

**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY  
IOWA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a brief summary of the Iowa Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act ("the Association") and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Iowa law, located at Iowa Code Chapter 508C, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity, health insurance company or health maintenance organization becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Iowa law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies.

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - \$300,000 in death benefits
  - \$100,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
  
- Health Insurance
  - \$500,000 for health benefit plans (see definition below)
  - \$300,000 in disability income protection insurance benefits
  - \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits, including net cash surrender and withdrawal values
  
- Annuities
  - \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$350,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

"Health benefit plan" is defined in the applicable Iowa law and generally includes hospital or medical expense policies, contracts or certificates, or HMO subscriber contracts that provide comprehensive forms of coverage for hospitalization or medical services, but excludes policies that provide coverages for limited benefits (such as dental-only or vision-only insurance), Medicare Supplement insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance.

**Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** If coverage is available, it will be subject to substantial limitations and exclusions. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements under Iowa law.

Benefits provided by a long-term care rider to a life insurance policy or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which the long-term rider relates.

To learn more about the Association and the protections it provides, as well as those relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association's website at [www.ialifeqa.org](http://www.ialifeqa.org), or contact:

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Information about the financial condition of insurers is available from a variety of sources, including financial rating agencies such as AM Best Company, Fitch Ratings Inc., Moody's Investors Service, and S&P Global Ratings.

The Association is subject to the supervision of the Commissioner of the Iowa Insurance Division. Persons who desire to file a complaint to allege a violation of the laws governing the Association may contact the Iowa Insurance Division. State law provides that any suit against the Association shall be brought in the Iowa District Court in Polk County, Iowa.

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Iowa law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance or HMO coverage. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Iowa law, then Iowa law will control.**

# STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

A Stock Life Insurance Company  
900 SW Fifth Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204-1282  
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## CERTIFICATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

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Policyholder:	State of Iowa
Policy Number:	754414-A
Effective Date:	January 1, 2017

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A Group Policy has been issued to the Policyholder. We certify that you will be insured as provided by the terms of the Group Policy. If your coverage is changed by an amendment to the Group Policy, we will provide the Policyholder with a revised Certificate or other notice to be given to you.

**This policy includes an Accelerated Benefit. Death benefits will be reduced if an Accelerated Benefit is paid. The receipt of this benefit may be taxable and may affect your eligibility for Medicaid or other government benefits or entitlements. However, if you meet the definition of "terminally ill individual" according to the Internal Revenue Code Section 101, your Accelerated Benefit may be non-taxable. You should consult your personal tax and/or legal advisor before you apply for an Accelerated Benefit.**

Possession of this Certificate does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this Certificate. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern.

"We", "us" and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. "You" and "your" mean the Member. All other defined terms appear with the initial letter capitalized. Section headings, and references to them, appear in boldface type.



President and CEO

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## COVERAGE FEATURES

This section contains many of the features of your group life insurance. Other provisions, including exclusions and limitations, appear in other sections. Please refer to the text of each section for full details. The Table of Contents and the Index of Defined Terms help locate sections and definitions.

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### GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number:	754414-A
Type of Insurance Provided:	
Life Insurance:	Yes
Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance:	Yes
Policyholder:	State of Iowa
Employer(s):	State of Iowa
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 2017
Policy Issued in:	Iowa

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### BECOMING INSURED

To become insured for Life Insurance you must: (a) Be a Member; (b) Complete your Eligibility Waiting Period; and (c) Meet the requirements in **Life Insurance** and **Active Work Provisions**. The requirements for becoming insured for coverages other than Life Insurance are set out in the text.

Definition of Member:	You are a Member if you are:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. An active full-time employee of the Employer who is regularly working at least 30 hours each week; or</li><li>2. An active part-time General Assembly employee of the Employer who is regularly working at least the minimum number of hours required during the term of the legislative session.</li></ol>

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee.
2. A leased employee.
3. An independent contractor.
4. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Class Definition:	
Class 1:	Full-time employees of the Executive, Judicial, or Legislative Branches and Supreme Court Commission, who are not in Classes 2, 3, 4, or 5
Class 2:	General Assembly members
Class 3:	Part-time General Assembly employees
Class 4:	State Police Officers' Council (SPOC) employees

Class 5:

AFSCME - MVE Public Safety Bargaining Unit Employees (DOT)

Eligibility Waiting Period:

You are eligible on the date determined as follows:

Class 1, 3, 4 and 5: on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following one month as a Member.

Class 2: on the January 1 following the date you are elected to General Assembly.

Evidence Of Insurability:

Required:

- a. For late application for Contributory insurance.
- b. For reinstatements if required.
- c. For Members eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.
- d. For any increase resulting from a plan or option change you elect.
- e. For any Plan 2 Life Insurance Benefit in excess of the Guarantee Issue Amount of \$100,000. However, this requirement will be waived on the Group Policy Effective Date for an amount equal to the amount of additional life insurance under the Prior Plan on the day before the Group Policy Effective Date, if you apply on or before the Group Policy Effective Date.

You may apply for an elective increase in your Life Insurance only during:

1. An Annual Enrollment Period; or
2. The first 30 days following a Family Status Change; and

Evidence Of Insurability is required.

Annual Enrollment Period means the period designated each year by your Employer when you may change insurance elections.

Family Status Change means any of the following events:

1. Your marriage or divorce.
2. The birth of your Child.
3. The adoption of a Child by you.
4. The death of your Spouse and/or Child.
5. The commencement or termination of your Spouse's employment.

You may increase your Life Insurance due to any of the event(s) above.

