

# STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

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## CERTIFICATE

### GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

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Policyholder:	The State of Oregon by and through its Public Employees' Benefit Board
Policy Number:	606717-B
Effective Date:	January 1, 2012

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The Group Policy has been issued to the Policyholder. We certify that you will be insured as provided by the terms of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy. If the terms of this Certificate differ from the terms of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, the latter will govern. If your coverage is changed by an amendment to the Group Policy, we will provide the Employer with a revised Certificate or other notice to be given to you.

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.

"You" and "your" mean the Member. "We", "us" and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. Other defined terms appear with the initial letters 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 long term disability (LTD) insurance. Other provisions, including exclusions, limitations, and Deductible Income, 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:	606717-B
Policyholder:	The State of Oregon by and through its Public Employees' Benefit Board
Employer(s):	State of Oregon  Local Governments as defined by the Public Employees' Benefit Board's (PEBB) administrative rules and generally a city, county or special district in Oregon that voluntarily elects to be a PEBB Participating Organization.
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 2012
Policy Issued in:	Oregon

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Member means a regular employee of a PEBB Participating Organization as defined in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 101-010-0005, who is Actively At Work and who meets the terms of eligibility for insurance under the Group Policy outlined in the PEBB Administrative Rules.

For purposes of the Member definition, Actively At Work will include regularly scheduled days off, holidays, or vacation days, so long as the person is capable of Active Work on those days.

Member does not include a seasonal/intermittent employee, an employee scheduled to work less than 90 days, a temporary employee, or a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

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### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Eligibility Waiting Period:	You are eligible for coverage under this Group Policy on the later of (a) the Group Policy Effective Date, and (b) the following applicable date:
Elected officials and appointed officials:	The first day of the calendar month following the month in which you take the oath of office.
All other Members:	The date you become a Member.

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

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Leave of Absence Periods:

If you are employed by the Oregon University System and are on a Leave Of Absence due to a sabbatical or to conduct special research, your Long Term Disability Insurance may be continued to the end of 15 months, or, if earlier, the end of such leave. If you become Disabled during the Leave Of Absence, the following will apply:

- a. For Members on a sabbatical Leave Of Absence: During the period LTD Benefits are payable to you during the Leave Of Absence, and for a period following the Leave Of Absence equal to your Benefit Waiting Period, the Predisability Earnings used to compute your LTD Benefit are based on your monthly rate of earnings in effect on the first day of your Leave Of Absence. Thereafter, while you remain continuously Disabled, Predisability Earnings are based on your monthly rate of earnings in effect on the day before your Leave Of Absence began.
- b. For Members on a Leave Of Absence to conduct special research: Your Benefit Waiting Period will be the longer of (1) the Benefit Waiting Period described in the Schedule Of Insurance, and (2) the period ending on the date you are scheduled to return to Active Work. While you remain continuously Disabled, Predisability Earnings are based on your monthly rate of earnings in effect on the day before your Leave Of Absence began.

Leave Of Absence means a period when you are absent from Active Work during which your Long Term Disability Insurance under the Group Policy will continue and employment will be deemed to continue, solely for the purposes of determining when your Long Term Disability Insurance ends, provided the required premiums for you are remitted and such a leave of absence for you is approved by your Employer and set forth in a written document that is dated on or before the leave is to start and shows that you are scheduled to return to Active Work.

During a Leave Of Absence your Own Occupation will be based on your occupation on your last day of Active Work immediately before the start of your Leave Of Absence.

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Own Occupation Period:	The first 24 months for which LTD Benefits are paid.
Any Occupation Period:	From the end of the Own Occupation Period to the end of the Maximum Benefit Period.

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When you apply for coverage under the Group Policy, you elect Plan 1, 2, 3 or 4. If a later change in your plan selection causes your LTD Benefit amount to increase or your Benefit Waiting Period to decrease, you will be subject to a new Preexisting Condition exclusion with respect to coverage under the new Plan.

LTD Benefit:	Plan 1 and 2: 60% of the first \$12,000 of your Predisability Earnings, reduced by Deductible Income. Plan 3 and 4: 66 2/3% of the first \$12,000 of your Predisability Earnings, reduced by Deductible Income.
Maximum:	Plan 1 and 2: \$7,200 before reduction by Deductible Income. Plan 3 and 4: \$8,000 before reduction by Deductible Income.
Minimum:	\$50
Assisted Living Benefit:	
For Plan 1 and 2:	An additional 20% of the first \$12,000 of your Predisability Earnings, not to exceed \$2,400. The Assisted Living Benefit is not reduced by Deductible Income.

For Plan 3 and 4:

An additional 13 1/3% of the first \$12,000 of your Predisability Earnings, not to exceed \$1,600. The Assisted Living Benefit is not reduced by Deductible Income.

