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



STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

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GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

Policyholder:	Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.
Policy Number:	158172-E
Effective Date:	January 1, 2024

The consideration for this Group Policy is the application of the Policyholder and the payment by the Policyholder of premiums as provided herein.

Subject to the **Policyholder Provisions** and the **Incontestability Provisions**, this Group Policy (a) is issued for the Initial Rate Guarantee Period shown in the **Coverage Features**, and (b) may be renewed for successive renewal periods by the payment of the premium set by us on each renewal date. The length of each renewal period will be set by us, but will not be less than 12 months.

For purposes of effective dates and ending dates under this Group Policy, all days begin and end at 12:00 midnight Standard Time at the Policyholder's address.

This policy includes an Accelerated Benefit. The receipt of this benefit may affect your eligibility for Medicaid or other government benefits or entitlements. However, if you meet the definition of "terminally ill individual" in 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.

All provisions on this and the following pages are part of this Group Policy. "You" and "your" mean the Member. "We", "us", and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. Other defined terms appear with their initial letters capitalized. Section headings, and references to them, appear in boldface type.

STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

By

President and CEO

Corporate Secretary

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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.

GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number:	158172-E
Type of Insurance Provided:	
Life Insurance:	Yes
Dependents Life Insurance:	Yes
Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance:	
Member:	Yes
Dependents:	Yes
Policyholder:	Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.
Employer(s):	Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 2024
Policy Issued in:	Vermont

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:	<p>You are a Member if you are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An active employee of the Employer; and2. Regularly working at least 20 hours each week. <p>You are not a Member if you are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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:	None
Eligibility Waiting Period:	<p>You are eligible on one of the following dates, but not before the Group Policy Effective Date:</p> <p>If you are a Member on the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member.</p>

If you become a Member after the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member.

Evidence Of Insurability:

Required:

- a. For late application for Contributory insurance.
- b. For reinstatements if required.
- c. For Members and Dependents eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.
- d. For any Plan 2 Life Insurance Benefit in excess of the Guarantee Issue Amount of \$150,000.
- e. For any Dependents Life Insurance Benefit for your Spouse in excess of the Guarantee Issue Amount of \$25,000.
- f. For any increase resulting from a plan or option change you elect.

Certain Evidence Of Insurability Requirements Will Be Waived. Your insurance is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy.

For A Family Status Change

In the event of a Family Status Change certain Evidence Of Insurability requirements will be waived with respect to Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance and Dependents Life Insurance. However, we will not waive the Evidence Of Insurability requirements if you, your Spouse or Child 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 are eligible but not insured for Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance, 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 within 31 days of a Family Status Change.
2. If you are insured for an amount of Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance less than the Guarantee Issue Amount, requirement f. 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 within 31 days of a Family Status Change. However, Evidence Of Insurability is required to become insured for any Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance Benefit that exceeds the Guarantee Issue Amount.
3. If your Spouse is eligible but not insured for Dependents Life Insurance, requirements a. and c. above will be waived for your Spouse if you apply for Dependents Life Insurance for your Spouse up to the Guarantee Issue Amount within 31 days of a Family Status Change.
4. If your Spouse is insured for an amount of Dependents Life Insurance less than the Guarantee Issue Amount, requirement f. above will be waived for your Spouse if you apply for an increase in Dependents Life Insurance for your Spouse up to the Guarantee Issue Amount within 31 days of a Family Status Change. However, Evidence Of Insurability is required to become insured for any Dependents Life Insurance Benefit for your Spouse that exceeds the Guarantee Issue Amount.
5. If your Child is eligible but not insured for Dependents Life Insurance, requirements a. and c. above will be waived for your Child if you apply for Dependents Life Insurance for your Child in the amount of \$10,000 within 31 days of a Family Status Change.

Family Status Change means any of the following events:

1. Your marriage, divorce or legal separation. Your marriage, divorce or dissolution of your Domestic Partner relationship or Civil Union.

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.
6. A change in employment from full-time to part-time by you or your Spouse.

