

# YOUR BENEFIT PLAN





## Questions or Complaints about Your Coverage

**In the event You have questions or complaints regarding any aspect of Your coverage, You should contact Your Employee Benefits Manager or You may write to us at:**

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

**Or call Us at:** 1-800-523-2233

When calling, please give Us the following information:

- 1) the policy number; and
- 2) the name of the policyholder (employer or organization), as shown in Your Certificate of Insurance.

**Or You may contact Our Sales Office:**

Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company  
Group Sales Department  
11006 Rushmore Drive  
Suite 125  
Charlotte, NC 28277  
TOLL FREE: 888-803-7346  
FAX: 704-501-3674

**If you have a complaint, and contacts between you and the insurer or an agent or other representative of the insurer have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, the following states require we provide you with additional contact information:**

<b>For residents of:</b>	<b>Write</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
<b>Arkansas</b>	Arkansas Insurance Department Consumer Services Division 1200 West Third Street Little Rock, AR 72201-1904	1(800) 852-5494 1(501) 371-2640 (in the Little Rock area)
<b>California</b>	State of California Insurance Department Consumer Communications Bureau 300 South Spring Street, South Tower Los Angeles, CA 90013	1(800) 927-HELP
<b>Idaho</b>	Idaho Department of Insurance Consumer Affairs 700 W State Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0043	1-800-721-3272 or <a href="http://www.DOI.Idaho.gov">www.DOI.Idaho.gov</a>
<b>Illinois</b>	Illinois Department of Insurance Consumer Services Station Springfield, Illinois 62767	Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364 Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431
<b>Indiana</b>	Public Information/Market Conduct Indiana Department of Insurance 311 W. Washington St. Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787	Consumer Hotline: 1(800) 622-4461 1(317) 232-2395 (in the Indianapolis Area)
<b>Virginia</b>	Life and Health Division Bureau of Insurance P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23209	1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia) 1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Complaints Department P.O. Box 7873	1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison) 1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison) to request a complaint form.

Madison, WI 53707-7873

**The following states require that We provide these notices to You about Your coverage:**

**For residents of:**

**Arizona**

This certificate of insurance may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read This certificate carefully.

**Florida**

The benefits of the policy providing you coverage are governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.

**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**The Civil Union and Equality Act of 2011**  
**Effective January 1, 2012**

In accordance with Delaware law, insurers are required to provide the following notice to applicants of insurance policies issued in Delaware.

The Civil Union and Equality Act of 2011 ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Delaware to spouses in a legal marriage. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Delaware law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to Chapter 2 of Title 13 of the Delaware Code or the State of Delaware website at [www.delaware.gov/CivilUnions](http://www.delaware.gov/CivilUnions).

**Georgia**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Maine**

The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change the designation and, policy reinstatement if the insured suffers from organic brain disease and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

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

#### **Maryland**

**The group insurance policy providing coverage under this certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

#### **Massachusetts**

As of January 1, 2009, the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law requires that Massachusetts residents, eighteen (18) years of age and older, must have health coverage that meets the Minimum Creditable Coverage standards set by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, unless waived from the health insurance requirement based on affordability or individual hardship. For more information call the Connector at 1-877-MA-ENROLL or visit the Connector website ([www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org)).

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

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

#### **Montana**

Conformity with Montana statutes: The provisions of this certificate conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of this certificate.

#### **North Carolina**

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, FINANCIAL AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:

- 1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSON INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND
- 2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

**IMPORTANT TERMINATION  
INFORMATION**

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

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

**Texas**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

1-800-523-2233

You may also write to The Hartford at:  
P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

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

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at:  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9410  
Fax # (512) 475-1771

Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>

E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us)

**PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:**

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

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

**AVISO IMPORTANTE**

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de The Hartford para informacion o para someter una queja al:

1-800-523-2233

Usted tambien puede escribir a The Hartford:  
P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

1-800-252-3439

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9410  
Fax # (512) 475-1771

Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>

E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us)

**DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:**

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente o The Hartford primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

**UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:**

Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.



**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE  
HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY  
Simsbury, Connecticut  
(A stock insurance company)**

**Policyholder: STANLY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Policy Number: GL-677607**

**Policy Effective Date: February 1, 2009**

**Policy Anniversary Date: July 1, 2016**

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

Signed for the Company

**Terence Shields, Secretary**

**Michael Concannon, Executive Vice President**

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*A note on capitalization in this Certificate:*

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

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## SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

AMENDMENT TO GROUP POLICY GL-677607 PROCESSED ON MARCH 1, 2016. ANY CHANGES BETWEEN THIS POLICY AND THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED POLICY ARE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2016.

**Cost of Coverage:**

**Non-Contributory Coverage:** Basic Life Insurance

**Contributory Coverage:** Supplemental Life Insurance  
Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance

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

Full-time Employment: at least 30 hours weekly

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

**Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:**

- 1) The first day of the month coinciding with or next following the month in which You were hired - if You are working for the Employer on the Policy Effective Date; or
- 2) The first day of the month following the date You were hired - if You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date.

The time period(s) referenced above are continuous. The Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage will be reduced by the period of time You were a Full-time Active Employee with the Employer under the Prior Policy.

### Life Insurance Benefit

**Amount of Life Insurance**

Basic Amount of Life Insurance

**Maximum Amount**

\$5,000

Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance

Option 1:

**Maximum Amount**

The amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to a maximum of \$40,000 and a minimum of \$10,000.

Option 2:

**Guaranteed Issue Amount**

\$100,000

**Maximum Amount**

The amount You elect in increments of \$50,000, subject to a maximum of \$300,000 and a minimum of \$50,000.

However, in no event will Your Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance be less than \$50,000.

### Dependent Life Insurance Benefit

Supplemental Amount of Dependent Life Insurance

Spouse

**Maximum Amount**

The amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to a minimum of

\$10,000 and a maximum of \$20,000.

Dependent Children: Age 14 day(s) but under age 26 year(s) \$5,000

The amount of Spouse Supplemental coverage may never exceed 100% of the Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance in force for the Employee.

### Reduction in Amount of Life Insurance

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

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

### Reduction in Coverage Due to Age

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

Reductions also apply if:

- 1) You become covered under The Policy; or
  - 2) Your coverage increases;
- on or after the date You attain age 70.