Benefit Waiting Period:

Plan 1: 90 days

Plan 2: 180 days

Plan 3: 90 days

Plan 4: 180 days

Maximum Benefit Period:

Determined by your age when Disability begins, as follows:

Age	Maximum Benefit Period
61 or younger .....	To age 65, or 3 years 6 months, if longer.
62 .....	3 years 6 months
63 .....	3 years
64 .....	2 years 6 months
65 .....	2 years
66 .....	1 year 9 months
67 .....	1 year 6 months
68 .....	1 year 3 months
69 or older .....	1 year

### PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Insurance is:

Contributory



## INSURING CLAUSE

If you become Disabled while insured under the Group Policy, we will pay LTD Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

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## BECOMING INSURED

To become insured you must be a Member, complete your Eligibility Waiting Period, and meet the requirements in **Active Work Provisions** and **When Your Insurance Becomes Effective**.

You are a Member if you are a regular employee of a PEBB Participating Organization as defined in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 101-010-0005, who is Actively At Work and who meets the terms of eligibility for insurance under the Group Policy outlined in the PEBB Administrative Rules.

For purposes of the Member definition, Actively At Work will include regularly scheduled days off, holidays, or vacation days, so long as the person is capable of Active Work on those days.

Member does not include a seasonal/intermittent employee, an employee scheduled to work less than 90 days, a temporary employee, or a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

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

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## WHEN YOUR INSURANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE

### A. When Insurance Becomes Effective

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your insurance becomes effective on the later of the date you become eligible and the following applicable date:

- a. The first day of the calendar month following the date your application is received by your Employer, if you apply within 30 days after you become eligible.
- b. The later of the first day of the calendar month following the date your application is received by your Employer or the date of the Qualified Status Change, if you apply within 30 days of a Qualified Status Change.
- c. The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during an Annual Enrollment Period.

### B. Takeover Provision

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.

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## ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

### A. Active Work Requirement

You must be capable of Active Work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or your insurance will not become effective as scheduled. If you are incapable of Active Work because of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance, your insurance 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 with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of your Own Occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

B. Changes In Insurance

This Active Work requirement also applies to any increase in your insurance.

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**CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE**

If your Disability is subject to the Preexisting Condition Exclusion, LTD Benefits will be payable if:

1. You were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy;
2. You became insured under the Group Policy when your insurance under the Prior Plan ceased;
3. You were continuously insured under the Group Policy from the effective date of your insurance under the Group Policy through the date you became Disabled from the Preexisting Condition; and
4. Benefits would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force, taking into account the preexisting condition exclusion, if any, of the Prior Plan.

For such a Disability, the amount of your LTD Benefit will be the lesser of:

- a. The monthly benefit that would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force; or
- b. The LTD Benefit payable under the terms of the Group Policy, but without application of the Preexisting Condition Exclusion.

Your LTD Benefits for such a Disability will end on the earlier of the following dates:

- a. The date benefits would have ended under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force; or
- b. The date LTD Benefits end under the terms of the Group Policy.

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**WHEN YOUR INSURANCE ENDS**

Your insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which a premium contribution was made for your insurance.
2. The date the Group Policy terminates.
3. The last day of the calendar month in which your employment terminates.\*
4. The last day of the calendar month in which you cease to be a Member.\* However, your insurance will be continued during the following periods when you are absent from Active Work, unless it ends under any of the above.
  - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Predisability Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
  - b. During the first 90 days in which your Employer mandates that you involuntarily work less than half-time.
  - c. 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.

d. During any other temporary Leave Of Absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing, but not to exceed the applicable Leave Of Absence Period shown in the **Coverage Features**. A period of Disability is not a leave of absence.

e. During the Benefit Waiting Period and while LTD Benefits are payable.

\* If premium payment for the next calendar month is made to us prior to the date your employment terminates or prior to the date you cease to be a Member, insurance will end on the last day of the calendar month following the month in which your employment terminates or you cease to be a Member.

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### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

We will waive payment of premium for your insurance during the Benefit Waiting Period and while LTD Benefits are payable.

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### **REINSTATEMENT OF INSURANCE**

If your insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, the following will apply:

1. If your insurance ends because you cease to be a Member due to a non-occupational injury or sickness, you will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the calendar month following the first month during which you either: (a) work half-time; or (b) receive accrued paid leave (sick leave, compensatory time, vacation or personal leave) equal to half-time. Insurance will become effective on the later of (i) the date you become eligible, and (ii) the date you apply, provided you meet the Active Work requirement on that date.
2. If your insurance ends because you cease to be a Member due to an occupational injury or sickness for which you received workers' compensation benefits, you will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member again. Insurance will become effective on the later of (i) the date you become eligible, and (ii) the date you apply, provided you meet the Active Work requirement on that date.
3. If your insurance ends because you cease to be a Member and you later become a Member again working half-time, you will be eligible for insurance under the Group Policy on the first day of the calendar month following the month in which you become a Member again.
4. If your insurance ends because you are on a federal or state-mandated family or medical leave of absence or on a military leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the end of the leave, your insurance will be reinstated as of the first day of the calendar month in which you become a Member and meet the Active Work requirement.
5. The Preexisting Condition limitation will be applied as if insurance had remained in effect in the following instances:
  - a. If you become insured again within 90 days.
  - b. If required by federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law and you become insured again immediately following the period allowed under the family or medical leave act or law.
6. In no event will insurance be retroactive.