**One Time Open Enrollment Period: October 2, 2023 through November 3, 2023**

If you were eligible for or insured for Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance under the Group Policy, certain Evidence Of Insurability requirements will be waived with respect to Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance. However, we will not waive the Evidence Of Insurability requirements if you previously submitted Evidence Of Insurability that was not approved by us under any group policy issued by us to the Policyholder or covering your Employer.

1. If you were eligible but not insured for Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance under the Group Policy, requirements a. and c. above will be waived for you if you apply for an amount of Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance up to the Guarantee Issue Amount during your Employer's One Time Open Enrollment Period.
2. If you were insured for Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance under the Group Policy, requirement d. above will be waived for you if you apply for an increase in your Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance up to the Guarantee Issue Amount during your Employer's One Time Open Enrollment Period. However, Evidence Of Insurability is required to become insured for any Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance Benefit that exceeds the Guarantee Issue Amount.

## PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Insurance:	Plan 1: Noncontributory for Classes 1, 2, 4 and 5 Contributory for Class 3 Plan 2: Contributory
AD&D Insurance:	Plan 1: Noncontributory for Classes 1, 2, 4 and 5 Contributory for Class 3 Plan 2: Contributory

## SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

### SCHEDULE OF LIFE INSURANCE

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit:

You will become insured under Plan 1 if you meet the requirements to become insured under the Group Policy.

If you are insured under Plan 1, you may also become insured under Plan 2 if you meet the requirements to become insured under Plan 2 Life Insurance under the Group Policy. Plan 2 is a Contributory plan requiring premium contributions from Members.

Plan 1 (basic):	Classes 1, 2, and 3: \$20,000 Class 4 and 5: \$50,000
Plan 2 (additional):	Classes 1, 2, and 3: You may apply for Life Insurance in multiples of \$5,000, from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Class 4 and 5: You may apply for Life Insurance in multiples of \$100,000, from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000. However, your combined Plan 1 and Plan 2 Life Insurance may not exceed the lesser of: A) 8 times your Annual Earnings; and B) \$1,050,000

The Repatriation Benefit: The expenses incurred to transport your body to a mortuary near your primary place of residence, but not to exceed \$5,000 or 10% of the Life Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

#### SCHEDULE OF AD&D INSURANCE

For you:

AD&D Insurance Benefit: The amount of your Plan 1 AD&D Insurance Benefit is equal to the amount of your Plan 1 Life Insurance Benefit.

If you are insured for Plan 2 Life Insurance, you are insured for Plan 2 AD&D Insurance. The amount of your Plan 2 AD&D Insurance Benefit is equal to the amount of your Plan 2 Life Insurance Benefit.

The amount payable for certain Losses is less than 100% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit. See AD&D Table Of Losses.

Seat Belt Benefit: The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$10,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of your life.

Air Bag Benefit: The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$10,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of your life.

If an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life as a result of an Automobile accident and we cannot determine whether:

1. You were wearing and properly utilizing a Seat Belt System at the time of the accident; or
2. You were seated in a seating position intended to be protected by the Air Bag System or if the Air Bag System deployed;

we will increase the AD&D Insurance benefit by \$1,000.

Career Adjustment Benefit: The tuition expenses for training incurred by your Spouse within 36 months after the date of your death, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Child Care Benefit: The total child care expense incurred by your Spouse within 36 months after the date of your death for all Children under age 13, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Higher Education Benefit: The tuition expenses incurred per Child within 4 years after the date of your death, at an accredited institution of higher education, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$20,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Public Transportation Benefit: The lesser of (1) \$200,000; or (2) 100% of the amount of the AD&D Insurance Benefit otherwise payable for the Loss of your life.

AD&D TABLE OF LOSSES

The amount payable is a percentage of the AD&D Insurance Benefit in effect on the date of the accident and is determined by the Loss suffered as shown in the following table:

Loss:	Percentage Payable:
a. Life	100%
b. One hand or one foot	50%
c. Sight in one eye, speech, or hearing in both ears	50%
d. Two or more of the Losses listed in b. and c. above	100%
e. Thumb and index finger of the same hand	25%*
f. Quadriplegia	100%**
g. Hemiplegia	50% **
h. Paraplegia	75% **
i. Triplegia	75% **
j. Uniplegia	25% **

**No more than 100% of your AD&D Insurance will be paid for all Losses resulting from one accident.**

**\* No AD&D Insurance Benefit will be paid for Loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand if an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for the Loss of that entire hand.**

**\*\* No AD&D Insurance Benefit will be paid for loss of a hand or foot if an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, Uniplegia, Triplegia, or Paraplegia involving that same hand or foot.**

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## REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

If you reach an age shown below, the amount of your Plan 1 Life and AD&D Insurance will be the amount determined by your age, as shown below:

Classes 1, 2, and 3:

Age Of Member	Amount of Plan 1 Life and AD&D Insurance
65 through 69	\$13,200
70 through 74	\$8,300
75 or over	\$5,700

Class 4 and 5:

Age Of Member	Amount of Plan 1 Life and AD&D Insurance
65 through 69	\$33,000
70 through 74	\$20,750
75 or over	\$14,250

If you reach an age shown below, the amount of Plan 2 Life Insurance and Plan 2 AD&D Insurance will be the amount determined from the Schedule Of Insurance, multiplied by the appropriate percentage below:

Age Of Member	Percentage
65 through 69	66%
70 through 74	41.5%
75 through 79	28.5%
80 or over	20%

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## OTHER BENEFITS

Waiver Of Premium:	Yes, for Members who become Totally Disabled prior to age 60 and are receiving long term disability benefits under the Employer's group long term disability insurance plan.  No, for all other Members
Accelerated Benefit:	Yes

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## OTHER PROVISIONS

Limits on Right To Convert if Group Policy terminates or is amended:

Minimum Time Insured:	5 years
Maximum Conversion Amount:	\$2,000

Suicide Exclusion: Applies to AD&D Insurance  
Leave Of Absence Period: 30 days  
Insurance Eligible For Portability:

For you:

Life Insurance	Yes
Minimum amount:	\$10,000
Maximum amount:	\$300,000
AD&D Insurance	Yes
Minimum amount:	\$10,000
Maximum amount:	\$300,000

## LIFE INSURANCE

### A. Insuring Clause

If you die while insured for Life Insurance, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

### B. Amount Of Life Insurance

See the **Coverage Features** for the Life Insurance schedule.