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

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Insurance:

Plan 1:	Noncontributory
Plan 2:	Contributory

AD&D Insurance:

Member:

Plan 1:	Noncontributory
Plan 2:	Contributory
Spouse:	Contributory
Child:	Contributory

Dependents Life Insurance:

Spouse:	Contributory
Child:	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):	3 times your Annual Earnings, rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000, if not already a multiple of \$1,000. The maximum amount is \$600,000.
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Plan 2 (additional):	You may apply for Life Insurance in multiples of \$10,000, from \$10,000 to \$500,000.
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The combined maximum benefit of your Plan 1 (basic) and Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance Benefit may not exceed 8 times your Annual Earnings.

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.

Dependents Life Insurance Benefit:

If you are insured under Plan 2 Life Insurance, you may apply for Dependents Life Insurance for your Dependents. You may elect to insure your Spouse, your Child, or both.

For your Spouse:

You may apply for Dependents Life Insurance in multiples of \$5,000 from \$5,000 to \$250,000.

The amount of Dependents Life Insurance for your Spouse may not exceed 100% of the amount of your Plan 2 Life Insurance.

For your Child:

\$10,000

The amount of Dependents Life Insurance for your Child may not exceed 100% of the amount of your Plan 2 Life Insurance.

SCHEDULE OF AD&D INSURANCE

For you:

AD&D Insurance Benefit:

If you are insured for Plan 1 Life Insurance, you are insured for Plan 1 AD&D Insurance. The amount of your Plan 1 AD&D Insurance Benefit is equal to the amount of your Plan 1 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.

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 life.

Air Bag Benefit:

The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$5,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of your life.

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.

For your Spouse:

AD&D Insurance Benefit:

If your Spouse is insured for Dependents Life Insurance, your Spouse is insured for Dependents AD&D Insurance. The amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit for your Spouse is equal to the amount of Dependents Life Insurance Benefit for your Spouse. 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 life.

Air Bag Benefit:

The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$5,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of life.

For your Child:

AD&D Insurance Benefit:

If your Child is insured for Dependents Life Insurance, your Child is insured for Dependents AD&D Insurance. The amount of Dependents AD&D Insurance Benefit for your Child is equal to the amount of Dependents Life Insurance Benefit for your Child. 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 life.

Air Bag Benefit:

The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of (1) \$5,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of life.

AD&D TABLE OF LOSSES

The amount payable is a percentage of the AD&D Insurance Benefit or the Dependents 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, one foot or sight of one eye	50%
c. Two or more of the Losses listed in b. above	100%

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

REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

If you reach an age shown below, the amount of insurance will be the amount determined from the Schedule Of Insurance, multiplied by the appropriate percentage below:

Life and AD&D Insurance:

Age Of Member	Percentage
70 through 74	65%
75 or over	50%

Dependents Life and AD&D Insurance for your Spouse:

Age Of Member	Percentage
70 through 74	65%
75 or over	50%

OTHER BENEFITS

Waiver Of Premium: Yes

Accelerated Benefit: Yes

Insurance Eligible For
Portability Of Insurance:

Life Insurance: Yes. The maximum amount of Life Insurance you may continue is the lesser of: (1) the amount in effect on the date your employment terminates; or (2) \$300,000. The minimum amount of Life Insurance you may continue is \$25,000.

Dependents Life Insurance:

For your Spouse: The maximum amount of Dependents Life Insurance you may continue is the lesser of: (1) the amount in effect on the date your employment terminates; or (2) \$10,000. The minimum amount of Dependents Life Insurance you may continue is \$1,000.

For each Child: The maximum amount of Dependents Life Insurance you may continue is the lesser of: (1) the amount in effect on the date your employment terminates; or (2) \$5,000. The minimum amount of Dependents Life Insurance you may continue is \$1,000.

