. As with all tax matters, *You* or *Your* beneficiary should consult a personal tax advisor to assess the impact of the benefit. Receipt of this benefit may adversely affect *Your* eligibility for Medicaid or other governmental benefits or entitlements.

What is the Accelerated Death Benefit?

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is a percentage of *Your* group Basic term life insurance which is payable to *You* prior to *Your* death if *We* receive *Proof* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is limited to the maximum and minimum amounts shown on the Schedule of Benefits, and is payable only once to any one *Insured*.

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is calculated on the group Basic term life insurance benefit amount in force under the Policy on the date *You* are diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition*. If *Your* group term life insurance will reduce, due to age, within 12 months after the date *We* receive *Proof*, the *Accelerated Death Benefit* will be calculated on the reduced group Basic term life insurance benefit.

Who is Eligible for an Accelerated Death Benefit?

This benefit only applies to *Insureds* with at least the Minimum Covered Life Insurance Benefit amounts set forth in the Schedule of Benefits. *You* must have been *Actively at Work* on or after the effective date of the Policy to be eligible for an *Accelerated Death Benefit*.

This benefit does not apply to Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits.

Terminal Condition means *You* have been examined and diagnosed by *Your Doctor* as having a medically determined condition which is expected to result in death within 12 months from the date that a claim for benefit under this provision is received by *Us*. *We* have the sole right to determine if such proof is acceptable.

The Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

We will pay the benefit during *Your* lifetime if *You* are diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition* if *You* or *Your* legal representative submits a claim for an *Accelerated Death Benefit* and provides satisfactory *Proof*. The benefit will be paid in one sum to *You*.

Are there any exceptions to the payment of the Accelerated Death Benefit?

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* will not be payable:

1. for any amount of group term life insurance which is less than the Minimum ADB Payment as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits; or
2. if *Your Terminal Condition* is the result of:
 - a. attempted suicide, while sane or insane; or
 - b. intentionally self-inflicted injury; or
3. if *Your* group term life insurance benefit has been assigned; or
4. if *Your* group term life insurance benefit is payable to an irrevocable beneficiary, including notification to *Us* that such benefit or a portion of such benefit is to be paid to a former spouse as part of a divorce or separation agreement; or
5. to retirees.

Notice and Proof of Claim

You must elect the *Accelerated Death Benefit* in writing on a form that is acceptable to Us. *You* must furnish *Proof* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*, including certification by a *Doctor*.

Proof under the Accelerated Death Benefit means evidence satisfactory to Us that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. We reserve the right to determine, at *Our* sole discretion, if *Proof* is acceptable.

Effect on Insurance

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is in lieu of the group term life insurance benefit that would have been paid upon *Your* death. When the *Accelerated Death Benefit* is paid:

1. the term life insurance benefit otherwise payable upon *Your* death will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*;
2. the amount of group term life insurance which could otherwise have been converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*; and
3. the premium due for group term life insurance will be calculated on the amount of such insurance remaining in force after deducting the *Accelerated Death Benefit*.

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DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE

THIS BENEFIT ONLY APPLIES IF YOU HAVE ELECTED DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND YOU HAVE PAID OR AGREED TO PAY THE APPLICABLE PREMIUM.

What is the Dependent Life Insurance Benefit?

We will pay *You* the amount of insurance set forth in the Schedule of Benefits on the life of *Your Dependent(s)* while *Your* insurance is in force. Payment will be in one lump sum.

If *You* are not living at the time *Dependent* life insurance benefits become payable, We will pay the benefit:

1. to *Your Spouse*, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,
3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and sisters, if living; otherwise
5. to *Your* estate.

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Who is eligible for Dependent Life Insurance?

If *You* or *Your Spouse* are insured for life insurance under the Policy and belong to a class listed in the Schedule of Benefits as eligible for Dependent Life Insurance benefits, *You* are eligible to enroll for this benefit. If *You* or *Your Spouse* are enrolled for Dependent Life Insurance and subsequently acquire a new *Eligible Dependent*, that *Dependent* will automatically be covered.

Note: No eligible person may be covered more than once under the Policy. If a person is covered as an *Employee*, he cannot be covered as a *Spouse* or *Dependent Child* of another *Employee*. If both parents are covered as insured *Employees* under the Policy, only one may enroll for life insurance coverage on *Eligible Dependent Child(ren)*.