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

### Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*

All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.  
GBD-1100 D01

### Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*

You will become eligible for coverage on the latest of:

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

GBD-1100 D02

### Eligibility for Dependent Coverage: *When will I become eligible for Dependent Coverage?*

You will become eligible for Dependent coverage on the later of:

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

You may not elect coverage for Your Dependent if such Dependent is covered as an employee under The Policy. No person can be insured as a Dependent of more than one employee under The Policy.

GBD-1100 D03

**Enrollment:** *How do I enroll for coverage?*

For Non-Contributory Coverage, Your Employer will automatically enroll You for coverage. However, You will be required to complete a beneficiary designation form.

To enroll for Contributory Coverage, You must:

- 1) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us, for Your coverage and Your Dependent's coverage; and
- 2) deliver it to Your Employer.

If You do not enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage within 31 days after becoming eligible under The Policy, or if You were eligible to enroll under the Prior Policy and did not do so, and later choose to enroll, You may enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage only:

- 1) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
- 2) within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

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

GBD-1100 D04

**Evidence of Insurability Requirements:** *When will I first be required to provide Evidence of Insurability?*

We require Evidence of Insurability for initial coverage, if You:

- 1) enroll more than 31 days after the date You are first eligible to enroll, including electing initial coverage after a Change in Family Status;
- 2) enroll for an Amount of Life Insurance greater than the Supplemental Guaranteed Issue Amount, regardless of when You enroll for coverage; or
- 3) were eligible for any coverage under the Prior Policy, but did not enroll and later choose to enroll for that coverage under The Policy.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:

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

GBD-1100 D05

**Dependent Evidence of Insurability Requirements:** *When will my Dependents first be required to provide Evidence of Insurability?*

We require Evidence of Insurability, for initial coverage, if You:

- 1) enroll for Dependent coverage more than 31 days after the date You are first eligible to enroll, including electing initial coverage after a Change in Family Status; or
- 2) were eligible for any coverage under the Prior Policy, but did not enroll and later choose to enroll for that coverage under The Policy.

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

If Your Dependents' Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:

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

GBD-1100 D06

**Evidence of Insurability:** *What is Evidence of Insurability?*

Evidence of Insurability must be satisfactory to Us and may include, but will not be limited to:

- 1) a completed and signed application approved by Us;
- 2) a medical examination;
- 3) attending Physician's statement; and
- 4) any additional information We may require.

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

You will be notified in writing of Our determination of any Evidence of Insurability submission.  
GBD-1100 D07

**Change in Family Status:** *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*

A Change in Family Status occurs when:

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

GBD-1100 D08

## PERIOD OF COVERAGE

**Effective Date:** *When does my coverage start?*

Non-Contributory Coverage will start on the date You become eligible.

Contributory Coverage, for which Evidence of Insurability is not required, will start on the latest to occur of:

- 1) the date You become eligible, if You enroll on or before that date;
- 2) the Policy Anniversary Date on or next following the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
- 3) the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible.

Any coverage for which Evidence of Insurability is required, will become effective on the later of:

- 1) the date You become eligible; or
- 2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability.

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

GBD-1100 E01

**Deferred Effective Date:** *When will my effective date for coverage or a change in my coverage be deferred?*

If, on the date You are to become covered:

- 1) under The Policy;
- 2) for increased benefits; or
- 3) for a new benefit;

You are not Actively at Work due to a physical or mental condition, such coverage will not start until the date You are Actively at Work.

GBD-1100 E03

**Continuity from a Prior Policy:** *Is there Continuity of Coverage from a Prior Policy?*

Your initial coverage under The Policy will begin, and will not be deferred if on the day before the Policy Effective Date, You were insured under the Prior Policy, but on the Policy Effective Date, You were not Actively at Work, and would otherwise meet the Eligibility requirements of The Policy. However, Your Amount of Insurance will be the lesser of the amount of life insurance:

- 1) You had under the Prior Policy; or
- 2) shown in the Schedule of Insurance;

reduced by any coverage amount:

- 1) that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy; or
- 2) that would have been so payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.

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

Coverage provided through this provision ends on the first to occur of:

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

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

GBD-1100 E05

**Dependent Effective Date:** *When does Dependent coverage start?*

Coverage will start on the later to occur of:

- 1) the date You become eligible for Dependent coverage, if You have enrolled on or before that date; or
- 2) the Policy Anniversary date on or next following the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
- 3) the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible for Dependent coverage.

Coverage for which Evidence of Insurability is required, will become effective on the later of:

- 1) the date You become eligible for Dependent coverage; or
- 2) the date We approve Your Dependents' Evidence of Insurability.

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

GBD-1100 E07

**Dependent Deferred Effective Date:** *When will the effective date for Dependent coverage or a change in coverage be deferred?*

If on the date Your Dependent is to become covered:

- 1) under The Policy;
- 2) for increased benefits; or
- 3) for a new benefit;

he or she is:

- 1) confined in a hospital; or
- 2) Confined Elsewhere;

such coverage will not start until he or she:

- 1) is discharged from the hospital; or
- 2) is no longer Confined Elsewhere;

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

This Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to disabled children who qualify under the definition of Dependent Children.

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

GBD-1100 E09

**Dependent Continuity from a Prior Policy:** *Is there Continuity of Coverage from a Prior Policy for my Dependents?*

If on the day before the Policy Effective Date, You were covered with respect to Your Dependents under the Prior Policy, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to initial coverage under The Policy for such Dependents. However, the Dependent Amount of Insurance will be the lesser of the Amount of Life Insurance:

- 1) they had under the Prior Policy; or
- 2) shown in the Schedule of Insurance;

reduced by any coverage amount:

- 1) that is in force, paid or payable under the Prior Policy; or
- 2) that would have been so payable under the Prior Policy had timely election been made.

GBD-1100 E11

**Change in Coverage:** *When may I change my coverage or coverage for my Dependents?*

After Your initial enrollment You may increase or decrease coverage for You or Your Dependents, or add a new Dependent to Your existing Dependent coverage:

- 1) during any Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or

2) within 31 days of the date of a Change in Family Status.

GBD-1100 E12

**Effective Date for Changes in Coverage:** *When will changes in coverage become effective?*

Any decrease in coverage will take effect on the date of the change.

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

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

GBD-1100 E13

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

If You or Your Dependents are:

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

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

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

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

GBD-1100 E15

**Increase in Amount of Life Insurance:** *If my Amount of Life Insurance increases because my Earnings increase, must I provide Evidence of Insurability?*

If Your Amount of Life Insurance is based on a multiple of Your Earnings, You must provide Evidence of Insurability if Your Earnings increase such that Your Amount of Life Insurance is greater than the Guaranteed Issue Amount.