Portability Premium Age-graded Rates Per Multiple Of \$1,000 Per Month

Age of Insured On Last January 1	Rate
Under 30	\$.118
30 through 34	.125
35 through 39	.164

40 through 44	.266
45 through 49	.468
50 through 54	.721
55 through 59	1.233
60 through 64	1.471
65 through 69	2.827
70 through 74	5.089
75 through 79	7.624
80 through 89	14.088
90 or above	35.584

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:

- a. Plan 2 Life Insurance
- b. Dependents Life Insurance on your Spouse
- c. AD&D Insurance

Leave Of Absence Period: 60 days

Annual Earnings based on: Partners, L.L.C. Owner-Employees, Sole Proprietors, S-Corporation Shareholders and P.C. Partners: Annual compensation during the Employer's prior tax year (or the Policyholder's prior tax year if you are a P.C. partner).

All other Members: Earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work.

Earnings Period for Commissions
(see **Definitions**):

The preceding 12 calendar months.

PREMIUM RATES AND RENEWALS

Premium Rates:

Life Insurance:

Plan 1: \$0.124 monthly per \$1,000 of Life Insurance

Plan 2:

Age of Member on Last January 1	Monthly Rate Per Multiple of \$1,000
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24 or under	\$ 0.026
25 through 29	0.032
30 through 34	0.047
35 through 39	0.056
40 through 44	0.093

45 through 49	0.149
50 through 54	0.238
55 through 59	0.278
60 through 64	0.278
65 through 69	0.387
70 or over	1.302

Dependents Life Insurance:

Spouse:

Age of Member on Last January 1	Monthly Rate Per Multiple of \$1,000
24 or under	\$ 0.060
25 through 29	0.049
30 through 34	0.039
35 through 39	0.039
40 through 44	0.068
45 through 49	0.101
50 through 54	0.160
55 through 59	0.300
60 through 64	0.637
65 through 69	1.174
70 or over	3.299

Child: \$0.200 monthly per \$1,000 of Dependents Life Insurance for each Member electing Dependents Life Insurance for their Children, regardless of the number of Children covered

AD&D Insurance:

Member:

Plan 1: \$0.020 monthly per \$1,000 of AD&D Insurance

Plan 2: \$0.015 monthly per \$1,000 of AD&D Insurance

Spouse: \$0.015 monthly per \$1,000 of AD&D Insurance

Child: \$0.030 monthly per \$1,000 of AD&D Insurance for each Member electing AD&D Insurance for their Children, regardless of the number of Children covered

Premium Due Dates: January 1, 2024 and the first day of each calendar month thereafter.

Grace Period: 60 days

Initial Rate Guarantee Period: January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2026

Notice of Rate Change: 120 days

Minimum Participation:

Life Insurance:

Number: 10 insured Members

Percentage: Plan 1 (basic): 100% of Members eligible for Plan 1

Plan 2 (additional): The greater of 10 insured Members or 10% of Members eligible for Plan 2

Dependents Life Insurance:

10% of insured Members with eligible Dependents must elect to insure those Dependents

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 date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

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, age or Annual Earnings.
- (ii) The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 31 days of a Family Status Change.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Life Insurance because of a change in your classification, age or Annual Earnings 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. Suicide Exclusion: Life Insurance

If your death results from suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane, 1

and 2 below apply.

1. The amount payable will exclude the amount of your Life Insurance which is subject to this suicide exclusion and which has not been continuously in effect for at least 2 years on the date of your death. In computing the 2 years period, we will include time you were insured under the Prior Plan.
2. We will refund all premiums paid for that portion of your Life Insurance which is excluded from payment under this suicide exclusion.

F. 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 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 31 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 31 days of a Family Status Change.

Late application: Evidence Of Insurability is required if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible.

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 31 days but were not insured.

G. 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 date your employment terminates; and

4. The date 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 the first 60 days of:
 - (1) A temporary layoff; or
 - (2) A strike, lockout, or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute between your collective bargaining unit and your Employer.
 - 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**.