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## DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

You are Disabled if you meet one of the following definitions during the period it applies:

- A. Own Occupation Definition Of Disability;
- B. Any Occupation Definition Of Disability; or
- C. Partial Disability Definition.

### A. Own Occupation Definition Of Disability

During the Benefit Waiting Period and the Own Occupation Period you are required to be Disabled only from your Own Occupation.

You are Disabled from your Own Occupation if, as a result of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of your Own Occupation.

Note: You are not Disabled merely because your right to perform your Own Occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

During the Own Occupation Period you may work in another occupation while you meet the Own Occupation Definition Of Disability. However, you will no longer be Disabled when your Work Earnings from another occupation meet or exceed 80% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings. Your Work Earnings may be Deductible Income. See **Return To Work Provisions** and **Deductible Income**.

Own Occupation means any employment, business, trade, profession, calling or vocation that involves Material Duties of the same general character as the usual occupation you are ordinarily performing for your Employer when Disability begins. In determining your Own Occupation, we are not limited to looking at the way you perform your job for your Employer, but we may also look at the way the occupation is generally performed in the national economy. If your Own Occupation involves the rendering of professional services and you are required to have a professional or occupational license in order to work, your Own Occupation is as broad as the scope of your license.

Material Duties means the essential tasks, functions and operations, and the skills, abilities, knowledge, training and experience, generally required by employers from those engaged in a particular occupation that cannot be reasonably modified or omitted.

### B. Any Occupation Definition Of Disability

During the Any Occupation Period you are required to be Disabled from all occupations.

You are Disabled from all occupations if, as a result of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of Any Occupation.

Any Occupation means any occupation or employment which you are able to perform, whether due to education, training, or experience, which is available at one or more locations in the national economy and in which you can be expected to earn at least 60% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings within twelve months following your return to work, regardless of whether you are working in that or any other occupation.

Material Duties means the essential tasks, functions and operations, and the skills, abilities, knowledge, training and experience, generally required by employers from those engaged in a particular occupation that cannot be reasonably modified or omitted. In no event will we consider working an average of more than 40 hours per week to be a Material Duty.

### C. Partial Disability Definition

During the Benefit Waiting Period and the Own Occupation Period, you are Partially Disabled when you work in your Own Occupation but, as a result of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder, you are unable to earn 80% or more of your Indexed Predisability Earnings, in that occupation.

Your Work Earnings may be Deductible Income. See **Return To Work Provisions** and **Deductible Income**.

Your Own Occupation Period and Any Occupation Period are shown in the **Coverage Features**.

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## **RETURN TO WORK PROVISIONS**

### **A. Return To Work Incentive**

You may serve your Benefit Waiting Period while working if you meet the Own Occupation Definition Of Disability.

You are eligible for the Return To Work Incentive on the first day you work after the Benefit Waiting Period if LTD Benefits are payable on that date. The Return To Work Incentive changes 12 months after that date, as follows:

1. During the first 12 months, your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income as determined in a., b. and c:
  - a. Determine the amount of your LTD Benefit as if there were no Deductible Income, and add your Work Earnings to that amount.
  - b. Determine 100% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings.
  - c. If a. is greater than b., the difference will be Deductible Income.
2. After those first 12 months, 50% of your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income.

### **B. Work Earnings Definition**

Work Earnings means your gross monthly earnings from work you perform while Disabled.

Work Earnings includes earnings from your Employer, any other employer, or self-employment, and any sick pay, vacation pay, annual or personal leave pay or other salary continuation earned or accrued while working.

For disabilities incurred prior to February 1, 2019 by unrepresented employees, Work Earnings excludes employee paid contributions to PERS that are not part of your Predisability Earnings.

Earnings from work you perform will be included in Work Earnings when you have the right to receive them. If you are paid in a lump sum or on a basis other than monthly, we will prorate your Work Earnings over the period of time to which they apply. If no period of time is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

In determining your Work Earnings we:

1. Will use the financial accounting method you use for income tax purposes, if you use that method on a consistent basis.
2. Will not be limited to the taxable income you report to the Internal Revenue Service.
3. May ignore expenses under section 179 of the IRC as a deduction from your gross earnings.
4. May ignore depreciation as a deduction from your gross earnings.
5. May adjust the financial information you give us in order to clearly reflect your Work Earnings.

If we determine that your earnings vary substantially from month to month, we may determine your Work Earnings by averaging your earnings over the most recent three-month period. During the Own Occupation Period you will no longer be Disabled when your average Work Earnings over the last three months exceed 80% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings. During the Any Occupation Period you will no longer be Disabled when your average Work Earnings over the last three months exceed 60% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings.