### C. Changes In Life Insurance

#### 1. Increases

You must apply in writing for any elective increase in your Life Insurance.

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, an increase in your Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

#### a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the latest of:

- (i) The first day of the calendar month following the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.
- (ii) The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.
- (iii) The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during the Annual Enrollment Period.

#### b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on:

- (i) The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply for an elective increase or the date of change in your classification.
- (ii) The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.

(iii) The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during the Annual Enrollment Period.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Life Insurance because of a change in your classification or age becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of the change.

Any other decrease in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date the Policyholder or your Employer receives your written request for the decrease.

D. Repatriation Benefit

The amount of the Repatriation Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Repatriation Benefit if all of the following requirements are met.

1. A Life Insurance Benefit is payable because of your death.
2. You die more than 200 miles from your primary place of residence.
3. Expenses are incurred to transport your body to a mortuary near your primary place of residence.

E. When Life Insurance Becomes Effective

The **Coverage Features** states whether your Life Insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory.

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Life Insurance becomes effective as follows:

1. Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability

Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month following the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

2. Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability

a. Noncontributory Life Insurance

Noncontributory Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

b. Contributory Life Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory Life Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on:

- (i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.
- (ii) The date you apply if you apply within 30 days after you become eligible.
- (iii) The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.
- (iv) The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during the Annual Enrollment Period.

Late application: If you do not apply within 30 days after you become eligible:

- 1) you may only apply during an Annual Enrollment Period, or during the first 30 days following a Family Status Change; and
- 2) Evidence Of Insurability will be required.

### 3. Takeover Provision

- a. If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, your Eligibility Waiting Period is waived on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
- b. You must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for Life Insurance if you were eligible under the Prior Plan for more than 30 days but were not insured.

### F. When Life Insurance Ends

Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your Life Insurance;
2. The date the Group Policy terminates;
3. The last day of the calendar month in which your employment terminates; and
4. The last day of the calendar month in which you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.
  - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
  - b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy.
  - c. During a temporary layoff, but not longer than:
    - (1) For AFSCME, AFSCME-Judicial and PPME employees: for up to 90 days; and
    - (2) For all other Members: until the last day of the month following the month in which the layoff begins.
  - d. During a leave of absence if continuation of your insurance under the Group Policy is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.
  - e. During any other scheduled leave of absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing and lasting not more than the period shown in the **Coverage Features**.
  - f. Military Leave of Absence: If you enter active military service and are granted Military Leave of Absence in writing, your coverage may be continued until the end of the month in which the Military Leave commenced. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

### G. Reinstatement Of Life Insurance

If your Life Insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, 1 through 4 below will apply.

1. If your Life Insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
2. If your Life Insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
3. If you exercised your Right To Convert, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
4. If your Life Insurance ends because you are on a federal or state-mandated family or medical leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the period allowed, your insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state-mandated family or medical leave

act or law.

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## **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE**

### A. Insuring Clause

If you have an accident, including accidental exposure to adverse weather conditions, while insured for AD&D Insurance, and the accident results in a Loss, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

### B. Definition Of Loss For AD&D Insurance

Loss means loss of life, hand, foot, sight, speech, hearing in both ears, thumb and index finger of the same hand and Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia or Paraplegia which meets all of the following requirements:

1. Is caused solely and directly by an accident.
2. Occurs independently of all other causes.
3. Occurs within 365 days after the accident.
4. With respect to Loss of life, is evidenced by a certified copy of the death certificate.
5. With respect to all other Losses, is certified by a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us.

With respect to Loss of life, death will be presumed if you disappear and the disappearance:

1. Is caused solely and directly by an accident that reasonably could have caused Loss of life;
2. Occurs independently of all other causes; and
3. Continues for a period of 365 days after the date of the accident, despite reasonable search efforts.

With respect to a hand or foot, Loss means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint, whether or not surgically reattached.

With respect to sight, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of sight.

With respect to speech, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of audible speech.

With respect to hearing, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of hearing in both ears.

With respect to thumb and index finger of the same hand, Loss means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the metacarpophalangeal joints.

With respect to Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia, and Paraplegia, Loss must be permanent, complete, and irreversible.

Quadriplegia means total paralysis of both upper and lower limbs. Hemiplegia means total paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on the same side of the body. Paraplegia means total paralysis of both lower limbs. Uniplegia means the complete and irreversible paralysis of one limb. Triplegia means the complete and irreversible paralysis of three limbs.

### C. Amount Payable

See **Coverage Features** for the AD&D Insurance schedule. The amount payable is a percentage of the AD&D Insurance Benefit in effect on the date of the accident and is determined by the Loss suffered. See AD&D Table Of Losses in the **Coverage Features**.

#### D. Changes In AD&D Insurance

Changes in your AD&D Insurance will become effective on the date your Life Insurance changes.