H. 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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DEPENDENTS LIFE INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If your Dependent dies while insured for Dependents 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 Dependents Life Insurance

See the **Coverage Features** for the amount of your Dependents Life Insurance.

C. Changes In Dependents Life Insurance

1. Increases

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

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

a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Dependents Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve that Dependent's Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Dependents 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 if you apply for an elective increase.
- (ii) The date your Life Insurance increases if your Dependents Life Insurance increases because of an increase in your Life Insurance.
- (iii) The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 31 days of a Family Status Change.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Dependents Life Insurance because of a decrease in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the date your Life Insurance decreases.

D. Suicide Exclusion: Dependents Life Insurance

If a Dependent's death results from suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane, 1 and 2 below will apply.

1. The amount payable will exclude the amount of Dependents Life Insurance which has not been continuously in effect for at least 2 years on the date of death. In computing the 2-year period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
2. We will refund all premiums paid for Dependents Life Insurance which is excluded from payment under this suicide exclusion which we determine are attributable to that Dependent.

E. Definitions For Dependents Life Insurance

Dependent means your Spouse or Child. Dependent does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

F. Becoming Insured For Dependents Life Insurance

1. Eligibility

You become eligible to insure your Dependents on the later of:

- a. The date you become eligible for Life Insurance; and
- b. The date you first acquire a Dependent.

A Member may not be insured as both a Member and a Dependent. A Child may not be insured by more than one Member.

2. Effective Date

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

a. Dependents Life Insurance Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

Dependents Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the later of:

1. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective; and
2. The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date we approve the Dependent's Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Dependents Life Insurance Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

1. Noncontributory Dependents Life Insurance

Noncontributory Dependents Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the later of:

- i. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective; and
- ii. The date you first acquire a Dependent.

2. Contributory Dependents Life Insurance

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

- i. The date your Life Insurance becomes effective if you apply on or before that date;
- ii. The date you become eligible to insure your Dependents if you apply on or before that date;
- iii. The date you apply if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible; and
- iv. The later of the date you apply or the date of the Family Status Change, if you apply within 31 days of a Family Status Change.

Late Application: Evidence Of Insurability is required for each Dependent if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible.

c. While your Dependents Life Insurance is in effect, each new Child becomes insured immediately.

d. Takeover Provision

Each Dependent who was eligible under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but was not insured must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for Dependents Life Insurance.

G. When Dependents Life Insurance Ends

Dependents Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. Five months after you die (no premiums will be charged for your Dependents Life Insurance during this time);
2. The date your Life Insurance ends;
3. The date the Group Policy terminates, or the date Dependents Life Insurance terminates under the Group Policy;

4. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your Dependents Life Insurance is Contributory;
5. For your Spouse, the date of your divorce or dissolution of your Civil Union or termination of your Domestic Partner relationship;
6. For any Dependent, the date the Dependent ceases to be a Dependent; and
7. For a Child who is Disabled, 90 days after we mail you a request for proof of Disability, if proof is not given.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If you or your Dependents have an accident, 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 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 a hand or foot, Loss means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint.

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

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.

Changes in your AD&D Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date your Dependents 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. 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 or your Dependents die as a result of an Automobile accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for that Loss of Life; and
2. The deceased is 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 or your Dependents die as a result of an Automobile accident for which a Seat Belt Benefit is payable for that Loss of 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. The deceased is 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.

G. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance

1. Eligibility

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

You become eligible to insure your Dependents on the later of:

- a. The date your Life Insurance is effective; and
- b. The date your Dependents Life Insurance is effective.

A Member may not be insured as both a Member and a Dependent. A Child may not be insured by more than one Member.

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.

c. While AD&D Insurance for your Dependents is in effect, each new Dependent becomes insured immediately.

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 your Waiver Of Premium begins.
- 3. The date AD&D Insurance terminates under the Group Policy.
- 4. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your AD&D Insurance.
- 5. For your Dependents, the date your Dependents Life Insurance ends.

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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.