#### C. Family Care Expenses Adjustment

If you must pay Family Care Expenses in order to work, we will reduce the amount of the Work Earnings used in determining your Deductible Income, subject to the following:

1. Your Work Earnings will be reduced by the first \$250 per Family Member of the monthly Family Care Expenses you pay, but not to exceed a total of \$500 for all Family Members.
2. The Work Earnings and the Family Care Expenses must be for the same period.
3. You must give us satisfactory proof of the Family Care Expenses you pay.
4. The Work Earnings reduction by Family Care Expenses will end 24 months after it begins.

Family Care Expenses means the amount you pay to a licensed care provider for the care of your Family which is necessary in order for you to work.

Family Member means:

1. Your Child; or
2. Your Spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, or other close family member residing in your home who is:
  - a. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and
  - b. Chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance.

Child means:

1. Your child residing in your home (including your stepchild, the child of your Spouse and an adopted child), from live birth through age 11; or
2. Your child, age 12 or older, residing in your home (including your stepchild, the child of your Spouse and an adopted child) who is:
  - a. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and
  - b. Chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance.

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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION EXPENSE BENEFIT**

If you return to work in any occupation for any employer, not including self-employment, as a result of a reasonable accommodation made by such employer, we will pay that employer a Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit of up to \$25,000, but not to exceed the expenses incurred.

The Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit is payable only if the reasonable accommodation is approved by us in writing prior to its implementation.

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## **REHABILITATION PLAN PROVISION**

While you are Disabled you may qualify to participate in a Rehabilitation Plan. Rehabilitation Plan means a written plan, program or course of vocational training or education that is intended to prepare you to return to work.

To participate in a Rehabilitation Plan you must apply on our forms or in a letter to us. The terms, conditions and objectives of the plan must be accepted by you and approved by us in advance. We have the sole discretion to approve your Rehabilitation Plan.

An approved Rehabilitation Plan may include our payment of some or all of the expenses you incur in connection with the plan, including:

- a. Training and education expenses.
- b. Family care expenses.
- c. Job-related expenses.
- d. Job search expenses.

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## **TEMPORARY RECOVERY**

You may temporarily recover from your Disability and then become Disabled again from the same cause or causes without having to serve a new Benefit Waiting Period. Temporary Recovery means you cease to be Disabled for no longer than the applicable Allowable Period. See **Definition Of Disability**.

### **A. Allowable Periods**

1. During the Benefit Waiting Period: a total of 5 days of recovery for every 30 days of the Benefit Waiting Period.
2. During the Maximum Benefit Period: 180 days for each period of recovery.

### **B. Effect Of Temporary Recovery**

If your Temporary Recovery does not exceed the Allowable Periods, the following will apply.

1. The Predisability Earnings used to determine your LTD Benefit will not change.
2. The period of Temporary Recovery will not count toward your Benefit Waiting Period, your Maximum Benefit Period or your Own Occupation Period.
3. No LTD Benefits will be payable for the period of Temporary Recovery.
4. No LTD Benefits will be payable after benefits become payable to you under any other disability insurance plan under which you become insured during your period of Temporary Recovery.
5. Except as stated above, the provisions of the Group Policy will be applied as if there had been no interruption of your Disability.

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## **WHEN LTD BENEFITS END**

Your LTD Benefits end automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date you are no longer Disabled.
2. The date your Maximum Benefit Period ends.
3. The date you die.

4. The date benefits become payable under any other LTD plan under which you become insured through employment during a period of Temporary Recovery.
5. The date you fail to provide proof of continued Disability and entitlement to LTD Benefits.

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## **PREDISABILITY EARNINGS**

Your Predisability Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work. Any subsequent change in your earnings after that last full day of Active Work will not affect your Predisability Earnings.

However, if you become Disabled during the first 90 days in which you work less than half-time each month, the Predisability Earnings used to compute your LTD Benefit will be based on the average monthly earnings paid to you by your Employer during the 12 calendar month period ending on your last day of Active Work (or during your period of employment if less than 12 months).

Predisability Earnings means your monthly rate of earnings from your Employer, including:

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), 408(p), or 457 deferred compensation arrangement; or
  - b. An executive nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement.
2. Grant assistance wages.
3. Stipends.
4. Amounts contributed to your fringe benefits according to a salary reduction agreement under an IRC Section 125 plan.

Predisability Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Overtime pay.
3. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan.
4. Your State Paid Benefit Dollars in excess of your premiums for medical insurance, dental insurance and the first \$50,000 of group life insurance.
5. Any other extra compensation.

If you are paid on an annual contract basis, your monthly rate of earnings is one-twelfth (1/12th) of your annual contract salary.

If you are paid hourly, your monthly rate of earnings is based on your hourly pay rate multiplied by the average number of hours you worked per month during the preceding 3 calendar months (or during your period of employment if less than 3 months), but not more than 173.