When does Dependent Life Insurance become effective?

Provided *You*:

1. have completed any required *Employee Eligibility Waiting Period*; and
2. apply for Dependent Life Insurance no later than 31 days after becoming eligible for this benefit; and
3. have paid or are obligated to pay any applicable premium,

Life insurance for *Your Eligible Dependent(s)* will become effective on the later of:

1. the first of the month that falls on or next follows date *Your* group insurance coverage becomes effective;
2. the first of the month that falls on or next follows effective date of the Dependent Life Insurance benefit; or
3. the first of the month that falls on or next follows date *You* enroll *Your Eligible Dependent(s)*;
4. the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* acquire *Your Eligible Dependent(s)*;
5. if *Evidence of Insurability* is required, the date We determine that evidence is satisfactory and We provide notice of approval.

If *You* enroll for Dependent Life Insurance more than 31 days after *You* are eligible to do so, *You* must furnish *Evidence of Insurability* satisfactory to *Us* for each *Dependent*, and coverage will become effective as set forth above.

If an *Eligible Dependent* is required to submit satisfactory *Evidence of Insurability* for any reason, insurance in the amount for which *We* require such evidence will become effective on the date *We* determine that the evidence is satisfactory and *We* provide notice of approval.

If an *Eligible Dependent* is *Hospital Confined* on the date coverage would otherwise become effective, insurance will not become effective until the date the *Eligible Dependent* is *No Longer Hospital Confined* or *Your Spouse* is able to perform at least two of the *Activities of Daily Living*.

When do changes in the Dependent Life Insurance benefit become effective?

If no *Evidence of Insurability* is required, increases in the amount of Dependent Life Insurance will become effective immediately on the date of the change, provided the *Dependent* is not *Hospital Confined* on that day. If the *Dependent* is *Hospital Confined*, the increase will become effective on the date the *Dependent* is *No Longer Hospital Confined*.

For amounts on which *Evidence of Insurability* is required, increases in the amount of Dependent Life Insurance will be effective on the date *We* determine that evidence is satisfactory and *We* provide notice of approval date.

Any decrease in the amount of Dependent Life Insurance will become effective immediately on the date of the change.

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Definitions which apply to the Dependent Life Insurance provision:

Eligible Dependent means:

1. *Your* lawful *Spouse* or *Registered Domestic Partner*; and/or
2. *Your* unmarried child(ren) who are within the age limits set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, and are not in active military service.

Child(ren) includes but is not limited to:

1. *Your* natural or step child.
2. a child placed with *You* for adoption from the date of placement or the date *You* are party in a suit in which *You* seek the adoption of the child. Eligibility will continue unless the child is removed from placement.
3. a child of *Your* child who is *Your* dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child of *Your* child is made.

Coverage will continue past the age limit for eligible *Dependent Children* who are primarily dependent upon *You* for support and who cannot work to support themselves due to a physical or mental incapacity which began before the age limit was reached. Proof of such incapacity must be provided to *Us* upon request.

No Longer Hospital Confined means the *Eligible Dependent* has been discharged from a hospital, nursing home or other medical facility which provides skilled medical care. This provision does not apply to *Your Dependent Child* born while *You* are insured under the Policy or covered under the prior policy.

Spouse means lawful spouse in the jurisdiction in which *You* reside. Spouse will include Your Registered Domestic Partner.

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CONVERSION OF DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE

Can Dependent Life Insurance be converted if Eligibility Terminates?

Yes, a *Dependent* may convert to an individual policy of life insurance if his life insurance, or any portion of it, ceases because:

1. *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*; or
2. *You* are no longer in a class which is eligible for Dependent Life Insurance; or
3. *You* die; or
4. a *Dependent Child* reaches the limiting age under the Policy; or
5. a *Dependent Spouse* is no longer eligible as a result of divorce or dissolution of marriage; or
6. a *Dependent* is no longer eligible as defined in this provision.

In any of these situations, the *Dependent* may convert up to the amount which was in force on the date insurance was terminated.

How much can Your covered Dependent convert if the Policy is terminated or amended?