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

However, if:

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

Your Amount of Life Insurance:

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

GBD-1100 E16

**Termination:** *When will my coverage end?*

Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

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

unless continued in accordance with any of the Continuation Provisions.

GBD-1100 E17

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

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

- 1) the date Your coverage ends or You qualify for Disability Extension;
- 2) the date the required premium is due but not paid;
- 3) the date You are no longer eligible for Dependent coverage;
- 4) the date We or the Employer terminate Dependent coverage; or
- 5) the date the Dependent no longer meets the definition of Dependent;

unless continued in accordance with the continuation provisions.

GBD-1100 E21

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

Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way. Coverage may not be continued under more than one Continuation Provision.

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

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

In no event will the amount of insurance increase while coverage is continued in accordance with the following provisions.

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

**Leave of Absence:** If You are on a documented leave of absence, other than Family and Medical Leave or Military Leave of Absence, Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for 14 month(s) after the month in which the leave of absence commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

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

**Lay Off:** If You are temporarily laid off by the Employer due to lack of work, Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued until the last day of the month following the month in which the layoff commenced. If the lay-off becomes permanent, this continuation will cease immediately.

**Sickness or Injury:** If You are not Actively at Work due to sickness or injury, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued:

- 1) for a period of 12 consecutive month(s) from the date You were last Actively at Work; or
- 2) if such absence results in a leave of absence in accordance with state and/or federal family and medical leave laws, then the combined continuation period will not exceed 12 consecutive month(s).

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

GBD-1100 E23

**Continuation for Dependent Child(ren) with Disabilities:** *Will coverage for Dependent Children with disabilities be continued?*

If Your Dependent Child(ren) reach the age at which they would otherwise cease to be a Dependent as defined, and they are:

- 1) age 26 or older; and
- 2) disabled; and
- 3) primarily dependent upon You for financial support;

then Dependent Child(ren) coverage will not terminate solely due to age. However:

- 1) You must submit proof satisfactory to Us of such Dependent Child(ren)'s disability within 31 days of the date he or she reaches such age; and
- 2) such Dependent Child(ren) must have become disabled before attaining age 26.

Coverage under The Policy will continue as long as:

- 1) You remain insured;
- 2) the child continues to meet the required conditions; and
- 3) any required premium is paid when due.

However, no increase in the Amount of Life Insurance for such Dependent Children will be available.

We have the right to require proof, satisfactory to Us, as often as necessary during the first two years of continuation, that the child continues to meet these conditions. We will not require proof more often than once a year after that.

GBD-1100 E26

**Disability Extension:** *Does coverage continue if I am Disabled?*

If You become Disabled, You may qualify for Disability Extension. To qualify for Disability Extension, You must be Disabled prior to age 70. If You qualify for Disability Extension, You may continue Your Life Insurance coverage while You are Disabled provided the required premium payments are made.

If You qualify for Disability Extension, the amount of continued coverage:

- 1) will be the amount in force on the date You cease to be an Active Employee;
- 2) will be subject to any reductions provided by The Policy; and
- 3) will not increase.

GBD-1100 E29

**Eligible Coverages:** *What coverages are eligible under this provision?*

You are not eligible to apply for both the Portability Benefit and Disability Extension for the same coverage amount.

GBD-1100 E31 (NC)

**Disabled:** *What does Disabled mean?*

Disabled means You are prevented by injury or sickness from doing any work for which You are, or could become, qualified by:

- 1) education;
- 2) training; or
- 3) experience.

In addition, You will be considered Disabled if You have been diagnosed with a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

GBD-1100 E32

**Conditions for Qualification:** *What conditions must I satisfy before I qualify for this provision?*

To qualify for Disability Extension You must:

- 1) be covered under The Policy and be under age 70 when You become Disabled; or
- 2) Your coverage must have been continued under a Disability Extension provision of the Prior Policy.

GBD-1100 E34 (NC)

**Disability Extension Ceases:** *When will the Disability Extension cease?*

We will continue Your coverage while You remain Disabled until the earliest of the date:

- 1) The Policy terminates;
- 2) the required premium for coverage is due but not paid;
- 3) You attain age 70.

*What happens when the Disability Extension ceases?*

When the Disability Extension ceases:

- 1) if You return to work in an Eligible Class, as an Active Employee, then You may again be eligible for coverage for Yourself and Your Dependents as long as premiums are paid when due; or
- 2) if You do not return to work in an Eligible Class, coverage will end and You may be eligible to exercise the Conversion Right for You and Your Dependents if You do so within the time limits described in such provision.



The Amount of Life Insurance that may be converted will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Conversion Right.  
GBD-1100 E40

## BENEFITS

### **Life Insurance Benefit:** *When is the Life Insurance Benefit payable?*

If You or Your Dependents die while covered under The Policy, We will pay the deceased person's Life Insurance Benefit after We receive Proof of Loss, in accordance with the Proof of Loss provision.

The Life Insurance Benefit will be paid according to the General Provisions of The Policy.  
GBD-1100 F01

### **Suicide:** *What benefit is payable if death is a result of suicide?*

If You or Your Dependent commit suicide while sane or insane, We will not pay any Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance or Supplemental Amount of Dependent Life Insurance for the deceased person which was elected within the 2 year period immediately prior to the date of death. This applies to initial coverage and elected increases in coverage. It does not apply to benefit increases that resulted solely due to an increase in Earnings.

This 2 year period includes the time group life insurance coverage was in force under the Prior Policy.  
GBD-1100 F03

### **Accelerated Benefit:** *What is the benefit?*

In the event that You or Your Dependent are diagnosed as Terminally Ill while the Terminally Ill person is:

- 1) covered under The Policy for an Amount of Life Insurance of at least \$10,000; and
- 2) under age 70 under age 60;

We will pay the Accelerated Benefit amount as shown below, provided We receive proof of such Terminal Illness.

You must request in writing that a portion of the Terminally Ill person's Amount of Life Insurance be paid as an Accelerated Benefit.

The Amount of Life Insurance payable upon the Terminally Ill person's death will be reduced by any Accelerated Benefit Amount paid under this benefit.

You may request a minimum Accelerated Benefit amount of \$3,000, and a maximum of \$500,000. However, in no event will the Accelerated Benefit Amount exceed 80% of the Terminally Ill person's Amount of Life Insurance. This option may be exercised only once for You and only once for each of Your Dependents.