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## **DEDUCTIBLE INCOME**

Subject to **Exceptions To Deductible Income**, Deductible Income means:

1. Sick pay or other salary continuation (but not vacation pay) paid to you by your Employer.
2. Your Work Earnings, as described in the **Return To Work Provisions**.



3. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability, including amounts for partial or total disability, whether permanent, temporary, or vocational, under any of the following:
  - a. A workers' compensation law;
  - b. The Jones Act;
  - c. Maritime Doctrine of Maintenance, Wages, or Cure;
  - d. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act; or
  - e. Any similar act or law.
4. Any amount you, your Spouse, or your child under age 18 receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability or retirement under:
  - a. The Federal Social Security Act;
  - b. The Canada Pension Plan;
  - c. The Quebec Pension Plan;
  - d. The Railroad Retirement Act; or
  - e. Any similar plan or act.

Full offset: Both the primary benefit (the benefit awarded to you) and dependents benefit are Deductible Income.

Benefits your Spouse or a child receives or are eligible to receive because of your disability are Deductible Income regardless of marital status, custody, or place of residence. The term "child" has the meaning given in the applicable plan or act.

5. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under any state disability income benefit law or similar law.
6. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under another group insurance coverage.
7. Any disability or retirement benefits you receive or are eligible to receive under your Employer's retirement plan, including a public employee retirement system, a state teacher retirement system, and a plan arranged and maintained by a union or employee association for the benefit of its members. You and your Employer's contributions will be considered as distributed simultaneously throughout your lifetime, regardless of how funds are distributed from the retirement plan.

If any of these plans has two or more payment options, the option which comes closest to providing you a monthly income for life with no survivors benefit will be Deductible Income, even if you choose a different option.
8. If you are employed by the Oregon University System, any benefits you receive or are eligible to receive under any Employer-sponsored individual disability policy arranged for individuals in a common group.
9. Any amount you receive by compromise, settlement, or other method as a result of a claim for any of the above, whether disputed or undisputed.

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## **EXCEPTIONS TO DEDUCTIBLE INCOME**

Deductible Income does not include:

1. Any cost of living increase in any Deductible Income other than Work Earnings, if the increase becomes effective while you are Disabled and while you are eligible for the Deductible Income.
2. Reimbursement for hospital, medical, or surgical expense.
3. Reasonable attorneys fees incurred in connection with a claim for Deductible Income.
4. Early retirement benefits under the Federal Social Security Act which are not actually received.
5. Group credit or mortgage disability insurance benefits.
6. Accelerated death benefits paid under a life insurance policy.
7. Benefits from the following:
  - a. Profit sharing plan.
  - b. Thrift or savings plan.
  - c. Deferred compensation plan.
  - d. Plan under IRC Section 401(k), 408(k), 408(p), or 457.
  - e. Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
  - f. Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) under IRC Section 403(b).
  - g. Stock ownership plan.
  - h. Keogh (HR-10) plan.

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## **RULES FOR DEDUCTIBLE INCOME**

### **A. Monthly Equivalents**

Each month we will determine your LTD Benefit using the Deductible Income for the same monthly period, even if you actually receive the Deductible Income in another month.

If you are paid Deductible Income in a lump sum or by a method other than monthly, we will determine your LTD Benefit using a prorated amount. We will use the period of time to which the Deductible Income applies. If no period of time is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

### **B. Your Duty To Pursue Deductible Income**

You must pursue Deductible Income for which you may be eligible. We may ask for written documentation of your pursuit of Deductible Income. You must provide it within 60 days after we mail you our request. Otherwise, we may reduce your LTD Benefits by the amount we estimate you would be eligible to receive upon proper pursuit of the Deductible Income.

### **C. Pending Deductible Income**

We will not deduct pending Deductible Income until it becomes payable. You must notify us of the amount of the Deductible Income when it is approved. You must repay us for the resulting overpayment of your claim.

### **D. Overpayment Of Claim**

We will notify you of the amount of any overpayment of your claim under any group disability insurance policy issued by us. You must immediately repay us. You will not receive any LTD

Benefits until we have been repaid in full. In the meantime, any LTD Benefits paid, including the Minimum LTD Benefit, will be applied to reduce the amount of the overpayment. We may charge you interest at the legal rate for any overpayment which is not repaid within 30 days after we first mail you notice of the amount of the overpayment.

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## **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE SEVERELY DISABLED**

### A. Assisted Living Benefit

If you meet the requirements in 1 through 3 below, we will pay Assisted Living Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

Assisted Living Benefit Requirements

1. You are Disabled and LTD Benefits are payable to you.
2. While you are Disabled:
  - a. You, due to loss of functional capacity as a result of Physical Disease or Injury, become unable to safely and completely perform two or more Activities Of Daily Living without Hands-on Assistance or Standby Assistance; or
  - b. You require Substantial Supervision for your health or safety due to Severe Cognitive Impairment as a result of Physical Disease or Injury.
3. The condition in 2.a or 2.b above is expected to last 90 days or more as certified by a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us.