A *Dependent* may also convert to an individual policy of life insurance if his life insurance ceases because:

1. Dependent Life Insurance benefits under the Policy cease; or
2. the Policy is amended making the insured *Dependent* ineligible for Dependent Life Insurance; however,

he must have been insured under the Policy, or the policy it replaced, for at least five (5) years. The amount of insurance converted in either of these situations will be the lesser of:

1. the amount of life insurance in force, less any amount for which the *Dependent* becomes eligible under this or any other group policy within 31 days after the date his life insurance ceased; or
2. \$10,000.

How to apply for conversion

We must receive written application and the first premium for the individual life insurance policy within 31 days after life insurance under the Policy ceases. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required.

The individual policy will be a policy of whole life insurance. It will not contain Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits or any other supplementary benefits.

The minimum issue amount of an individual conversion policy is \$2,000. The premium for the individual policy will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates based upon the applicant's attained age; and
2. the amount of the individual policy.

If the *Dependent* applies for an individual policy, the coverage under the individual policy will be effective on the day following the 31-day period during which he could apply for conversion.

If the *Dependent* dies during a period when he would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to him and if he dies before such an individual policy became effective, *We* will pay the greatest amount of group term life insurance for which an individual policy could have been issued, provided:

1. the death occurred during the 31-day period during which he could have made application; and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years of the date of death.

If life insurance benefits are paid under the Policy, payment will not be made under the converted policy, and *We* will refund any premiums paid for the converted policy.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT BENEFIT (AD&D)

What is the AD&D Benefit?

If, while insured under the Policy, *You* suffer an *Injury* in an *Accident*, *We* will pay for those *Losses* set forth in the "Table of Losses" below. The amount paid will be the percentage stated in the Table of Losses but not more than the Coverage Amount set forth in the Schedule of Benefits. The *Loss* must:

1. occur within 365 days of the *Accident*; and
2. be the direct and sole result of the *Accident*; and
3. be independent of all other causes.

TABLE OF LOSSES	% OF COVERAGE AMOUNT PAYABLE
Loss of Life	100%
Loss of Both Hands	100%
Loss of Both Feet	100%
Loss of Entire Sight of Both Eyes	100%
Loss of One Hand and One Foot	100%
Loss of Speech and Hearing	100%
Quadriplegia	100%
Paraplegia	75%
Loss of One Hand	50%
Loss of One Foot	50%
Loss of Entire Sight of One Eye	50%
Loss of Speech	50%
Loss of Hearing (both ears)	50%
Hemiplegia	50%
Loss of Thumb and Index Finger (on same hand)	25%
Uniplegia	25%

Definitions which apply to the AD&D Provision:

Accident or **Accidental** means a sudden, unexpected event that was not reasonably foreseeable.

Hemiplegia means total *Paralysis* of one arm and one leg on the same side of the body.

Loss, with respect to hand or foot, means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint, as applicable. With respect to eyes, speech and hearing, loss means entire and irrecoverable loss of sight, speech or hearing. With respect to thumb and index finger, loss means complete severance of entire digit at or above joints.

Paralysis means loss of use without severance of a limb as a result of an *Injury* to the Spinal Cord, which has continued for 12 months. *Paralysis* must be determined by a *Doctor* to be permanent, total and irreversible.

Paraplegia means total *Paralysis* of both legs.

Quadriplegia means total *Paralysis* of both arms and both legs.

Uniplegia means total *Paralysis* of one limb.

The total amount of AD&D benefits payable for all *Losses* for any *Insured* resulting from any one *Accident* will not be greater than the Coverage Amount set forth in the Schedule of Benefits.

Except as provided in a particular AD&D benefit provision, *We* will pay benefits for loss of life to the same beneficiary(ies) named to receive life insurance benefits. Benefits for all other *Losses* will be paid to *You*.