For example, if You are covered for a Life Insurance Benefit Amount under The Policy of \$20,000 and are Terminally Ill, You can request any portion of the Amount of Life Insurance Benefits from \$3,000 to \$16,000 to be paid now instead of to Your beneficiary upon death. However, if You decide to request only \$3,000 now, You cannot request the additional \$13,000 in the future.

In the event:

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

You will still be required to satisfy all the terms and conditions herein in order to receive an Accelerated Benefit.

If You have executed an Assignment of rights and interest with respect to Your or Your Dependent's Amount of Life Insurance, in order to receive the Accelerated Benefit, We must receive a release from the assignee before any benefits are payable.

**Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill** means a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

GBD-1100 F06

### **Proof of Terminal Illness and Examinations:** *Must proof of Terminal Illness be submitted?*

We reserve the right to require satisfactory Proof of Terminal Illness on an ongoing basis. Any diagnosis submitted must be provided by a Physician.

If You or Your Dependents do not submit proof of Terminal Illness satisfactory to Us, or if You or Your Dependents refuse to be examined by a Physician, as We may require, then We will not pay an Accelerated Benefit.  
GBD-1100 F07

**No Longer Terminally Ill:** *What happens to my coverage if I am no longer Terminally Ill or my Dependent is no longer Terminally Ill?*

If You or Your Dependents are diagnosed by a Physician as no longer Terminally Ill and:

- 1) return to an Eligible Class, coverage will remain in force, provided premium is paid;
- 2) do not return to an Eligible Class, but You continue to meet the definition of Disabled, coverage will remain in force; or
- 3) are not in an Eligible Class, but You do not continue to meet the definition of Disabled, coverage will end and You may be eligible to exercise the Conversion Right, if You do so within the time limits described in such provision.

In any event, the amount of coverage will be reduced by the Accelerated Benefit paid.

GBD-1100 F08

**Conversion Right:** *If coverage under The Policy ends, do I have a right to convert?*

If Life Insurance coverage or any portion of it under The Policy ends for any reason, You and Your Dependents may have the right to convert the coverage that terminated to an individual conversion policy without providing Evidence of Insurability. Conversion is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependents were not eligible and covered under The Policy.

If coverage under The Policy ends because:

- 1) The Policy is terminated; or
- 2) Coverage for an Eligible Class is terminated;

then You or Your Dependent must have been insured under The Policy for 5 years or more, in order to be eligible to convert coverage. The amount which may be converted under these circumstances is limited to the lesser of:

- 1) \$10,000; or
- 2) the Life Insurance Benefit under The Policy less any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependent may become eligible under any group life insurance policy issued or reinstated within 31 days of termination of group life coverage.

If coverage under The Policy ends for any other reason, the full amount of coverage which ended may be converted.

**Insurer**, as used in this provision, means Us or another insurance company which has agreed to issue conversion policies according to this Conversion Right.

GBD-1100 F09 (NC)

**Conversion:** *How do I convert my coverage or coverage for my Dependents?*

To convert Your coverage or coverage for Your Dependents, You must:

- 1) complete a Notice of Conversion Right form; and
- 2) have your Employer sign the form.

The Insurer must receive this within:

- 1) 31 days after Life Insurance terminates; or
- 2) 15 days from the date Your Employer signs the form;

whichever is later. However, We will not accept requests for Conversion if they are received more than 91 days after Life Insurance terminates.

After the Insurer verifies eligibility for coverage, the Insurer will send You a Conversion Policy proposal. You must:

- 1) complete and return the request form in the proposal; and
- 2) pay the required premium for coverage;

within the time period specified in the proposal.

Any individual policy issued to You or Your Dependents under the Conversion Right:

- 1) will be effective as of the 32nd day after the date coverage ends; and
- 2) will be in lieu of coverage for this amount under The Policy.

GBD-1100 F10

**Conversion Policy Provisions:** *What are the Conversion Policy provisions?*

The Conversion Policy will:

- 1) be issued on one of the Life Insurance policy forms the Insurer is issuing for this purpose at the time of conversion; and
- 2) base premiums on the Insurer's rates in effect for new applicants of Your class and age at the time of conversion.

The Conversion Policy will not provide:

- 1) the same terms and conditions of coverage as The Policy;
- 2) any benefit other than the Life Insurance Benefit; and
- 3) term insurance.

However, Conversion is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance which was, or is being, continued:

- 1) under a certificate of insurance issued in accordance with the Portability provision; or
- 2) in accordance with the Continuation Provisions;

until such coverage ends.

GBD-1100 F11

**Death within the Conversion Period:** *What if I or my Dependents die before coverage is converted?*

We will pay the deceased person's Amount of Life Insurance You would have had the right to apply for under this provision if:

- 1) coverage under The Policy terminates;
- 2) You or Your Dependent die within 31 days of date coverage terminates; and
- 3) We receive Proof of Loss.

If the Conversion Policy has already taken effect, no Life Insurance Benefit will be payable under The Policy for the amount converted.

GBD-1100 F12

**Portability Benefits:** *What is Portability?*

Portability is a provision which allows You and Your Dependents to continue coverage under a Group Portability policy when coverage would otherwise end due to certain Qualifying Events.

GBD-1100 F14

**Qualifying Events:** *What are Qualifying Events?*

Qualifying Events for You are:

- 1) Your employment terminates for any reason prior to Normal Retirement Age; or
- 2) Your membership in an Eligible Class under The Policy ends.

Qualifying Events for Your Dependents are:

- 1) Your employment terminates, for any reason prior to Normal Retirement Age; or
- 2) Your death;
- 3) Your membership in a class eligible for Dependent coverage ends;
- 4) He or she no longer meets the definition of Dependent. However a Dependent Child who reaches the limiting age under The Policy is not eligible for Portability.

GBD-1100 F15

**Electing Portability:** *How do I elect Portability?*

You may elect Portability for Your coverage after Your Supplemental coverage ends because You had a Qualifying Event. You may also elect Portability for Your Dependent coverage if Your Dependent has a Qualifying Event. The Policy must still be in force in order for Portability to be available.

In order for Dependent Child coverage to be continued under this provision, You or Your Spouse must elect to continue coverage.

To elect Portability for You or Your Dependents, You must:

- 1) complete and have Your Employer sign a Portability application; and
- 2) submit the application to Us, with the required premium.