### B. Amount Of The Assisted Living Benefit

See the **Coverage Features** for the amount of the Assisted Living Benefit.

### C. Becoming Insured For Assisted Living Benefits

You are eligible for Assisted Living Benefit coverage if you are insured for LTD insurance. Subject to the **Active Work Provision**, your Assisted Living Benefit coverage becomes effective on the date your LTD insurance becomes effective.

### D. Payment Of Assisted Living Benefits

We will pay Assisted Living Benefits within 30 days after Proof Of Loss is satisfied. Your Assisted Living Benefits will be paid to you at the same time LTD Benefits are payable.

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

Proof Of Loss for the Assisted Living Benefit must be provided within 90 days after the date the inability to perform Activities Of Daily Living or the Severe Cognitive Impairment begins. 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.

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

### F. When Assisted Living Benefits End

Assisted Living Benefits end automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date you no longer meet the requirements in item A. above.
2. The date your LTD Benefits end.

### G. When Assisted Living Benefits Coverage Ends

Assisted Living Benefit coverage ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date your LTD insurance ends.
2. The date Assisted Living Benefit coverage terminates under the Group Policy.

#### H. Assisted Living Benefits After Insurance Ends Or Is Changed

Your right to receive Assisted Living Benefits will not be affected by the occurrence of the events described in 1 or 2 below that become effective after you become Disabled.

1. Termination or amendment of the Group Policy or your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
2. Termination of Assisted Living Benefit coverage while the Group Policy or your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy remains in force.

#### I. Exclusions and Limitations

No Assisted Living Benefit will be paid for any period when you are confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution.

No Assisted Living Benefit will be paid if your inability to perform Activities Of Daily Living or your Severe Cognitive Impairment is caused or contributed to by:

1. War or any 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. Any intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
3. A Mental Disorder.
4. Being under the influence of intoxicating liquor as defined by the laws of Oregon, alcoholism, use of any drug including hallucinogens unless prescribed by and used in accordance with the directions of a Physician, or drug addiction.
5. A Preexisting Condition.
  - a. Definition: For purposes of the Assisted Living Benefit, Preexisting Condition means a mental or physical condition for which you have done any of the following:
    - i. consulted a physician or other licensed medical professional,
    - ii. received medical treatment or services or advice,
    - iii. undergone diagnostic procedures, including self-administered procedures, or
    - iv. taken prescribed drugs or medicationduring the 3 months just before your Assisted Living Benefit coverage is effective.
  - b. Period Of Exclusion:

This exclusion will not apply after the Assisted Living Benefit coverage has been continuously in effect for a period of 12 months, if after that period you have been Actively At Work for at least one full day.
6. Committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or active participation in a violent disorder or riot. (Active participation does not include being at the scene of a violent disorder or riot while performing official duties.)

#### J. Definitions For Assisted Living Benefit

Activities Of Daily Living means Bathing, Continenence, Dressing, Eating, Toileting, or Transferring.

Bathing means washing oneself, whether in the tub or shower or by sponge bath, with or without the help of adaptive devices.

Continence means voluntarily controlling bowel and bladder function, or, if incontinent, maintaining a reasonable level of personal hygiene.

Dressing means putting on and removing all items of clothing, footwear, and medically necessary braces and artificial limbs.

Eating means getting food and fluid into the body, whether manually, intravenously, or by feeding tube.

Toileting means getting to and from and on and off the toilet, and performing related personal hygiene.

Transferring means moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair, with or without adaptive devices.

Hands-on Assistance means the physical assistance of another person without which the insured would be unable to perform the Activity Of Daily Living.

Standby Assistance means the presence of another person within arm's reach of the insured that is necessary to prevent, by physical intervention, injury to the insured while the insured is performing the Activity Of Daily Living (such as being ready to catch the insured if the insured falls while getting into or out of the bathtub or shower as part of Bathing, or being ready to remove food from the insured's throat if the insured chokes while Eating).

Severe Cognitive Impairment means a loss or deterioration in intellectual capacity that is (a) comparable to (and includes) Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of irreversible dementia, and (b) is measured by clinical evidence and standardized tests approved by us that reliably measure impairment in (i) short-term or long-term memory, (ii) orientation as to people, places, or time, and (iii) deductive or abstract reasoning. Severe Cognitive Impairment does not include loss or deterioration as a result of a Mental Disorder.

Substantial Supervision means continual supervision (which may include cueing by verbal prompting, gestures, or other demonstrations) by another person that is necessary to protect you from threats to your health or safety (such as may result from wandering).

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## **SURVIVORS BENEFIT**

If you die while LTD Benefits are payable, we will pay a Survivors Benefit according to 1 through 4 below.