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SEAT BELT BENEFIT

What is the Seat Belt Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, if a benefit is payable under the AD&D Benefit for *Your* loss of life as the result of an *Accident* which occurs while *You* were driving or riding in an *Automobile*, if:

1. the *Automobile* is equipped with *Seat Belts*.
2. the *Seat Belt* was in actual use and properly fastened at the time of the *Accident*.
3. the position of the *Seat Belt* is certified in the official report of the *Accident* or by the investigating officer. A copy of the police accident report must be submitted with the claim.
4. *You* were driving or riding in an *Automobile* driven by a licensed driver who was neither:
 - a. intoxicated or driving while impaired. Intoxication and impairment shall be determined, with or without conviction, by the law of the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurs or .08% blood alcohol content if the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred does not define intoxication; nor
 - b. under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinogen, barbiturate, amphetamine, gas or fumes, poison or any other controlled substance taken or inhaled voluntarily, unless as prescribed by a licensed physician and used in the manner prescribed. Controlled substance shall have the meaning as defined in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse prevention and Control Act of 1970, as now or hereafter amended. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being under the influence.

If the required certification is not available and if it is unclear whether *You* were properly wearing a *Seat Belt*, then *We* will pay an additional benefit of \$1,000.

Automobile means a validly registered private passenger car (or policyholder-owned car), station wagon, jeep-type vehicle, SUV, pick-up truck or van-type car that is not licensed commercially or being used for commercial purposes.

Seat Belt means those belts that form an occupant restraint system.

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AIR BAG BENEFIT

What is the Air Bag Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits if a benefit is payable under the AD&D Benefit for *Your* loss of life as the result of an *Accident* which occurs while *You* are driving or riding in an *Automobile* provided that:

1. *You* were positioned in a seat that was equipped with an *Air Bag*;
2. *You* were properly strapped in the *Seat Belt* when the *Air Bag* inflated; and
3. the police report establishes that the *Air Bag* inflated properly upon impact.

If it is unclear whether *You* were properly wearing *Seat Belt(s)* or if it is unclear whether the *Air Bag* inflated properly, then the Air Bag Benefit will be \$1,000.

Air Bag means an inflatable supplemental passive restraint system installed by the manufacturer of the *Automobile*, or proper replacement parts as required by the automobile manufacturer's specifications, that inflates upon collision to protect an individual from injury and death. A *Seat Belt* is not considered an *Air Bag*.

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REPATRIATION BENEFIT

What is the Repatriation Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, for the preparation and transportation of *Your* body to a mortuary if:

1. the Coverage Amount under the AD&D Benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life; and
2. *Your* death occurs at least 75 miles away from *Your* principal residence.

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EDUCATION BENEFIT

What is the Education Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits to *Your Dependent Student* if an AD&D benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life. We will only pay one Education Benefit to any one *Dependent Student* during any one school year. If the *Dependent Student* is a minor, We will pay the benefit to the legal representative of the minor.

Definitions which apply to the Education Benefit:

Student means an *Eligible Dependent* child who, on the date of *Your* death, is:

1. A full-time post-high school student in a *School of Higher Education*; or
2. A student in the 12th grade but who becomes a full-time post-high school student in a *School of Higher Education* within 365 days after *Your* death.

School of Higher Education means an institution which:

1. is legally authorized by the State in which it is located; and
2. provides either a program for:
 - a. Bachelor's degrees or not less than a two year program with full credit towards a Bachelor's degree; or
 - b. Gainful employment as long as such program is at least one year of training; and
3. is accredited by an Agency or association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Assistance Act as may be amended from time to time.

When Benefit Ends: A *Dependent Student* will no longer be eligible to receive the Dependent Education Benefit upon the earlier of the following:

1. Our payment of the fourth installment of the Dependent Education Benefit on behalf of or to the *Dependent Student*; or
2. At the end of the period during which due Proof must be submitted if no due Proof is submitted.

Special Child Education Benefit: If *Your Eligible Dependent* child does not qualify as a *Student*, but is enrolled in an elementary or high school, We will pay a Child Education Benefit in the amount of \$1,000. This benefit is payable once upon proof that *You* died as a result of an Accident for which the Accidental

Death & Dismemberment benefit is payable and that, within 12 months after *Your* death, *Your Eligible Dependent Child* is a full-time student in an elementary or high school.

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EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE

If, as a result of an *Accident* while insured for this benefit, if *You* are unavoidably exposed to the elements and suffer a *Loss* as a result of that exposure, that *Loss* will be covered. If *Your* body has not been found within one (1) year of an *Accidental* disappearance, forced landing, sinking or wrecking of a conveyance in which *You* were occupants, *You* will be deemed to have suffered loss of life.

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LIMITATIONS

Are there any Limitations for losses due to an Accident?