This must be received within:

- 1) 31 days after Life Insurance terminates; or
- 2) 15 days from the date Your Employer signs the application;

whichever is later. However, Portability requests will not be accepted if they are received more than 91 days after Life Insurance terminates.

After We verify eligibility for coverage, We will issue a certificate of insurance under a Portability policy. The Portability coverage will be:

- 1) issued without Evidence of Insurability;
- 2) issued on one of the forms then being issued by Us for Portability purposes; and
- 3) effective on the day following the date Your or Your Dependent's coverage ends.

The terms and conditions of coverage under the Portability policy will not be the same terms and conditions that are applicable to coverage under The Policy.

GBD-1100 F16

**Limitations:** *What limitations apply to this benefit?*

You may elect to continue 50%, 75%, or 100% of the Amount of Life Insurance which is ending for You or Your Dependent. This amount will be rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000, if not already a multiple of \$1,000.

However, the Amount of Life Insurance that may be continued will not exceed:

- 1) \$250,000 for You;
- 2) \$50,000 for Your Spouse ; or
- 3) \$10,000 for Your Dependent Child(ren).

If You elect to continue 50% or 75% now, You may not continue any portion of the remaining amount under this Portability provision at a later date. In no event will You or Your Spouse be able to continue an Amount of Life Insurance which is less than \$5,000.

Portability is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance for which You or Your Dependents were not eligible and covered.

In addition Portability is not available if You or Your Dependents are entering active military service.

GBD-1100 F17

**Effect of Portability on other Provisions:** *How does Portability affect other Provisions?*

Portability is not available for any Amount of Life Insurance which was, or is being, continued in accordance with the:

- 1) Conversion Right; or
- 2) Continuation provisions;

under The Policy. However, if:

- 1) You elect to continue only a portion of terminated coverage under this Portability provision; or
- 2) the Amount of Life Insurance exceeds the maximum Portability amount;

then the Conversion Right may be available for the remaining amount.

GBD-1100 F18

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Notice of Claim:** *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*

You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, must give Us, written notice of a claim within 30 days after the date of death.

If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible after that. Such notice must include the claimant's name, address and the Policy Number.

GBD-1100 H01

**Claim Forms:** *Are special forms required to file a claim?*

We will send forms to the claimant to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, the claimant may submit any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of the claim.

GBD-1100 H02

**Proof of Loss:** *What is Proof of Loss?*

Proof of Loss may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) a completed claim form;
- 2) a certified copy of the death certificate (if applicable);
- 3) Your Enrollment form;
- 4) Your Beneficiary Designation (if applicable);

- 5) documentation of:
  - a) the date Your Disability began;
  - b) the cause of Your Disability; and
  - c) the prognosis of Your Disability;
- 6) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
- 7) the names and addresses of all:
  - a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
  - b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
  - c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
- 8) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information (if applicable); or
- 9) Any additional information required by Us to adjudicate the claim.

All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

GBD-1100 H03

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

Written Proof of Loss should be sent within 90 day(s) after the loss. All Proof of Loss should be sent to Us. However, all claims should be submitted to Us within 90 day(s) of the date coverage ends.

If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

- 1) it was not possible to give proof within the required time; and
- 2) proof is given as soon as possible; but
- 3) not later than 1 year after it is due unless You, or the person who has the right to claim benefits, are not legally competent.

GBD-1100 H04

**Physical Examination and Autopsy:** *Can We have a claimant examined or request an autopsy?*

While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:

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

GBD-1100 H05

**Claim Payment:** *When are benefit payments issued?*

When We determine that benefits are payable, We will pay the benefits in accordance with the Claims to be Paid provision.

GBD-1100 H06

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

Life Insurance Benefits will be paid in accordance with the life insurance Beneficiary Designation.

If no beneficiary is named, or if no named beneficiary survives You, We may, at Our option, pay:

- 1) the executors or administrators of Your estate; or
- 2) all to Your surviving Spouse; or
- 3) if Your Spouse does not survive You, in equal shares to Your surviving Children; or
- 4) if no child survives You, in equal shares to Your surviving parents.

In addition, We may, at Our option, pay a portion of Your Life Insurance Benefit up to \$250 to any person equitably entitled to payment because of expenses from Your burial. Payment to any person, as shown above, will release Us from liability for the amount paid.

If any beneficiary is a minor, We may pay his or her share, until a legal guardian of the minor's estate is appointed, to a person who at Our option and in Our opinion is providing financial support and maintenance for the minor. We will pay:

- 1) \$200 at Your death; and
- 2) monthly installments of not more than \$200.

Payment to any person as shown above will release Us from all further liability for the amount paid.

We will pay the Life Insurance Benefit at Your Dependents' death to You, if living. Otherwise, it will be paid, at Our option, to Your surviving Spouse or the executor or administrator of Your estate.

If benefits are payable and meet Our guidelines, then We may pay benefits into a draft book account (checking account) which will be owned by:

- 1) You, if living; or
- 2) Your beneficiary, in the event of Your death.

The account owner may elect a lump sum payment by writing a check for the full amount in the account. However, an account will not be established for a benefit payable to Your estate.

We will make any payments, other than for loss of life, to You. We may make any such payments owed at Your death to Your estate. If any payment is owed to:

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

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

GBD-1100 H07 (NC)

**Beneficiary Designation:** *How do I designate or change my beneficiary?*

You may designate or change a beneficiary by doing so in writing on a form satisfactory to Us and filing the form with the Employer. Only satisfactory forms sent to the Employer prior to Your death will be accepted.

Beneficiary designations will become effective as of the date You signed and dated the form, even if You have since died. We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change from the Employer.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a Power of Attorney.

GBD-1100 H08

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

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

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

GBD-1100 H10

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

On any claim, the claimant or his or her representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so, he or she:

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

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

GBD-1100 H11

**Policy Interpretation:** *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*

We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy.

GBD-1100 H12

**Incontestability:** *When can The Policy be contested?*

Except for non-payment of premiums, the Life Insurance Benefit of The Policy cannot be contested after two years from the Policy Effective Date.

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

No statement made relating to Your Dependents being insurable will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during the Dependent's lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You or Your representative.  
GBD-1100 H13 (NC)

**Assignment:** *Are there any rights of assignment?*

You have the right to absolutely assign Your rights and interest under The Policy including, but not limited to the following:

- 1) the right to make any contributions required to keep the insurance in force;
- 2) the right to convert; and
- 3) the right to name and change a beneficiary.