#### E. AD&D Insurance Exclusions

No AD&D Insurance benefit is payable if the accident or Loss is caused or contributed to by any of the following:

1. War or act of War. War means declared or undeclared war, whether civil or international, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature.
2. Suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
3. Committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or actively participating in a violent disorder or riot. Actively participating does not include being at the scene of a violent disorder or riot while performing your official duties.
4. The voluntary use or consumption of any poison, chemical compound, alcohol or drug, unless used or consumed according to the directions of a Physician.
5. Sickness or Pregnancy existing at the time of the accident.
6. Heart attack or stroke.
7. Boarding, leaving, or being in or on any kind of aircraft. However, this exclusion will not apply if the person who suffers the Loss is a fare paying passenger on a commercial aircraft.
8. Medical or surgical treatment for any of the above.

#### F. Additional AD&D Benefits

##### Seat Belt Benefit

The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Seat Belt Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You die as a result of an Automobile accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your Life; and
2. You are wearing and properly utilizing a Seat Belt System at the time of the accident, as evidenced by a police accident report.

Seat Belt System means a properly installed combination lap and shoulder restraint system that meets the Federal Vehicle Safety Standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Seat Belt System will include a lap belt alone, but only if the Automobile did not have a combination lap and shoulder restraint system when manufactured. Seat Belt System does not include a shoulder restraint alone.

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

##### Air Bag Benefit

The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay an Air Bag Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You die as a result of an Automobile accident for which a Seat Belt Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
2. The Automobile is equipped with an Air Bag System that was installed as original equipment by the Automobile manufacturer and has received regular maintenance or scheduled replacement as recommended by the Automobile or Air Bag manufacturer.

3. You are seated in the driver's or a passenger's seating position intended to be protected by the Air Bag System and the Air Bag System deploys, as evidenced by a police accident report.

Air Bag System means an automatically inflatable passive restraint system that is designed to provide automatic crash protection in front or side impact Automobile accidents and meets the Federal Vehicle Safety Standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

#### Career Adjustment Benefit

The amount of the Career Adjustment Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Career Adjustment Benefit to your Spouse if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You are insured for AD&D Insurance under the Group Policy.
2. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
3. Your Spouse is, within 36 months after the date of your death, registered and in attendance at an accredited institution of higher education or trades training program for the purpose of obtaining employment or increasing earnings.

No Career Adjustment Benefit will be paid if you have no surviving Spouse.

#### Child Care Benefit

The amount of the Child Care Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Child Care Benefit to your Spouse if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You are insured for AD&D Insurance under the Group Policy.
2. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
3. Your Spouse pays a licensed child care provider who is not a member of your family for child care provided to your Child(ren) under age 13 within 36 months of your death.
4. The child care is necessary in order for your Spouse to work or to obtain training for work or to increase earnings.

No Child Care Benefit will be paid if you have no surviving Spouse.

#### Higher Education Benefit

The amount of the Higher Education Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Higher Education Benefit to your Child if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You are insured for AD&D Insurance under the Group Policy.
2. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
3. Your Child is, within 12 months after the date of your death, registered and in full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education beyond high school.

The Higher Education Benefit will be paid to each Child who meets the requirements of item 3 above, for a maximum of 4 consecutive years beginning on the date of your death. No Higher Education Benefit will be paid if there is no Child eligible to receive it.

## Public Transportation Benefit

The amount of the Public Transportation Benefit is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

We will pay a Public Transportation Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

1. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
2. The accident occurs while you are riding as a fare-paying passenger on Public Transportation.

Public Transportation means a public passenger conveyance operated by a licensed common carrier for the transportation of the general public for a fare and operating on regular passenger routes with a definite schedule of departures and arrivals.

## G. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance

### 1. Eligibility

You become eligible for AD&D Insurance on the date your Life Insurance is effective.

### 2. Effective Date

The **Coverage Features** states whether AD&D Insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, AD&D Insurance becomes effective as follows:

#### a. Noncontributory AD&D Insurance

Noncontributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

#### b. Contributory AD&D Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory AD&D Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the later of:

- (i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.
- (ii) The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply, if you apply after you become eligible.

## H. When AD&D Insurance Ends

AD&D Insurance ends automatically on the earlier of:

1. The date your Life Insurance ends.
2. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your AD&D Insurance.

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## **ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS**

If you are incapable of Active Work because of Sickness, Injury or Pregnancy on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or an increase in your insurance, your insurance or increase will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of Active Work as an eligible Member.

Active Work and Actively At Work mean performing the material duties of your own occupation at your Employer's usual place of business. You will also meet the Active Work requirement if:

1. You were absent from Active Work because of a regularly scheduled day off, holiday, or vacation day;
2. You were Actively At Work on your last scheduled work day before the date of your absence; and
3. You were capable of Active Work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or increase in your insurance.

## CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

### A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, you can become insured on the effective date of your Employer's coverage without meeting the Active Work requirement. See **Active Work Provisions**.

### B. Payment Of Benefit

The benefits payable before you meet the Active Work requirement will be:

1. The benefits which would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force; reduced by
2. Any benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

## PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

### A. Portability Of Insurance

If your insurance under the Group Policy ends because your employment with your Employer terminates, you may be eligible to buy portable group insurance coverage as shown in the **Coverage Features** for yourself without submitting Evidence Of Insurability. To be eligible you must satisfy the following requirements:

1. On the date your employment terminates, you must be able to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of at least one gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training and experience.

(If you are unable to meet this requirement, see the **Right To Convert** and **Waiver Of Premium** provisions for other options that may be available to you under the Group Policy.)

2. On the date your employment terminates, you are under age 80.
3. On the date your employment terminates, you must have been continuously insured under the Group Policy for at least 12 consecutive months. In computing the 12 consecutive month period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
4. You must apply in writing and pay the first premium directly to us at our Home Office within 90 days after the date your employment terminates. You must purchase portable group life insurance coverage for yourself in order to purchase any other insurance eligible for portability.