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PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

A. Portability Of Insurance

You may continue your Insurance for up to 24 months if your employment with your Employer terminates, subject to the following:

1. The amount of any Insurance to be continued must have been continuously in effect for at least 12 consecutive months on the date your employment terminates. In computing the 12 consecutive month period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
2. 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 on the date your employment terminates.
3. Termination of your employment is not due to retirement.

If you do not continue your Life Insurance, you may not continue any other Insurance. Insurance continued under Waiver Of Premium may not be continued under this provision.

Insurance means your Life Insurance and if you continue your Life Insurance, includes the other insurance eligible for portability under the provision as shown in the **Coverage Features**.

B. Application And Premium Payment

To continue Insurance under this provision you must apply in writing and pay the first Portability Premium to us within 31 days after the date your employment terminates. The Portability Premium Rate is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

C. Amount Of Insurance

The minimum and maximum amounts of Insurance eligible for portability are shown in the **Coverage Features**.

The amount of Insurance you continue under this provision cannot be increased.

The amount of your Insurance will be reduced or terminated according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date your employment terminates.

D. When Insurance Ends

Insurance continued under this provision ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date it would otherwise end under the Group Policy.
2. The end of the 24-month period during which your Insurance may be continued under this provision.
3. The date you become insured under any other group life insurance plan.
4. For any Dependent, the date you insured the Dependent under any other group life insurance plan.

E. Group Policy Provisions

Except as provided above, Insurance continued under this provision is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy. With respect to any notice you are required to provide to the Policyholder or your Employer under other provisions of the Group Policy, such notice must be provided to us while your Insurance is continued.

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WAIVER OF PREMIUM

A. Waiver Of Premium Benefit

Payment of premium for your Insurance will be waived if you give Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us that while insured under the Group Policy, and under age 60, you meet the requirements in 1. or 2. below:

1. You receive an Accelerated Benefit for your Qualifying Medical Condition; or
2. You become Totally Disabled and complete your Waiting Period.

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, except AD&D Insurance.
2. Totally Disabled means that, as a result of Sickness, accidental Injury, or Pregnancy, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training and experience.
3. Waiting Period means the 180 consecutive day period beginning on the date you become Totally Disabled. Waiver Of Premium begins when you complete the Waiting Period.

C. Premium Payment

Premium payment must continue until the later of:

1. The date you complete your Waiting Period;
2. The date we approve your claim for Waiver Of Premium; and
3. The date you receive the Accelerated Benefit.

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.

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 or receive the Accelerated Benefit, whichever is earlier. However, the following will apply:

1. If you become Totally Disabled, 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, and terminated according to the Group Policy provisions in effect on the day before you receive the Accelerated Benefit.

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 or receive an Accelerated Benefit.

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;
5. The date you reach age 65; and
6. The date you no longer have a Qualifying Medical Condition, as defined in the **Accelerated Benefit** provision.

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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.

If your Insurance is scheduled to end within 24 months following the date you apply for the Accelerated Benefit, you will not be eligible for the Accelerated Benefit.

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 Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us 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 75% of your Insurance. The maximum Accelerated Benefit is \$500,000. The minimum Accelerated Benefit is \$5,000 or 10% of your Insurance, whichever is greater.

If the amount of your Insurance is scheduled to reduce within 24 months following the date you apply for the Accelerated Benefit, your Accelerated Benefit will be based on the reduced amount.

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 purposes other than premium payment, the amount of your Insurance after payment of the Accelerated Benefit will be 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 and Dependents Life Insurance, if any, are not affected by payment of the Accelerated Benefit. AD&D is not continued under Waiver Of Premium.

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 31-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. Reference to any internal rule or guideline relied upon in deciding a Waiver Of Premium claim (or other benefits based on disability).
4. A description of any additional information needed to support the claim.
5. Information concerning the claimant's right to a review of our decision.
6. Information concerning the right to bring a civil action for benefits under section 502(a) of ERISA if the claim is denied on review.