We will recognize any absolute assignment made by You under The Policy, provided:

- 1) it is duly executed; and
- 2) a copy is acknowledged and on file with Us.

We and the Policyholder assume no responsibility:

- 1) for the validity or effect of any assignment; or
- 2) to provide any assignee with notices which We may be obligated to provide to You.

You do not have the right to collaterally assign Your rights and interest under The Policy.

GBD-1100 H14

**Legal Actions:** *When can legal action be taken against Us?*

Legal action cannot be taken against Us:

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

GBD-1100 H15

**Workers' Compensation:** *How does The Policy affect Workers' Compensation coverage?*

The Policy does not replace Workers' Compensation or affect any requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage.

GBD-1100 H16

**Insurance Fraud:** *How does the Company deal with fraud?*

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

GBD-1100 H17

**Misstatements:** *What happens if facts are misstated?*

If material facts about You or Your Dependents were not stated accurately:

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

GBD-1100 H18

## DEFINITIONS

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

PA-9221 C01

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

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

We will also consider You to be Actively At Work on any regularly scheduled vacation day or holiday, only if You were Actively At Work on the preceding scheduled work day.  
PA-9221 C02

**Contributory Coverage** means coverage for which You are required to contribute toward the cost. Contributory Coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.  
PA-9221 C10

**Dependent Child(ren)** means:

- 1) Your children, stepchildren, legally adopted children; or
- 2) any other children related to You by blood or marriage provided such children are:
  - a) at least 14 day(s) old but under age 26;
  - b) Age 26, or older and disabled. Such children must have become disabled before attaining age 26. You must submit proof, satisfactory to Us, of such children's disability.

PA-9221 C13

**Dependents** means Your Spouse and Your Dependent Child(ren). A dependent must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States, its territories and protectorates. Any person who is in full-time military service cannot be a dependent.  
PA-9221 C14

**Employer** means the Policyholder.  
PA-9221 C18

**Guaranteed Issue Amount** means the Amount of Life Insurance for which We do not require Evidence of Insurability. The Guaranteed Issue Amount is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.  
PA-9221 C20

**Non-Contributory Coverage** means coverage for which You are not required to contribute toward the cost. Non-Contributory Coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.  
PA-9221 C26

**Normal Retirement Age** means the Social Security Normal Retirement Age under the most recent amendments to the United States Social Security Act. It is determined by Your date of birth, as follows:

Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age	Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age
1937 or before	65	1955	66 + 2 months
1938	65 + 2 months	1956	66 + 4 months
1939	65 + 4 months	1957	66 + 6 months
1940	65 + 6 months	1958	66 + 8 months
1941	65 + 8 months	1959	66 + 10 months
1942	65 + 10 months	1960 or after	67
1943 through 1954	66		

PA-9221 C27

**Physician** means a person who is:

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

PA-9221 C31

**Prior Policy** means the group life insurance Policy carried by Your Policyholder on the day before the Policy Effective Date and will only include the coverage which is transferred to Us.  
PA-9221 C33

**Related** means Your Spouse, or other adult living with You, or Your sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild.  
PA-9221 C34

**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.



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**The Policy** means the policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.  
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**We, Us or Our** means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.  
PA-9221 C41

**You or Your** means the person to whom this certificate is issued.  
PA-9221 C42



## AMENDATORY RIDER

This rider is attached to all certificates given in connection with The Policy and is effective on The Policy Effective Date.

This rider is intended to amend Your certificate, as indicated below, to comply with the laws of Your state of residence. Only those references to benefits, provisions or terms actually included in Your certificate will affect Your coverage. In addition, any reference made herein to Dependent coverage will only apply if Dependent coverage is provided in Your certificate.

For Colorado residents:

- 1) The **Suicide** provision will only exclude amounts of life insurance in effect within the first year of coverage or within the first year following an increase in coverage.
- 2) Item #2 of the definition of **Dependent Child(ren)** is amended to read as follows:  
any other children related to You by blood or marriage or civil union or domestic partnership who:
- 3) The following is added to the definition of **Spouse**:  
Spouse will include Your partner in a civil union.
- 4) The **Change in Family Status** provision is amended to read as follows:  
A Change in Family Status occurs when:
  - 1) You get married or enter a civil union or You execute a domestic partner affidavit;
  - 2) You and Your spouse divorce or terminate a civil union or terminate a domestic partnership;
  - 3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
  - 4) Your spouse or party to a civil union or domestic partner dies;
  - 5) Your child is no longer financially dependent on You or dies;
  - 6) Your spouse or party to a civil union or domestic partner is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
  - 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

For Delaware residents:

The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:

**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.

Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

- 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

For Hawaii residents:

The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:

**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.

Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

- 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

For Illinois residents:

The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:

**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.

Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

- 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

For Louisiana residents:

- 1) The definition of **Dependent** is replaced by the following:  
**Dependent** means Your Spouse and Your Dependent Child(ren). A dependent must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States, its territories and protectorates. Any person who is in full-time military service cannot be a dependent, unless that person is subsequently called to military service and any required premium is paid.
- 2) The age limit stated in the **Continuation for Dependent Children with Disabilities** provision is increased to 21, if less than 21.
- 3) The following provision is added to the **Period of Coverage** provisions:  
**Reinstatement after Military Service:** If:
  - 1) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and
  - 2) You are rehired within 12 months of the date Your coverage terminated/within 12 months of the date You return from active military service;then coverage for You and Your previously covered Dependent Spouse/Dependents may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 31 days of the date You return to work. The reinstated coverage will:
  - 1) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated; and
  - 2) not be subject to any Waiting Period for Coverage, Evidence of Insurability or Pre-existing Conditions Limitations; and
  - 3) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.
- 4) The last paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is replaced by the following:  
In addition, We may, at Our option, pay a portion of Your Life Insurance Benefit up to \$500 to any person equitably entitled to payment because of expenses from Your funeral or other expenses incident to Your last illness or death. Payment to any person, as shown above, will release Us from liability for the amount paid.
- 5) The exclusion for the **Seatbelt and Air Bag** benefit is replaced by the following:  
The Seat Belt and Air Bag Benefit will not be payable if the injured person is operating the Motor Vehicle at the time of Injury while:
  - 1) Intoxicated; or
  - 2) under the influence of narcotics, unless administered on the advice of a physician.
- 6) The drug exclusion in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Exclusions is replaced by the following:  
Injury sustained while under the influence of narcotics, unless administered on the advice of a Physician;

For Massachusetts residents:

The definition of **Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill** in the **Accelerated Benefit** cannot exceed 24 months.