This portable group insurance will be provided under a master Group Life Portability Insurance Policy we have issued to the Standard Insurance Company Group Insurance Trust. If approved, the certificate you will receive will be governed under the terms of the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy and will contain provisions that differ from your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.

### B. Amount Of Portable Insurance

The minimum and maximum amounts that you are eligible to buy under the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy are shown in the **Coverage Features**. You may buy less than the maximum amounts in increments of \$1,000.

The combined amounts of insurance purchased under this **Portability Of Insurance** provision and the **Right To Convert** provision cannot exceed the amount in effect under the Group Policy on the day before your employment terminates.

### C. When Portable Insurance Becomes Effective

Portable group insurance will become effective the day after your employment with your Employer terminates, if you apply within 90 days after the date your employment terminates.

If death occurs within 90 days after the date insurance ends under the Group Policy, life insurance benefits, if any, will be paid according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date your employment terminates and not the terms of the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy. AD&D benefits, if any, will be paid according to the terms of the Group Policy or the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy, but not both. In no event will the benefits paid exceed the amount in effect under the Group Policy on the day before your employment terminates.

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## **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

### **A. Waiver Of Premium Benefit**

Insurance will be continued without payment of premiums while you are Totally Disabled if:

1. You become Totally Disabled while insured under the Group Policy and under age 60;
2. You complete your Waiting Period; and
3. You give us satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

We may have you examined at our expense at reasonable intervals. Any such examination will be conducted by specialists of our choice.

### **B. Definitions For Waiver Of Premium**

1. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy.
2. Totally Disabled means you are receiving disability benefits under a group long term disability policy issued by us to the Policyholder or your Employer.
3. Waiting Period means the period you must be continuously Totally Disabled before Waiver Of Premium begins. The Waiting Period begins on the date you become Totally Disabled and ends when benefits become payable under a group long term disability policy issued by us, whichever is earlier.

### **C. Premium Payment**

Premium payment must continue until the later of:

1. The date you complete your Waiting Period; and
2. The date we approve your claim for Waiver Of Premium.

### **D. Refund Of Premiums**

We will refund up to 12 months of the premiums that were paid for Insurance after the date you become Totally Disabled or qualified for Waiver Of Premium.

### **E. Amount Of Insurance**

The amount of Insurance eligible for Waiver Of Premium is the amount in effect on the day before you become Totally Disabled. However, the following will apply:

1. Insurance will be reduced or terminated according to the Group Policy provisions in effect on the day before you become Totally Disabled.
2. If you become insured under a group life insurance plan that replaces the Group Policy while you are eligible for Waiver Of Premium, any death benefit payable under the Group Policy will be reduced by the amount payable under the replacement group life insurance plan.

3. If you receive an Accelerated Benefit, Insurance will be reduced according to the **Accelerated Benefit** provision.

F. Effect Of Death During The Waiting Period

If you die during the Waiting Period and are otherwise eligible for Waiver Of Premium, the Waiting Period will be waived.

G. Termination Or Amendment Of The Group Policy

Insurance will not be affected by termination or amendment of the Group Policy after you become Totally Disabled.

H. When Waiver Of Premium Ends

Waiver Of Premium ends on the earliest of:

1. The date you cease to be Totally Disabled;
2. 90 days after the date we mail you a request for additional Proof Of Loss, if it is not given;
3. The date you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner;
4. With respect to the amount of Insurance which an insured has converted, the effective date of the individual life insurance policy issued to the insured; and
5. The date you are no longer receiving disability benefits under a group long term disability policy issued by us to the Policyholder or your Employer.

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## **ACCELERATED BENEFIT**

A. Accelerated Benefit

If you give us satisfactory proof of having a Qualifying Medical Condition while you are insured under the Group Policy, you may have the right to receive during your lifetime a portion of your Insurance as an Accelerated Benefit. You must have at least \$10,000 of Insurance in effect to be eligible.

Qualifying Medical Condition means you are terminally ill as a result of an illness or physical condition which is reasonably expected to result in death within 12 months.

We may have you examined at our expense in connection with your claim for an Accelerated Benefit. Any such examination will be conducted by one or more Physicians of our choice.

B. Application For Accelerated Benefit

You must apply for an Accelerated Benefit. To apply you must give us satisfactory Proof Of Loss on our forms. Proof Of Loss must include a statement from a Physician that you have a Qualifying Medical Condition.

C. Amount Of Accelerated Benefit

You may receive an Accelerated Benefit of up to 80% of your Insurance. The maximum Accelerated Benefit is \$300,000. The minimum Accelerated Benefit is \$5,000 or 10% of your Insurance, whichever is greater.

The Accelerated Benefit will be paid to you once in your lifetime in a lump sum. If you recover from your Qualifying Medical Condition after receiving an Accelerated Benefit, we will not ask you for a refund.

D. Effect On Insurance And Other Benefits

For any purpose other than premium payment, the amount of your Insurance after payment of the Accelerated Benefit will be the greater of the amounts in (1) and (2) below; however, if you assign your rights under the Group Policy, the amount of your Insurance will be the amount in (2) below.

(1) 10% of the amount of your Insurance as if no Accelerated Benefit had been paid; or

(2) The amount of your Insurance as if no Accelerated Benefit had been paid; minus

The amount of the Accelerated Benefit; minus

An interest charge calculated as follows:

A times B times C divided by 365 = interest charge.

A = The amount of the Accelerated Benefit.

B = The monthly average of our variable policy loan interest rate.

C = The number of days from payment of the Accelerated Benefit to the earlier of (1) the date you die, and (2) the date you have a Right To Convert.

The amount of your AD&D Insurance, if any, is not affected by payment of the Accelerated Benefit. AD&D is not continued under Waiver Of Premium.