We will not pay any benefit for any *Loss* that, directly or indirectly, results in any way from or is contributed to by:

1. any disease or infirmity of mind or body, and any medical or surgical treatment thereof; or
2. bacterial infection, except bacterial infection of an *Accidental* cut or wound; or
3. suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane; or
4. any intentionally self-inflicted *Injury*; or
5. war, declared or undeclared, whether or not *You are* a member of any armed forces; or
6. travel or flight in an aircraft while a member of the crew, or while engaged in the operation of the aircraft, or giving or receiving training or instruction in such aircraft; or
7. commission of, participation in, or an attempt to commit an assault or felony; or
8. under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinogen, barbiturate, amphetamine, gas or fumes, poison or any other controlled substance taken or inhaled voluntarily, unless as prescribed by a licensed physician and used in the manner prescribed. Controlled substance shall have the meaning as defined in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as now or hereafter amended. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being under the influence; or
9. intoxication as defined by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred or .08% blood alcohol content if the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred does not define intoxication. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being intoxicated; or
10. active participation in a *Riot*. ***Riot*** means all forms of public violence, disorder, or disturbance of the public peace, by three or more persons assembled together, whether with or without a common intent and whether or not damage to person or property or unlawful act is the intent or the consequence of such disorder.

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UNIFORM PROVISIONS

(Applicable to Dismemberment Coverage Only)

Initial Notice of Claim

We must receive written notice of *Loss* within 30 days of the date of *Loss*, or as soon as reasonably possible. The *Policyholder* can assist with the appropriate telephone number and address of *Our* Claim Department. Notice may be sent to *Our* Claim Department at the address shown on the claim form or given to *Our* Agent.

Claim Forms

Within 15 days of *Our* being notified in writing of a claim, *We* will supply the claimant with the necessary claim forms. The claim form is to be completed and signed by the claimant, the *Policyholder* and the claimant's *Doctor*. If the appropriate claim forms are not received within 15 days, then the claimant will be considered to have met the requirements for written proof of loss if *We* receive written proof, which describes the occurrence, extent and nature of the *Loss*.

Proof of Loss

We must receive written proof of loss within 180 days after the date a *Loss* is incurred. If it is not possible to give *Us* written proof within 180 days, the claim is not affected if the proof is given as soon as possible. However, unless the claimant is legally incapacitated, written proof of loss must be given no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise due.

No benefits are payable for claims submitted more than 1 year after the time proof is due. However, benefits may be paid for late claims if it can be shown that:

1. It was not reasonably possible to give written proof during the one year period, and
2. Proof of loss satisfactory to *Us* was given as soon as was reasonably possible.

For the Education Benefit, proof of loss must:

1. Include proof of *Dependent Student* status; and
2. Be submitted no later than
 - a. Two months after completion of course work for that particular school year if the *Dependent Student* is enrolled in a *School of Higher Education* at the time of *Your* death. School year shall be deemed to begin on September 1st and end on August 31st; or
 - b. Within six (6) months after enrollment in a *School of Higher Education* if the *Dependent Student* is in the 12th grade at the time of *Your* death.

After the first year in a *School of Higher Education*, due proof must be submitted in accordance with the time limits defined in Item (a) above.

Physical Examination/Autopsy

Upon receipt of a claim, *We* may examine an *Insured*, at *Our* expense, at any reasonable time. *We* reserve the right to perform an autopsy, at *Our* expense, if it is not prohibited by any applicable local law(s).

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TERMINATION PROVISIONS

When does Your coverage under the Policy end?

Your coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following dates. Termination will not affect *Your* claim for a covered *Loss* which occurred while the coverage was in force.

1. the date on which the Policy is terminated;
2. the date *You* stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums;
3. the effective date of an amendment to the Policy which terminates insurance for the class to which *You* belong; or
4. the date *You*:
 - a. are no longer a member of a class eligible for this insurance,
 - b. request termination of coverage under the Policy,
 - c. are retired or pensioned, or
 - d. are no longer *Actively at Work* as a result of a disability, layoff, leave of absence, sabbatical or military leave. However, *You* may continue to be eligible for group insurance coverage, as follows:

Disability Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the disability began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

Layoff Until the end of the month following the month during which the layoff began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

Leave of Absence Until the end of the month following the month during which the leave of absence began, or, the period of time in accordance with the FMLA provision below, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

Sabbatical Until the end of the month following the sixth month in which the sabbatical began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance proved by a new carrier.