For Michigan residents:

The **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted in its entirety.

For Minnesota residents:

- 1) The term "granted military leave of absence" in the Military Leave of Absence portion of the **Continuation Provisions** section, is amended to "documented military leave of absence."
- 2) The provision titled "**Lay Off**" is deleted from the Continuation Provisions and is replaced by the following:  
**Lay Off:** If You are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated or Laid Off, You may elect to continue Your coverage by making monthly premium payments to the Employer for the cost of continued coverage. You must elect this continued coverage within 60 days from:
  - 1) the date Your coverage would otherwise terminate; or
  - 2) the date You receive a written notice of Your right to continue coverage;whichever is later. The amount of premium charged may not exceed 102% of the premium paid, either by You or the Employer, for life insurance coverage for an Active Employee. The Employer will inform You of:
  - 1) Your right to continue coverage;
  - 2) the amount of monthly premium; and
  - 3) how, where and by when payment must be made.Upon request, the Employer will provide You Our written verification of the cost of coverage. Coverage will continue until the first to occur of:
  - 1) the date You are covered under another group policy; or
  - 2) the last day of the 18th month following the date of termination or layoff.At the end of such 18 month period, You may exercise the Conversion Right if You do so within the time limits described in such provision. However, in lieu of conversion coverage You may accept a policy providing

reduced benefits at a reduced premium rate. Minnesota law requires that if Your coverage ends because the Employer fails:

- 1) to notify You of Your right to continue coverage; or
- 2) to pay the premium after timely receipt;

the Employer will be liable for benefit payments to the extent We would have been liable had You still been covered. Laid Off means that there is a reduction in the number of hours You work for the Employer so that You are no longer eligible for coverage. The term termination does not include discharge for gross misconduct but does include retirement.

- 3) the 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the **Accelerated Benefit** provision is deleted.
- 4) the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> paragraphs of the **Conversion Right** provision are deleted.
- 5) The first sentence of the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is amended as follows:  
If benefits are payable and are greater than \$15,000, then You or Your beneficiary may request that We pay benefits into a draft book account (checking account) which will be owned by:
  - 1) You, if living; or
  - 2) Your beneficiary, in the event of Your death.

For Missouri residents:

- 1) The time periods stated in the **Conditions for Qualification** and the **Benefit Payable before Approval of Waiver of Premium** provisions are changed to 180 days, if greater than 180 days.
- 2) The following language is added to the **When Premiums are Waived** provision:  
If Waiver of Premium is approved, it will be retroactive to the date the disability began. Premiums will be waived retrospectively once You have completed the 180 day waiting period.
- 3) The **Suicide** provision is replaced by the following:  
**Suicide:** *What benefit is payable if death is a result of suicide?*  
If You or Your Dependent commit suicide, whether sane or insane, We will not pay any Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance or Supplemental Amount of Dependent Life Insurance for the deceased person which was elected within the 1 year period immediately prior to the date of death. This applies to initial coverage and elected increases in coverage. It does not apply to benefit increases that resulted solely due to an increase in Earnings. If You or Your Dependent die as a result of suicide, whether sane or insane, within 1 year of the Policy effective date, all premiums paid for coverage will be refunded.  
  
This 1 year period includes the time group life insurance coverage was in force under the Prior Policy.
- 4) Item 2 of the **Accidental Death and Dismemberment Exclusions** is replaced with the following:
  - 2) suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane;

For Montana residents:

- 1) The time period stated in the **Conversion Right** provision is changed to 3 years, if greater than 3 years.
- 2) The dollar amount stated in the **Conversion Right** provision is changed to \$10,000, if less than \$10,000.
- 3) The 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the **Conversion Policy Provisions** is deleted.
- 4) The dollar amount stated in the second paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is changed to \$500, if not \$500.
- 5) The following provision is added to the **Claims to be Paid** provision.  
**Payable Interest:** *Is interest payable on death claims?*  
Claims payable for loss of life will be paid within 60 days of the date due proof is received. If the claim is paid more than 30 days after the date due proof is received, the amount payable will include interest. Interest will be paid at the discount rate, on 90-day commercial paper, in effect at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Ninth Federal Reserve District on the date due proof is received.

For New Hampshire residents:

- 1) The **Waiver of Premium and Disability Extension** provision or the **Disability Extension** provision is deleted
- 2) The following is added to the end of the first paragraph of the **Conversion** provision:  
The Notice of Conversion Right form will be mailed to You within 15 days after the Policy ceases. If notice is given more than 15 days after the Policy ceases, the time You have to convert will be extended for 15 days from the date notice was given.
- 3) The last sentence of the second paragraph of the **Conversion** provision is replaced by the following:  
However, unless you did not have notice, We will not accept requests for Conversion if they are received more than 91 days after Life Insurance terminates.
- 4) Item #3 in the second paragraph of the Sending Proof of Loss provision is deleted.
- 5) The dollar amount stated in the second paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is changed to \$250, if not \$250.

- 6) The following is added to the Period of Coverage if Spouse Accidental Death and Dismemberment is included in the contract:

**Spouse Continuation:** *Can coverage be continued for a divorced Spouse?*

If You are legally separated or divorced from Your Spouse, coverage for Your former Spouse may continue under The Policy until the earliest of:

- 1) the last day of the third year following the anniversary of a final divorce or legal separation;
- 2) the date You remarry;
- 3) the date Your former Spouse remarries;
- 4) a date specified in the final divorce decree;
- 5) the date Your former Spouse fails to pay any premiums that may be due; or
- 6) the date You die.

For North Dakota residents:

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

For Ohio residents, any references to **Accelerated Benefit** are amended to read as **Accelerated Death Benefit**.

For Oregon residents:

- 1) The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:

**Spouse** means Your spouse who:

- 1) is under age 65;
- 2) is not legally separated or divorced from You; and
- 3) is not in active full-time military service outside the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska. However, Your spouse who is in active full-time military service inside the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska will be considered a Dependent.

Spouse will include Your domestic partner provided You:

- 1) have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as domestic partners with a government agency or office where such registration is available.

You will continue to be considered domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements of the law or as described in the domestic partner affidavit.

- 2) The following is added to the definition of **Dependent Child(ren)**:

Dependent Child(ren) will also include child(ren) of Your Oregon registered domestic partner.