Note: If you assign your rights under the Group Policy, the amount of your Insurance after payment of the Accelerated Benefit will be the amount in (2) above.

#### E. Exclusions

No Accelerated Benefit will be paid if:

1. All or part of your Insurance must be paid to your Child(ren), or your Spouse or former Spouse as part of a court approved divorce decree, separate maintenance agreement, or property settlement agreement.
2. You are married and live in a community property state unless you give us a signed written consent from your Spouse.
3. You have made an assignment of all or part of your Insurance unless you give us a signed written consent from the assignee.
4. You have filed for bankruptcy, unless you give us written approval from the Bankruptcy Court for payment of the Accelerated Benefit.
5. You are required by a government agency to use the Accelerated Benefit to apply for, receive, or continue a government benefit or entitlement.
6. You have previously received an Accelerated Benefit under the Group Policy.

#### F. Definitions For Accelerated Benefit

Insurance means your Life Insurance Benefit under the Group Policy.

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## **RIGHT TO CONVERT**

#### A. Right To Convert

You may buy an individual policy of life insurance without Evidence Of Insurability if:

1. Your Insurance ends or is reduced due to a Qualifying Event; and
2. You apply in writing and pay us the first premium during the Conversion Period.

Except as limited under C. Limits On Right To Convert, the maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the amount of your Insurance which ended.

#### B. Definitions For Right To Convert

1. Conversion Period means the 90-day period after the date of any Qualifying Event.
2. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy, including insurance continued under Waiver Of Premium, but excluding AD&D Insurance.
3. Qualifying Event means termination or reduction of your Insurance for any reason except:
  - a. The Member's failure to make a required premium contribution.
  - b. Payment of an Accelerated Benefit.
4. You and your mean any person insured under the Group Policy.

#### C. Limits On Right To Convert

If your Insurance ends or is reduced because of termination or amendment of the Group Policy, 1 and 2 below will apply.

1. You may not convert Insurance which has been in effect for less than the Minimum Time Insured. See **Coverage Features**.
2. The maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the lesser of:
  - a. The amount of your Insurance which ended, minus any other group life insurance for which you become eligible during the Conversion Period; and
  - b. The Maximum Conversion Amount. See **Coverage Features**.

#### D. The Individual Policy

You may select any form of individual life insurance policy we issue to persons of your age, except:

1. A term insurance policy;
2. A universal life policy;
3. A policy with disability, accidental death, or other additional benefits; or
4. A policy in an amount less than the minimum amount we issue for the form of life insurance you select.

The individual policy of life insurance will become effective on the day after the end of the Conversion Period. We will use our published rates for standard risks to determine the premium.

#### E. Death During The Conversion Period

If you die during the Conversion Period, we will pay a death benefit equal to the maximum amount you had a Right To Convert, whether or not you applied for an individual policy. The benefit will be paid according to the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions**.

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## CLAIMS

#### A. Filing A Claim

Claims should be filed on our forms. If we do not provide our forms within 15 days after they are requested, the claim may be submitted in a letter to us.

#### B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss. If that is not possible, it must be provided as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after that 90-day period.

Proof Of Loss for Waiver Of Premium must be provided within 12 months after the end of the Waiting Period. We will require further Proof Of Loss at reasonable intervals, but not more often than once a year after you have been continuously Totally Disabled for two years.

If Proof Of Loss is filed outside these time limits, the claim will be denied. These limits will not apply while the Member or Beneficiary lacks legal capacity.

#### C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that a loss occurred:

1. For which the Group Policy provides benefits;
2. Which is not subject to any exclusions; and
3. Which meets all other conditions for benefits.

Proof Of Loss includes any other information we may reasonably require in support of a claim. Proof Of Loss must be in writing and must be provided at the expense of the claimant. No benefits will be provided until we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

#### D. Investigation Of Claim

We may have you examined at our expense at reasonable intervals. Any such examination will be conducted by specialists of our choice.

We may have an autopsy performed at our expense, except where prohibited by law.

#### E. Time Of Payment

We will pay benefits within 60 days after Proof Of Loss is satisfied.

#### F. Notice Of Decision On Claim

We will evaluate a claim for benefits promptly after we receive it. With respect to all claims except Waiver Of Premium claims (or other benefits based on disability), within 90 days after we receive the claim we will send the claimant: (a) a written decision on the claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide the claim for an additional 90 days.

With respect to Waiver Of Premium claims (or other benefits based on disability), within 45 days after we receive the claim we will send the claimant: (a) a written decision on the claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide the claim for 30 days. Before the end of this extension period we will send the claimant: (a) a written decision on the Waiver Of Premium claim (or other benefits based on disability); or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide the claim for an additional 30 days. If an extension is due to the claimant's failure to provide information necessary to decide the Waiver Of Premium claim (or other benefits based on disability), the extended time period for deciding the claim will not begin until the claimant provides the information or otherwise responds.

If we extend the period to decide the claim, we will notify the claimant of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide the claim; (c) an explanation of the standards on which entitlement to benefits is based; (d) the unresolved issues preventing a decision; and (e) any additional information we need to resolve those issues.

If we request additional information, the claimant will have 45 days to provide the information. If the claimant does not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may decide the claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of the claim, we will send the claimant a written notice of denial containing:

1. The reasons for our decision.
2. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
3. A description of any additional information needed to support the claim.
4. Information concerning the claimant's right to a review of our decision.

#### G. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, the claimant may request a review. The claimant must request a review in writing:

1. Within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial of a claim for Waiver Of Premium (or other benefits based on disability);
2. Within 60 days after receiving notice of the denial of any other claim.

The claimant may send us written comments or other items to support the claim. The claimant may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to the request for review. There will be no charge for such copies. Our review will include any written comments or other items the claimant submits to support the claim.

