

# STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

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## CERTIFICATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

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Policyholder:	State of Nevada
Policy Number:	642682-A
Effective Date:	July 1, 2003

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

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

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

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



Chairman, President and CEO

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## COVERAGE FEATURES

This section contains many of the features of your group life insurance. Other provisions 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: 642682-A

Type of Insurance Provided:

Life Insurance: Yes

Dependents Life Insurance: No

Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance: No

Policyholder: State of Nevada Public Employees' Benefits Program

Employer (s): State of Nevada

Any non-State agency approved by the PEBP Board

Any other employer which provides benefits under the State of Nevada Public Employee's Benefits Program

Group Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2003

Policy Issued in: Nevada

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### BECOMING INSURED

To become insured for Life Insurance you must: (a) Be a Member; (b) Complete your Eligibility Waiting Period; and (c) Meet the requirements in **Life Insurance** and **Active Work Provisions**.

Definition of Member: You are a Member if you are covered under the Policyholder sponsored medical plan, and one of the following:

1. An active full time employee of the Employer (or any non-State agency approved by the PEBP Board) regularly working at least 80 hours each month;
2. An active professional full time employee under contract with the Nevada System of Higher Education;
3. An active member of the Nevada Senate or Assembly;
4. Any other active employee of an Employer which provides benefits under the State of Nevada Public Employee's Benefits Program who is regularly working at least 80 hours each month; or
5. A biennial or critical labor shortage employee of the Employer who was insured under Standard Insurance Group Policy 642682-C and is no longer receiving distributions from a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee (other than a seasonal employee pursuant to NAC 287.500); or
2. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Eligibility Waiting Period:

You are eligible on the date you become a Member.

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## PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Insurance:

Noncontributory

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## SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

### SCHEDULE OF LIFE INSURANCE

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit: \$25,000

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

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## REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

Your Life Insurance will not be reduced because of your age unless your insurance is subject to termination under the **Waiver of Premium** provision.

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## OTHER BENEFITS

Waiver Of Premium: Yes

Accelerated Benefit: Yes

Insurance Eligible For Portability:

For you:

Life Insurance: Yes

Minimum amount: \$10,000

Maximum amount: \$300,000

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## OTHER PROVISIONS

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

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

Leave Of Absence Period: 60 days

Strike Continuation: Yes. The Strike Continuation premium percentage is 100%  
of the Premium Rate.

Annual Earnings based on: Earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work.

## 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

A change in your Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following with the date of change in your classification, age or Annual Earnings.

### D. Repatriation Benefit

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

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

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

### E. When Life Insurance Becomes Effective

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Life Insurance becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

### F. When Life Insurance Ends

Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the Group Policy terminates;
2. The date your employment terminates; and
3. 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 or 2 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**.

## G. Reinstatement Of Life Insurance

If your Life Insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, 1 through 2 below will apply.

1. If your Life Insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 12 months, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
2. 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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## 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 with reasonable continuity 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.

Own Occupation means any employment, business, trade, profession, calling or vocation that involves Material Duties of the same general character as the occupation you are regularly performing for your Employer. 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.

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.

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## CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

### A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

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

### B. Payment Of Benefit

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

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



2. Any benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

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## PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

### A. Portability Of Insurance

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

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

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

2. On the date your employment terminates, you are under age 65.
3. On the date your employment terminates, you must have been continuously insured under the Group Policy for at least 12 consecutive months. In computing the 12 consecutive month period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
4. You must apply in writing and pay the first premium directly to us at our Home Office within 31 days after the date your employment terminates. You must purchase portable group life insurance coverage for yourself in order to purchase any other insurance eligible for portability.

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

### B. Amount Of Portable Insurance

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

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

### C. When Portable Insurance Becomes Effective

Portable group insurance will become effective the day after your employment with your Employer terminates, if you apply within 31 days after the date your employment terminates.

If death occurs within 31 days after the date insurance ends under the Group Policy, life insurance benefits, if any, will be paid according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date your employment terminates and not the terms of the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy.

In no event will the benefits paid exceed the amount in effect under the Group Policy on the day before your employment terminates.

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## **STRIKE CONTINUATION**

Insurance may be continued for up to 6 months while you are absent from Active Work because of a strike, lockout or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute. Rules 1 through 4 below will apply.