Military Leave Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the military leave began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the Policy is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

For the purposes of this Termination Provision only, ***Disability*** means *You* are unable to perform all of the *Material and Substantial Duties* of *Your Regular Occupation*.

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Will coverage be continued if You are eligible for leave under FMLA?

In the event *You* are eligible for and the *Policyholder* approves a leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or any applicable state family and medical leave law (State FML), provided the required premium continues to be paid, the Policy is in force and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier, *Your* insurance will continue for a period of up to the later of:

1. the leave period permitted by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments; or
2. the leave period permitted by applicable state law.

You are eligible for leave under this Act in order to provide care:

1. After the birth of a child; or
2. After the legal adoption of a child; or
3. After the placement of a foster child in *Your* home; or
4. To a spouse, child or parent due to their serious illness; or
5. For *Your* own serious health condition.

While granted a Family or Medical Leave of Absence:

1. The *Policyholder* must remit the required premium according to the terms of the Policy; and
2. coverage will terminate if *You* do not return to work as scheduled according to the terms of *Your* agreement with the *Policyholder*.

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When does Dependent Life Insurance coverage end?

Unless life insurance is continued under the Portability Benefit provision, Dependent Life Insurance coverage will end on the earliest of:

1. the date *You* are no longer *Actively at Work* (except in the case of disability, layoff or leave of absence as set forth above); or
2. the date on which the Policy is terminated;
3. the date *You* stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums;
4. the effective date of an amendment to the Policy which terminates insurance for the class to which *You* belong; or
5. the date *You*:
 - a. are no longer a member of a class eligible for this insurance,
 - b. request termination of coverage under the Policy,
 - c. are retired or pensioned, or
6. the date a *Dependent Child* or *Spouse* no longer meets the Policy definition of *Eligible Dependent*

Note: Coverage will continue past the age limit for eligible *Dependent Children* who are primarily dependent upon *You* for support and who cannot work to support themselves due to a physical or mental incapacity which began before the age limit was reached. Proof of such incapacity must be provided to *Us* upon request.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Contract; Changes

The Policy, the Policyholder's Application, the Employee's Certificate of coverage, and *Your* application, if any, and any other attached papers, form the entire contract between the parties. Coverage under the Policy can be amended by mutual consent between the *Policyholder* and *Us*. No change in the Policy is valid unless approved in writing by one of *Our* officers. No agent has the right to change the Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

Statements on the Application

In the absence of fraud, all statements made in any signed application are considered representations and not warranties (absolute guarantees). No representation by:

1. the Policyholder in applying for the Policy will make it void unless the representation is contained in his signed Application; or
2. any Employee in applying for insurance under the Policy will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless a copy of the application for insurance, signed by the Employee, is or has been given to the Employee.

Legal Actions

Unless otherwise provided by federal law, no legal action of any kind may be filed against *Us*:

1. until 60 days after proof of claim has been given; or
2. more than 3 years after proof of *Loss* must be filed, unless the law in the state where *You* live allows a longer period of time.

Clerical Error

Clerical error or omission by *Us* to the Policyholder will not:

1. Prevent *You* from receiving coverage, if *You* are entitled to coverage under the terms of the Policy; or
2. Cause coverage to begin or coverage to continue for *You* when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

If the Policyholder gives *Us* information about *You* that is incorrect, *We* will:

1. Use the facts to decide whether *You* have coverage under the Policy and in what amounts; and
2. Make a fair adjustment of the premium.

Incontestability

The validity of the Policy shall not be contested, except for non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for two years from the date of issue. The validity of the Policy shall not be contested on the basis of a statement made relating to insurability by any person covered under the Policy after such insurance has been in force for two years during such person's lifetime, and shall not be contested unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by the person making such statement.

Premium Provisions

Premiums are payable in United States dollars on or before their due dates.

Premium charges for increases in insurance amounts becoming effective during a policy month will begin on the next premium due date. Premium charges for insurance terminating during a policy month will cease at the end of the month in which such insurance terminates. This method of charging premium is

for accounting purposes only. It will not extend any insurance coverage beyond the date it would otherwise have terminated.