1. The Survivors Benefit is a lump sum equal to 3 times your LTD Benefit without reduction by Deductible Income.
2. The Survivors Benefit will first be applied to reduce any overpayment of your claim.
3. The Survivors Benefit will be paid at our option to any one or more of the following:
  - a. Your surviving Spouse;
  - b. Your surviving unmarried children under age 24 who meet the terms of eligibility outlined in the PEBB Administrative Rules;
  - c. Your surviving Spouse's unmarried children under age 24 who meet the terms of eligibility outlined in the PEBB Administrative Rules; or
  - d. Any person providing the care and support of any person listed in a., b., or c. above.
4. No Survivors Benefit will be paid if you are not survived by any person listed in a., b., or c. above.

## **BENEFITS AFTER INSURANCE ENDS OR IS CHANGED**

During each period of continuous Disability, we will pay LTD Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date you become Disabled. Your right to receive LTD Benefits will not be affected by:

1. Any amendment to the Group Policy that is effective after you become Disabled.
2. Termination of the Group Policy after you become Disabled.

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## **EFFECT OF NEW DISABILITY**

If a period of Disability is extended by a new cause while LTD Benefits are payable, LTD Benefits will continue while you remain Disabled. However, 1 and 2 apply.

1. LTD Benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Benefit Period.
2. The **Disabilities Excluded From Coverage, Disabilities Subject To Limited Pay Periods, and Limitations** sections will apply to the new cause of Disability.

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## **DISABILITIES EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE**

### A. Intentionally Self-Inflicted Injury

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.

### B. Preexisting Condition

The Preexisting Condition exclusion applies to your coverage when you become insured under the Group Policy. If you later change your Plan selection and as a result either your LTD Benefit amount increases or your Benefit Waiting Period decreases (or both), the new Plan will be subject to a new Preexisting Condition exclusion, and the Preexisting Condition Period and Exclusion Period for the new Plan will be based on the effective date of your insurance under the new Plan. However, if benefits are not payable under the new Plan because of the Preexisting Condition exclusion, your claim will be administered as if you had not changed your Plan selection.

#### 1. Definition

Preexisting Condition Period: Preexisting Condition means a mental or physical condition for which you have done any of the following at any time during the 90-day period just before your insurance becomes effective:

- a. Consulted a physician or other licensed medical professional;
- b. Received medical treatment, services or advice;
- c. Undergone diagnostic procedures, including self-administered procedures;
- d. Taken prescribed drugs or medications;

2. Exclusion

Exclusion Period: You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by a Preexisting Condition or medical or surgical treatment of a Preexisting Condition unless, on the date you become Disabled, you:

- a. Have been continuously insured under the Group Policy for 12 months; and
- b. Have been Actively At Work for at least one full day after the end of that 12 months.

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**DISABILITIES SUBJECT TO LIMITED PAY PERIODS**

A. Mental Disorders

Payment of LTD Benefits is limited to 24 months for each period of continuous Disability caused or contributed to by Mental Disorders or medical or surgical treatment of Mental Disorders. However, if you are confined in a Hospital solely because of a Mental Disorder at the end of the 24 months, this limitation will not apply while you are continuously confined.

Mental Disorder means any mental, emotional, behavioral, psychological, personality, cognitive, mood or stress-related abnormality, disorder, disturbance, dysfunction or syndrome, regardless of cause (including any biological or biochemical disorder or imbalance of the brain) or the presence of physical symptoms. Mental Disorder includes, but is not limited to, bipolar affective disorder, organic brain syndrome, schizophrenia, psychotic illness, manic depressive illness, depression and depressive disorders, anxiety and anxiety disorders.

Hospital means a legally operated hospital providing full-time medical care and treatment under the direction of a full-time staff of licensed physicians. Rest homes, nursing homes, convalescent homes, homes for the aged, and facilities primarily affording custodial, educational, or rehabilitative care are not Hospitals.

B. Rules For Disabilities Subject To Limited Pay Periods

- 1. If you are Disabled as a result of a Mental Disorder or any Physical Disease or Injury for which payment of LTD Benefits is subject to a limited pay period, and at the same time are Disabled as a result of a Physical Disease, Injury, or Pregnancy that is not subject to such limitation, LTD Benefits will be payable first for conditions that are subject to the limitation.
- 2. No LTD Benefits will be payable after the end of the limited pay period, unless on that date you continue to be Disabled as a result of a Physical Disease, Injury, or Pregnancy for which payment of LTD Benefits is not limited.

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**LIMITATIONS**

A. Care Of A Physician

You must be under the ongoing care of a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us during the Benefit Waiting Period. No LTD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are not under the ongoing care of a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us.

B. Imprisonment

No LTD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution.

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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, you may submit your claim in a letter to us. The letter should include the date disability began, and the cause and nature of the disability.

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

You must give us Proof Of Loss within 90 days after the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. If you cannot do so, you must give it to us as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after that 90-day period. If Proof Of Loss is filed outside these time limits, your claim will be denied. These limits will not apply while you lack legal capacity.

### C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that you are Disabled and entitled to LTD Benefits. Proof Of Loss must be provided at your expense.

For claims of Disability due to conditions other than Mental Disorders, we may require proof of physical impairment that results from anatomical or physiological abnormalities which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques.