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. Reference to any internal rule or guideline relied upon in deciding a Waiver Of Premium claim (or other benefits based on disability).
4. Information concerning the claimant's right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to the claim.
5. Information concerning the right to bring a civil action for benefits under section 502(a) of ERISA.

The Group Policy does not provide voluntary alternative dispute resolution options. However, you may contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your State insurance regulatory agency for assistance.

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ASSIGNMENT

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy cannot be assigned.

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BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

A. Payment Of Benefits

1. Except as provided in item 5 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. The benefits below will be paid to you if you are living.
 - a. AD&D Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your Dependent.
 - b. Dependents Life Insurance benefits.
 - c. Accelerated Benefits.
4. Dependents Life Insurance benefits and AD&D Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your Dependent which are unpaid at your death will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.
 - a. The children of the Dependent.
 - b. The parents of the Dependent.
 - c. The brothers and sisters of the Dependent.
 - d. Your estate.

5. 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 us, or our designated agent, 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 us, our designated agent, 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 us, our designated agent, 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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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 unless a different date applies (see the **Coverage Features**).

A. Partners, P.C. Partners, L.L.C. Owner-Employees, Sole Proprietors and S-Corporation Shareholders

If you are a Partner, L.L.C. Owner-Employee, Sole Proprietor or S-Corporation Shareholder, Annual Earnings means your annual compensation from the Policyholder during the Policyholder's prior tax year. If you are a P.C. Partner, Annual Earnings means your annual compensation received by your professional corporation from the Policyholder during the Policyholder's prior tax year. Your annual compensation is determined by adding the following amounts as reported on the applicable Schedule K-1, Schedule C, Form W-2 or S-Corporation federal income tax return:

1. Your ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activity(ies).
2. Your guaranteed payments, if you are a Partner.
3. Your net profit from business.
4. Your compensation (as an officer), salary, or wages, if you are an S-Corporation Shareholder.

If you were not a Partner, P.C. Partner, L.L.C. Owner-Employee, Sole Proprietor or S-Corporation Shareholder during the entire prior tax year, your Annual Earnings will be 12 times your average monthly compensation for your period as a Partner, P.C. Partner, L.L.C. Owner-Employee, Sole Proprietor or S-Corporation Shareholder.

B. All Other Members

Annual Earnings includes:

1. Commissions averaged over the Earnings Period shown in the **Coverage Features** or over the period of your employment if less than the Earnings Period.
2. Shift differential pay.

Annual Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Overtime pay.
3. Any other extra compensation.

C. All Members

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), 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. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan; or
2. Stock options or stock bonuses.

Child means:

1. Your child from live birth through age 25; or
2. Your Disabled child who is continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical handicap; and chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance or institutionalized because of mental retardation or physical handicap.

Child includes any of the following, if they otherwise meet the definition of Child:

- i. Your adopted child; or
- ii. Your stepchild and the child of your Spouse, if living in your home.

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

Dependents Life Insurance means dependents life insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

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.

L.L.C. Owner-Employee means an individual who owns an equity interest in an Employer and is actively employed in the conduct of the Employer's business.

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

P.C. Partner means the sole active employee and majority shareholder of a professional corporation in partnership with the Policyholder.

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:

1. A person to whom you are legally married;
2. Your civil union partner, as defined by applicable law; or
3. Your Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner means an individual with whom you have completed an affidavit of declaration of domestic partnership, submitted that affidavit to the Employer, and filed that affidavit for public record if required by law.

For purposes of insurance under the Group Policy, Spouse does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country or a person from whom you are divorced or from whom you have terminated a Domestic Partner relationship or from whom you have dissolved a civil union.

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POLICYHOLDER PROVISIONS

A. Premiums

The premium due on each Premium Due Date is the sum of the premiums for all persons then insured. Premium Rates are shown in the **Coverage Features**.

B. Contributions From Members

The Policyholder determines the amount, if any, of each Member's contribution toward the cost of insurance under the Group Policy.