Misstatement of Age

If *You* have misstated *Your* age, the true age will be used to determine:

1. the effective date or termination date of insurance; and
2. the amount of insurance; and
3. any other rights or benefits.

Premiums will be adjusted to reflect the premiums that would have been paid if the true age had been known.

Conformity with State Statutes and Regulations

If any provision of the Policy conflicts with the statutes and regulations of the state in which the Policy was issued or delivered, it is automatically changed to meet the minimum requirements of the statute.

Assignment

You may assign any incident of ownership *You* may possess of the life insurance benefits provided under the Policy to anyone other than the *Policyholder*. We are not responsible for the validity or legal effect of any assignment. Collateral assignments, by whatever name called, are not permitted.

Retention of Discretion

Dearborn National Life Insurance Company shall have the exclusive right to interpret the terms of the Certificate, Schedule of Benefits, Riders and Endorsements. The decision about whether to pay any claim, in whole or in part, is within the sole discretion of Dearborn National and such decisions shall be final and conclusive.

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DEFINITIONS

This section tells *You* the meaning of special words and phrases used in this Certificate. To help *You* recognize these special words and phrases, the first letter of each word, or each word in the phrase, is capitalized wherever it appears.

Actively at Work* or *Active Work means that *You* must:

1. work for the *Policyholder* on a full-time active basis; or
2. work at least the minimum number of hours set forth in the Schedule of Benefits: and either:
 - a. work at the *Policyholder's* usual place of business; or
 - b. work at a location to which the *Policyholder's* business requires *You* to travel;
3. be paid regular earnings by the *Policyholder*, and
4. not be a temporary or seasonal *Employee*.

You will be considered *Actively at Work* if *You* were actually at work on the day immediately preceding:

1. a weekend (except for one or both of these days if they are scheduled days of work);
2. holidays (except when such holiday is a scheduled work day);
3. paid vacations;
4. any non-scheduled work day;
5. excused leave of absence (except medical leave and lay-off); and
6. emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave); and

You were not *Hospital Confined* or disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

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Activities of Daily Living means:

1. Eating – Feeding oneself by getting food into the body from a receptacle (such as a plate, cup or table) or by a feeding tube or intravenously.
2. Toileting – Getting to and from the toilet, getting on and off the toilet and performing associated personal hygiene.
3. Transferring – Moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair.
4. Bathing – Washing oneself by sponge bath; or in either a tub or shower, including the task of getting into or out of the tub or shower.
5. Dressing – Putting on and taking off all items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners or artificial limbs.
6. Continence – Ability to maintain control of bowel and bladder function; or when unable to maintain control of bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene (including caring for catheter or colostomy bag).

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Application means the document which sets forth the eligible classes, the amounts of insurance, and other relevant information pertaining to the plan of insurance for which the *Policyholder* applied.

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Contributory means *You* pay all or a portion of the premium for this insurance coverage.

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Dependent or Eligible Dependent means:

1. *Your* lawful *Spouse or Domestic Partner*; and/or
2. *Your* unmarried child who is within the age limits set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, and who is not in active military service.

Eligible Dependents Include

1. *Your* natural or step child.
2. a child placed with *You* for adoption from the date of placement or the date *You* are party in a suit in which *You* seek the adoption of the child. Eligibility will continue unless the child is removed from placement.
3. a child of *Your* child who is *Your* dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child of *Your* child is made.

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Doctor means a person legally licensed to practice medicine, psychiatry, psychology or psychotherapy, who is neither *You* nor a member of *Your* immediate family. A licensed medical practitioner is a *Doctor* if applicable state law requires that such practitioners be recognized for purposes of certification of *Total Disability, Terminal Condition* or covered *Loss*, and the treatment provided by the practitioner is within the scope of his or her license.

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Employee means an *Actively at Work* full-time employee whose principal employment is with the Policyholder, at the Policyholder's usual place of business or such place(s) that the Policyholder's normal course of business may require, who is *Actively at Work* for the minimum hours per week as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits and is reported on the *Policyholder's* records for Social Security and withholding tax purposes.