We will review the claim promptly after we receive the request. With respect to all claims except Waiver Of Premium claims (or other benefits based on disability), within 60 days after we receive the request for review we will send the claimant: (a) a written decision on review; or (b) a notice that we are extending the review period for 60 days.

With respect to Waiver Of Premium claims (or other benefits based on disability), within 45 days after we receive the request for review we will send the claimant: (a) a written decision on review; or (b) a notice that we are extending the review period for 45 days.

If an extension is due to the claimant's failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim on review, the extended time period for review of the claim will not begin until the claimant provides the information or otherwise responds.

If we extend the review period, we will notify the claimant of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide the claim on review; and (c) any additional information we need to decide the claim.

If we request additional information, the claimant will have 45 days to provide the information. If the claimant does not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may conclude our review of the claim based on the information we have received.

With respect to Waiver Of Premium claims (or other benefits based on disability), the person conducting the review will be someone other than the person who denied the claim and will not be subordinate to that person. The person conducting the review will not give deference to the initial denial decision. If the denial was based on a medical judgement, the person conducting the review will consult with a qualified health care professional. This health care professional will be someone other than the person who made the original medical judgement and will not be subordinate to that person. The claimant may request the names of medical or vocational experts who provided advice to us about a claim for Waiver Of Premium (or other benefits based on disability).

If we deny any part of the claim on review, the claimant will receive a written notice of denial containing:

1. The reasons for our decision.
2. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.

3. Information concerning the claimant's right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to the claim.

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

You may make an absolute assignment of all your Life and AD&D Insurance, subject to 1 through 8 below.

1. All insurance under the Group Policy, including AD&D Insurance, is assignable.
2. You may not make a collateral assignment.
3. The assignment must be absolute and irrevocable. It must transfer all rights, including:
  - a. The right to change the Beneficiary;
  - b. The right to buy an individual life insurance policy on your life under **Right To Convert**; and
  - c. The right to receive accidental dismemberment benefits.
  - d. The right to apply for and receive an Accelerated Benefit.
4. The assignment will apply to all of your Life and AD&D Insurance in effect on the date of the assignment or becoming effective after that date.
5. The assignment may be to any person permitted by law.
6. The assignment will have no effect unless it is: made in writing, signed by you, and delivered to the Policyholder or Employer in your lifetime. Neither we, the Policyholder, nor the Employer are responsible for the validity, sufficiency or effect of the assignment.
7. All accidental dismemberment benefits will be paid to the assignee. All death benefits will be paid according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions**.
8. The assignment will not change the Beneficiary, unless the assignee later changes the Beneficiary. Any payment we make according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** will fully discharge us to the extent of the payment.

You may not make an assignment which is contrary to the rules in 1 through 8 above.

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## **BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS**

### **A. Payment Of Benefits**

1. Except as provided in item 4 below, benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. See B through E of this section.
2. AD&D Insurance benefits payable for Losses other than Loss of Life will be paid to the person who suffers the Loss for which benefits are payable. Any such benefits remaining unpaid at that person's death will be paid according to the provisions for payment of a death benefit.
3. Accelerated Benefits will be paid to you if you are living.
4. Additional Benefits will be paid as follows:

The Child Care Benefit will be paid to your surviving Spouse. No Child Care Benefit will be paid if you have no Spouse.

The Career Adjustment Benefit will be paid to your Spouse. No Career Adjustment Benefit will be paid if you have no Spouse.

The Higher Education Benefit will be paid to each eligible Child. No Higher Education Benefit will be paid if there is no Child eligible to receive it.

The Repatriation Benefit will be paid to the person who incurs the transportation expenses.

#### B. Naming A Beneficiary

Beneficiary means a person you name to receive death benefits. You may name one or more Beneficiaries.

If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class:

1. Two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless you provide for unequal shares.
2. If you provide for unequal shares in a class, and two or more Beneficiaries in that class survive, we will pay each surviving Beneficiary his or her designated share. Unless you provide otherwise, we will then pay the share(s) otherwise due to any deceased Beneficiary(ies) to the surviving Beneficiaries pro rata based on the relationship that the designated percentage or fractional share of each surviving Beneficiary bears to the total shares of all surviving Beneficiaries.
3. If only one Beneficiary in a class survives, we will pay the total death benefits to that Beneficiary.

You may name or change Beneficiaries at any time without the consent of a Beneficiary.

Your Beneficiary designation must be the same for Life Insurance and AD&D Insurance death benefits.

You may name or change Beneficiaries in writing. Writing includes a form signed by you; or a verification from the Policyholder, the Policyholder's designated agent, the Employer, or the Employer's designated agent of an electronic or telephonic designation made by you.

Your designation:

1. Must be dated;
2. Must be delivered to the Policyholder, the Policyholder's designated agent, the Employer, or the Employer's designated agent; during your lifetime.
3. Must relate to the insurance provided under the Group Policy; and
4. Will take effect on the date it is delivered or, if a telephonic or electronic designation, verified by the Policyholder, the Policyholder's designated agent, the Employer, or the Employer's designated agent.

If we approve it, a designation, which meets the requirements of a Prior Plan, will be accepted as your Beneficiary designation under the Group Policy.

#### C. Simultaneous Death Provision

If a Beneficiary or a person in one of the classes listed in item D. No Surviving Beneficiary dies on the same day you die, or within 15 days thereafter, benefits will be paid as if that Beneficiary or person had died before you, unless Proof Of Loss with respect to your death is delivered to us before the date of the Beneficiary's death.

#### D. No Surviving Beneficiary

If you do not name a Beneficiary, or if you are not survived by one, benefits will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.