C. Changes In Premium Rates

We may change any Premium Rates when:

1. A change or clarification in law or governmental regulation affects the amount payable under the Group Policy. Any such change in Premium Rates will reflect only the change in our obligations; or
2. Factors material to underwriting the risk we assumed under the Group Policy, including, but not limited to, number of persons insured, age, Annual Earnings, gender and occupational classification, change by 25% or more; or
3. We and the Policyholder mutually agree to change Premium Rates.

Except as provided above, Premium Rates will not be changed during the Initial Rate Guarantee Period shown in the **Coverage Features**. Thereafter, except as provided above, we may change Premium Rates upon advance written notice to the Policyholder. The minimum advance notice is shown in the **Coverage Features** as Notice of Rate Change. Any such change in Premium Rates may be made effective on any Premium Due Date, but no such change will be made more than once in any contract year. Contract years are successive 12 month periods computed from the end of the Initial Rate Guarantee Period.

D. Payment Of Premiums

All premiums are due on the Premium Due Dates shown in the **Coverage Features**.

Each premium is payable on or before its Premium Due Date directly to us at our home office. The payment of each premium as it becomes due will maintain the Group Policy in force until the next Premium Due Date.

E. Grace Period And Termination For Nonpayment

If a premium is not paid on or before its Premium Due Date, it may be paid during the following Grace Period. The length of the Grace Period is shown in the **Coverage Features**. The Group Policy will remain in force during the Grace Period.

If the premium is not paid during the Grace Period, the Group Policy will terminate automatically at the end of the Grace Period.

The Policyholder is liable for premium for insurance under the Group Policy during the Grace Period. We may charge interest at the legal rate for any premium which is not paid during the Grace Period, beginning with the first day after the Grace Period.

F. Termination For Other Reasons

The Policyholder may terminate the Group Policy by giving us written notice. The effective date of termination will be the later of:

1. The date stated in the notice; and
2. The date we receive the notice.

We may terminate the Group Policy as follows:

1. On any Premium Due Date if the number of persons insured is less than the Minimum Participation shown in the **Coverage Features**.
2. On any Premium Due Date if we determine that the Policyholder has failed to promptly furnish any necessary information requested by us, or has failed to perform any other obligations relating to the Group Policy.

The minimum advance notice of such termination by us is the same as the Notice of Rate Change stated in the **Coverage Features**.

G. Premium Adjustments

Premium adjustments involving a return of unearned premiums to the Policyholder will be limited to the 12 months just before the date we receive a request for premium adjustment.

H. Certificates

We will issue certificates to the Policyholder showing the coverage under the Group Policy. The Policyholder will distribute a certificate to each insured Member. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern.

I. Records And Reports

The Policyholder or Employer will furnish on our forms all information reasonably necessary to administer the Group Policy. We have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the payroll and other records of the Policyholder or Employer which relate to insurance under the Group Policy.

J. Agency And Release

Individuals selected by the Policyholder or by any Employer to secure coverage under the Group Policy or to perform their administrative function under it, represent and act on behalf of the person selecting them, and do not represent or act on behalf of Standard Insurance Company. The Policyholder, Employer and such individuals have no authority to alter, expand or extend our liability or to waive, modify or compromise any defense or right we may have under the Group

Policy. The Policyholder and each Employer hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify Standard Insurance Company from any liability arising from or related to any negligence, error, omission, misrepresentation or dishonesty of any of them or their representatives, agents or employees.

K. Notice Of Suit

The Policyholder or Employer shall promptly give us written notice of any lawsuit or other legal proceedings arising under the Group Policy.

L. Entire Contract, Changes

The Group Policy and the application of the Policyholder constitute the entire contract between the parties. A copy of the Policyholder's application is attached to the Group Policy when issued.

The Group Policy may be changed in whole or in part. No change in the Group Policy 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. No agent has authority to change the Group Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

M. Effect On Workers' Compensation, State Disability Insurance

The coverage provided under the Group Policy is not a substitute for coverage under a workers' compensation or state disability income benefit law and does not relieve the Employer of any obligation to provide such coverage.

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