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Gainful Occupation means any work or employment in which the insured *Employee*:

1. is or could reasonably become qualified, considering his or her education, training, experience, and mental or physical abilities;
2. could reasonably find work or employment, considering the demand in the national labor force; and
3. could earn (or reasonably expect to earn) a before-tax income at least equal to 60% of his or her Pre-disability Income.

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Hospital Confined means that, upon the recommendation of a *Doctor*, *You* are registered as an inpatient in a hospital, nursing home or other medical facility which provides skilled medical care or as an outpatient in a hospital because of surgery. *You* are not *Hospital Confined* if *You* are receiving emergency treatment or if *You* are hospitalized solely because of non-surgical medical or diagnostic test.

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Injury means bodily injury resulting directly from an Accident and independently of all other causes.

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Insured means an Employee covered under the Policy.

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Male Pronoun whenever used includes the female.

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Material and Substantial Duties means duties that are normally required for the performance of *Your Regular Occupation* and cannot be reasonably omitted or modified.

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Non-Contributory means the *Policyholder* pays 100% of the premium for this insurance.

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Policy means this contract between the *Policyholder* and Us including the attached Application, which provides group insurance benefits.

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Policyholder means the person, firm, or institution to whom the Policy was issued. *Policyholder* also means any covered subsidiaries or affiliates set forth on the face of the Policy. If the *Policyholder* is an association, the term *Participating Employer* shall be substituted for *Policyholder*.

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Proof under the Accelerated Death Benefit means evidence satisfactory to Us that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. We reserve the right to determine, at our sole discretion, if Proof is acceptable.

00100

Registered Domestic Partner means an adult of the same or opposite gender who has an emotional, physical and financial relationship to *You*, similar to that of a *Spouse*, as evidenced by the following:

1. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* share financial responsibility for a joint household and intend to continue an exclusive relationship indefinitely;
2. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* each are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
3. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* are both mentally competent to enter into a binding contract;
4. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* share a residence and have done so for at least 12 months;
5. Neither *You* nor *Your Domestic Partner* are married to or legally separated from anyone else;
6. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* are not related to one another by blood closer than would bar marriage; and

Neither *You* nor *Your Domestic Partner* is a *Domestic Partner* of anyone else.

Where the laws of the governing jurisdiction mandate a definition of *Registered Domestic Partner* other than shown above, that definition will be used in the Policy.

00104

Regular Occupation means the occupation that *You* are routinely performing when *Your* life insurance terminates due to *Disability*. We will look at *Your* occupation as it is normally performed in the national economy, instead of how the work tasks are performed for a specific *Policyholder* or at a specific location.

00105

Sickness means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy. Complications of pregnancy affect that part of *Your* pregnancy during which abnormal conditions or concurrent disease significantly affect the pregnancy's usual medical management. A complication may exist during the pregnancy during the delivery or after delivery.

00109 NC

We, Our and **Us** means Dearborn National Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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You, Your and ***Yours*** means the eligible *Employee* to whom this Certificate is issued and whose insurance is in force under the terms of the Policy.

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NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT

Residents of this state who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of the insured persons who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted *in the box* below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in North Carolina. You should not rely on coverage by the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

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The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. *On the back of this page* is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

COVERAGE

Generally, individuals will be protected by the life and health insurance guaranty association if they

live in this state and hold a life or health insurance contract, or an annuity, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this association if:

- they are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- the insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- their policy was issued by an HMO, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments, or by an insurance exchange.

The association also does not provide coverage for:

- any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields that exceed the average rate specified in the law;
- dividends;
- experience or other credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contractholder;
- employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them);
- unallocated annuity contracts (which give rights to group contractholders, not individuals), unless they fund a government lottery or a benefit plan of an employer, association or union, except that unallocated annuities issued to employee benefit plans protected by the Federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation are not covered.

LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

The act also limits the amount the association is obligated to pay out as follows:

- (1) The guaranty association cannot pay out more than the insurance company would owe under the policy or contract.
- (2) Except as provided in (3) and (4) below, the guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$300,000 per individual, per insolvency, no matter the number of policies or types of policies issued by the insolvent company.
- (3) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$1,000,000 with respect to the payee of a structured settlement annuity.
- (4) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$5,000,000 to any one unallocated annuity contract holder.



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