1. Your Spouse. (See **Definitions**)
2. Your children.

3. Your parents.
4. Your brothers and sisters.
5. Your estate.

E. Methods Of Payment

Recipient means a person who is entitled to benefits under this **Benefit Payment and Beneficiary Provisions** section.

1. Lump Sum

If the amount payable to a Recipient is less than \$25,000, we will pay it in a lump sum.

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

If the amount payable to a Recipient is \$25,000, or more, we will deposit it into a Standard Secure Access checking account which:

- a. Bears interest at a rate equal to the 13-week Treasury Bill (T-Bill) auction rate, but not to exceed 5%;
- b. Is owned by the Recipient;
- c. Is subject to the terms and conditions of a confirmation certificate which will be given to the Recipient; and
- d. Is fully guaranteed by us.

3. Installments

Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:

- a. The amount payable is \$25,000 or more;
- b. The Recipient chooses; and
- c. We agree.

To the extent permitted by law, the amount payable to the Recipient will not be subject to any legal process or to the claims of any creditor or creditor's representative.

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## **ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY**

Except for those functions which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyholder, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in the administration, interpretation, and application of the Group Policy.

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

1. The right to resolve all matters when a review has been requested;
2. The right to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Group Policy and any claim under it;
3. The right to determine:
  - a. Eligibility for insurance;
  - b. Entitlement to benefits;

- c. Amount of benefits payable;
- d. Sufficiency and the amount of information we may reasonably require to determine a., b., or c., above.

Subject to the review procedures of the Group Policy any decision we make in the exercise of our authority is conclusive and binding.

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### **TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS**

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after we have been given Proof Of Loss. No such action may be brought more than three years after the earlier of:

- 1. The date we receive Proof Of Loss; and
- 2. The time within which Proof Of Loss is required to be given.

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### **INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Incontestability Of Insurance**

Any statement made to obtain or to increase insurance is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless:

- 1. The insurance would not have been approved if we had known the truth; and
- 2. We have given you or any other person claiming benefits a copy of the signed written instrument which contains the misrepresentation.

We will not use a misrepresentation to reduce or deny a claim after the insured's insurance has been in effect for two years during the lifetime of the insured.

#### **B. Incontestability Of Group Policy**

Any statement made by the Policyholder or Employer to obtain the Group Policy is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation by the Policyholder or Employer will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Group Policy unless:

- 1. The Group Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and
- 2. We have given the Policyholder or Employer a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyholder or Employer which contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Group Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for two years, except for nonpayment of premiums.

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### **CLERICAL ERROR AND MISSTATEMENT**

#### **A. Clerical Error**

Clerical error by the Policyholder, your Employer, or their respective employees or representatives will not:

- 1. Cause a person to become insured;

2. Invalidate insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly in force; or
  3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.
- B. The Policyholder and your Employer act on their own behalf as your agent, and not as our agent.
- C. Misstatement Of Age

If a person's age has been misstated, we will make an equitable adjustment of premiums, benefits, or both. The adjustment will be based on:

1. The amount of insurance based on the correct age; and
2. The difference between the premiums paid and the premiums which would have been paid if the age had been correctly stated.

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## **TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE GROUP POLICY**

The Group Policy may be terminated by us or the Policyholder according to its terms. It will terminate automatically for nonpayment of premium. The Policyholder may terminate the Group Policy in whole, and may terminate insurance for any class or group of Members, at any time by giving us written notice.

Benefits under the Group Policy are limited to its terms, including any valid amendment. No change or amendment will be valid unless it is approved in writing by one of our executive officers and given to the Policyholder for attachment to the Group Policy. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern. The Policyholder, your Employer, and their respective employees or representatives have no right or authority to change or amend the Group Policy or to waive any of its terms or provisions without our signed written approval.

We may change the Group Policy in whole or in part when any change or clarification in law or governmental regulation affects our obligations under the Group Policy, or with the Policyholder's consent.

Any such change or amendment of the Group Policy may apply to current or future Members or to any separate classes or groups thereof.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

AD&D Insurance means accidental death and dismemberment insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

Annual Earnings means your annual rate of earnings from your Employer. Your Annual Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work. Annual Earnings includes:

1. Contributions you make through a salary reduction agreement with your Employer to:
  - a. An Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k), 403(b), 408(k), 401(a), or 457 deferred compensation arrangement; or
  - b. An executive nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement.
2. Amounts contributed to your fringe benefits according to a salary reduction agreement under an IRC Section 125 plan.

Annual Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Commissions.

3. Overtime pay.
4. Shift differential pay.
5. Stock options or stock bonuses.
6. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan.
7. Any other extra compensation.

Child means your child from live birth to age 26. Child includes any of the following, if they otherwise meet the definition of Child:

1. Your adopted child; or
2. Your stepchild, if living in your home.

Contributory means you pay all or part of the premium for insurance.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period you must be a Member before you become eligible for insurance. See **Coverage Features**.

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

1. Complete and sign our medical history statement;
2. Sign our form authorizing us to obtain information about the applicant's health;
3. Undergo a physical examination, if required by us, which may include blood testing; and
4. Provide any additional information about the applicant's insurability that we may reasonably require.

Group Policy means the group life insurance policy issued by us to the Policyholder and identified by the Group Policy Number.

Injury means an injury to your body.

Life Insurance means life insurance under the Group Policy.

Noncontributory means the Policyholder or Employer pays the entire premium for insurance.

Physician means a licensed M.D. or D.O., acting within the scope of the license. Physician does not include you or your spouse, or the brother, sister, parent or child of either you or your spouse.

Pregnancy means your pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including complications of pregnancy.

Prior Plan means your Employer's group life insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and which is replaced by the Group Policy.

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

Spouse means a person to whom you are legally married.

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