- 3) The **Continuation Provisions** section is amended to include the following for Employers with 10 or more employees:

Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:

- 1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
- 2) provided notice of the election to Your employer in accordance with Your employer's notification policy.

For Rhode Island residents:

- 1) The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:

**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.

Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

- 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

- 2) The following is added to **Continuation Provisions**:

Family Military Leave of Absence: If Your spouse or child enters active full-time military service outside of the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska, and You:

- 1) have been employed with the same employer for at least two years; and
- 2) have completed 1,250 hours of service during a 12 month period immediately prior to the date Military Leave of Absence would begin; and
- 3) have exhausted all the other time made available to You by Your Employer except sick time and short term disability;

then Your coverage may be continued for up to 30 days. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

To elect a Family Military Leave of Absence, You must notify Your Employer at least 14 days prior to the date the leave would begin if the leave would consist of five or more consecutive work days. For a leave of less than five days, the Employee should give notice as soon as reasonable possible.

- 3) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.

For South Carolina residents:

- 1) The following is added to the **Physical Examinations and Autopsy** provision: "Such autopsy must take place in the state of South Carolina."
- 2) The dollar amount stated in the second paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision is changed to \$2,000, if not \$2,000.

For South Dakota residents:

- 1) The **suicide, felony, speed or endurance contest** exclusions are replaced by the following:  
suicide, whether sane or insane, within two years of the individual's coverage under the policy;  
Injury caused directly or indirectly by riding or driving on land, air, or water if participating in a speed or endurance contest;  
Injury sustained while committing a felony.
- 2) The **self-inflicted Injury, drug, Intoxicated and Driving while Intoxicated** exclusions are deleted.
- 3) The definition of "**Intoxicated**" is deleted from the Exclusion section.
- 4) The exclusions set forth in the **Seat Belt and Air Bag** benefit are deleted.
- 5) The definition of **Felonious Assault** set forth in the Felonious Assault Benefit is replaced by the following:  
**Felonious Assault** means a violent or criminal act directed at You or Your Dependents during the course of a robbery, kidnapping or criminal assault, which constitutes a felony under the law.

For Texas residents, the provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.

For Utah residents:

- 1) The time period stated in the **Suicide** provision is changed to 2 years if not already 2 years.
- 2) Item 1 of the first paragraph in the **Conversion Policy Provisions** is replaced by the following:
  - 1) be issued on one of the Life Insurance policy forms the Insurer is customarily issuing at the age and for the amount applied for at the time of conversion except for term insurance; and
- 3) The following sentence is added to the **Effect of Waiver of Premium on Conversion** provision, if not already added:  
The Insurer will refund the premium paid for such Conversion Policy.
- 4) The time period stated in the **Claim Forms** provision is changed to 15 days if not already 15 days.
- 5) Item 3 of the second paragraph of the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is deleted.
- 6) The time period stated in the **Claim Payment** provision is changed to 15 days if not already 15 days.
- 7) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.
- 8) The words "In the absence of fraud" are deleted from the **Incontestability** provision.
- 9) The following provision is added to the Continuation provisions:  
**Disability:** If You are not Actively at Work due a Disability, all of Your coverage (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued beyond a date shown in the Termination provision. Coverage may not be continued under more than one Continuation Provision. The amount of continued coverage applicable to You or Your Dependents will be the amount of coverage in effect on the date immediately before coverage would otherwise have ended. Coverage will continue until the earliest of:
  - 1) six months from the date of Disability;
  - 2) approval by Us of continuation of the coverage under any disability provision The Policy may contain;
  - 3) the date premium payment is due but not paid;
  - 4) The Policy terminates; or
  - 5) if the Policyholder is a trust, Your Employer ceases to be a Participating Employer.In no event will the amount of insurance increase while coverage is continued in accordance with this provision. The Continuation Provisions shown above may not be applied consecutively. If such absence results in a leave of absence in accordance with state and/or federal family and medical leave laws, then the combined continuation period will not exceed twelve consecutive months.

For Vermont residents:

- 1) The following Endorsement applies:

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

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

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

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

- 2) The following sentence is added to the **Life Insurance Benefit** provision:  
Interest is payable from the date of death until the date payment is made at an interest rate of 6% per year or at least Our corporate interest rate, whichever is greater.

For Washington residents:

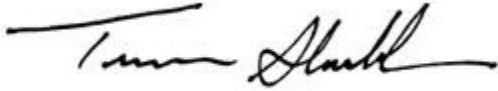
- 1) The **Suicide** provision is deleted in its entirety.
- 2) The following is added to the **No Longer Terminally Ill** provision:  
**Dispute about Diagnosis:** If Your attending physician, and a physician appointed by Us, disagree on whether You are Terminally Ill, Our physician's opinion will not be binding upon You. The two parties shall attempt to resolve the matter promptly and amicably. In case the disagreement is not resolved, You have the right to mediation or binding arbitration conducted by a disinterested third party who has no ongoing relationship with either. Any such arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. As part of the final decision, the arbitrator or mediator shall award the costs of the arbitrator to one party or the other, or may divide the costs equally or otherwise.
- 3) The **Labor Dispute** continuation provision is replaced with the following:  
**Labor Dispute:** If You are not Actively at Work as the result of a labor dispute, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued during such dispute until the last day of the month in which the coverage terminated, but in no event for a period exceeding six months. If the labor dispute ends, this continuation will cease immediately.
- 4) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.
- 5) The definition of **Dependent Child(ren)** is amended to include relationships due to domestic partnership.
- 6) The **Spouse** definition is amended to read as follows:  
**Spouse** means Your spouse who is not legally separated or divorced from You.  
Spouse will include Your domestic partner or party to a civil union, provided You:
  - 1) have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners or parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
  - 2) have registered as domestic partners or parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.You will continue to be considered domestic partners or parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements described in the domestic partner affidavit or required by law.

For Wisconsin residents:

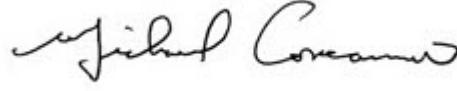
- 1) The dollar amount stated in the **Conversion Right** provision is changed to \$5,000, if not \$5,000.
- 2) The dollar amounts stated in the second paragraph and the last paragraph of the **Claims to be Paid** provision are changed to \$1,000, if not \$1,000.

In all other respects, the Policy and certificates remain the same.

Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company.



**Terence Shields, Secretary**



**Michael Concannon, Executive Vice President**



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