### D. Documentation

Completed claims statements, a signed authorization for us to obtain information, and any other items we may reasonably require in support of a claim must be submitted at your expense. If the required documentation is not provided within 45 days after we mail our request, your claim may be denied.

### E. Investigation Of Claim

We may investigate your claim at any time.

At our expense, we may have you examined at reasonable intervals by specialists of our choice. We may deny or suspend LTD Benefits if you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner.

### F. Time Of Payment

We will pay LTD Benefits within 30 days after you satisfy Proof Of Loss.

LTD Benefits will be paid to you at the end of each month you qualify for them. LTD Benefits remaining unpaid at your death will be paid to the person(s) receiving the Survivors Benefit. If no Survivors Benefit is paid, the unpaid LTD Benefits will be paid to your estate.

### G. Notice Of Decision On Claim

We will evaluate your claim promptly after you file it, and within 30 days after receipt of your claim we will send written notification we have received it. Within 45 days after we receive your claim we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for 30 days. We will render a written decision or request an extension no later than 30 days after our receipt of Proof Of Loss. Before the end of this extension period we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for an additional 30 days. If an extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim, the extended time period for deciding your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

If we extend the period to decide your claim, we will notify you of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide your 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, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may decide your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. A description of any additional information needed to support your claim.
- d. Information concerning your right to a review of our decision.

#### H. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, you may request a review. You must request a review in writing within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial.

You may send us written comments or other items to support your claim. You may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to your request for review. There will be no charge for such copies. You may request the names of medical or vocational experts who provided advice to us about your claim.

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 judgment, 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 judgment and will not be subordinate to that person. Our review will include any written comments or other items you submit to support your claim.

We will review your claim promptly after we receive your request. Within 45 days after we receive your request for review we will send you: (a) a written decision on review; or (b) a notice that we are extending the review period for 45 days. If the extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim on review, the extended time period for review of your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

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

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

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

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. Information concerning your right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to your claim.

#### I. Assignment

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy are not assignable.

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## **TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS**

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after you have given us 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 insurance or to increase insurance is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation will be used to reduce or deny a claim or contest the validity of insurance 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.

After insurance has been in effect for two years during the lifetime of the insured, we will not use a misrepresentation to reduce or deny the claim, unless it was a fraudulent misrepresentation.

### **B. Incontestability Of The 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 your 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 or fraudulent misrepresentations.

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## **CLERICAL ERROR, AGENCY, 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.
3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.

### **B. Agency**

The Policyholder and your Employer act on their own behalf and on your behalf, and not as our agent. The Policyholder and your Employer 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.

#### 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. If the Policyholder does not approve a change in the Group Policy within ten (10) business days of being notified of a change in the Group Policy due to a change in law or regulation, the Group Policy will terminate automatically on the next Premium Due Date. Other changes to the Group Policy in whole or in part may be made by mutual agreement between the Policyholder and us.

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

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### **DEFINITIONS**

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

Benefit Waiting Period means the period you must be continuously Disabled before LTD Benefits become payable. No LTD Benefits are payable for the Benefit Waiting Period. See **Coverage Features**.

Contributory means insurance is elective and Members pay all or part of the premium for insurance.

CPI-W means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the United States Department of Labor. If the CPI-W is discontinued or changed, we may use a comparable index. Where required, we will obtain prior state approval of the new index.

Employer means an employer (including approved affiliates and subsidiaries) for which coverage under the Group Policy is approved in writing by us.

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

Indexed Predisability Earnings means your Predisability Earnings adjusted by the rate of increase in the CPI-W. During your first year of Disability, your Indexed Predisability Earnings are the same as your Predisability Earnings. Thereafter, your Indexed Predisability Earnings are determined on each anniversary of your Disability by increasing the previous year's Indexed Predisability Earnings by the rate of increase in the CPI-W for the prior calendar year. The maximum adjustment in any year is 10%. Your Indexed Predisability Earnings will not decrease, even if the CPI-W decreases.

Injury means an injury to the body.

LTD Benefit means the monthly benefit payable to you under the terms of the Group Policy.

Maximum Benefit Period means the longest period for which LTD Benefits are payable for any one period of continuous Disability, whether from one or more causes. It begins at the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. No LTD Benefits are payable after the end of the Maximum Benefit Period, even if you are still Disabled. See **Coverage Features**.

Physical Disease means a physical disease entity or process that produces structural or functional changes in the body as diagnosed by a Physician.

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 long term disability insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your Employer's participation under the Group Policy and which is replaced by coverage under the Group Policy.

Qualified Status Change In Status means qualified change in status, as defined by the Policyholder.

Spouse means:

1. A person to whom you are legally married; or
2. Your Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner means a person:
  - a. With whom you have a Certificate of Registered Domestic Partnership;
  - b. With whom you have completed an affidavit of domestic partnership that meets the criteria set forth in the Policyholder's rules, and you have submitted that affidavit to the Employer;  
or
  - c. Recognized as your domestic partner under applicable law.

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