1. When your compensation is suspended or terminated because of a work stoppage, your Employer will immediately notify you in writing of your rights under this provision. Your Employer will mail the notice to you at your last address on record with the Employer.
2. You must pay the entire premium for your insurance, including the Employer's share, if any, to your Employer on or before each Premium Due Date.
3. The premiums for your insurance during the work stoppage will equal a percentage of the premium rate in effect on the date the work stoppage began (see **Coverage Features**). We may change premium rates during the work stoppage according to the terms of the Group Policy.
4. Insurance continued under this provision will end on the earliest of:
  - a. Any Premium Due Date if you fail to make the required premium contribution to your Employer on or before that date.
  - b. The date you have been absent from Active Work for 6 months.
  - c. On the date you begin full-time employment with another employer.
  - d. At our option, on any Premium Due Date if less than 75% of the Members eligible to continue insurance under this provision make the required premium payment to the Employer.

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## **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

### A. Waiver Of Premium Benefit

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

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

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

### B. Definitions For Waiver Of Premium

1. Insurance means your Life Insurance under the Group Policy.
2. Totally Disabled means:
  - a. You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of Any Occupation as a result of Sickness, accidental Injury, or Pregnancy; or
  - b. You are eligible to receive disability benefits under a group long term disability policy issued by us to the Policyholder.
3. 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 Annual Earnings within twelve months following your return to work, regardless of whether you are working in that or any other occupation.

4. Waiting Period means the period you must be continuously Totally Disabled before Waiver Of Premium begins. The Waiting Period begins on the date you become Totally Disabled and ends 180 days later or when benefits become payable under a group long term disability policy issued by us, whichever is earlier.

#### C. Premium Payment

Premium payment must continue until the later of:

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

#### D. Refund Of Premiums

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

#### E. Amount Of Insurance

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

1. 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.

#### F. Effect Of Death During The Waiting Period

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

#### G. Termination Or Amendment Of The Group Policy

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

#### H. When Waiver Of Premium Ends

Waiver Of Premium ends on the earliest of:

1. The date you cease to be Totally Disabled;
2. 90 days after the date we mail you a request for additional Proof Of Loss, if it is not given;
3. The date you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner;
4. With respect to the amount of Insurance which an insured has converted, the effective date of the individual life insurance policy issued to the insured; and
5. The date you become eligible for coverage as a retiree under Standard group policy 642682-C.

#### I. Temporary Recovery

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

##### 1. Allowable Periods

- a. A total of 30 consecutive days of recovery during the Waiting Period.

b. 180 days for each period of recovery after the Waiting Period.

## 2. Effect Of Temporary Recovery

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

- a. The amount of Insurance eligible for Waiver Of Premium will not increase.
- b. The period of Temporary Recovery will not count toward your Waiting Period.
- c. No premium will be waived for the period of Temporary Recovery.
- d. You will not be eligible for Waiver Of Premium after you qualify for waiver of premium under any other life insurance plan under which you become insured through employment during your period of Temporary Recovery.
- e. You will not qualify for any change in insurance caused by a change in your status as a member of a Class.
- f. If you exercise your Right To Convert during the period of Temporary Recovery, you will not be eligible for Waiver Of Premium unless you first surrender to us the converted individual policy of life insurance.
- g. Except as stated above, the provisions of the Group Policy will be applied as if there had been no interruption of your Total Disability.

## ACCELERATED BENEFIT

### A. Accelerated Benefit

If you qualify for Waiver Of Premium and 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 us satisfactory Proof Of Loss on our forms. Proof Of Loss must include a statement from a Physician that you have a Qualifying Medical Condition.

### C. Amount Of Accelerated Benefit

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

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

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

The amount of the Accelerated Benefit; minus

An interest charge calculated as follows:

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

A = The amount of the Accelerated Benefit.

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

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

#### 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 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 your Life Insurance under the Group Policy, including insurance continued under Waiver Of Premium.
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.

#### 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. 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.

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; 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 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:

- 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 the claim.
- d. Information concerning the claimant's right to a review of our decision.

#### G. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, the claimant may request a review. The claimant must request a review in writing within 60 days after receiving notice of the denial.

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. 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. If the 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.

If we deny any part of the claim on review, the claimant 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 the claimant's right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to the claim.

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

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 3 below, benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. See B through E of this section.
2. Accelerated Benefits will be paid to you if you are living.
3. 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.

You must name or change Beneficiary in writing. Writing includes a form signed by you or a verification from the Policyholder or Employer of an electronic or telephonic designation made by you.



Your designation:

1. Must be dated;
2. Must be delivered to the Policyholder or Employer 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 to the Policyholder or Employer.

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.
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 \$10,000, 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;
- 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 \$10,000 or more;
- b. The Recipient chooses; and
- c. We agree.

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

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## ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY

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

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

1. The right to resolve all matters when a review has been requested;
2. The right to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Group Policy and any claim under it;
3. The right to determine:
  - a. Eligibility for insurance;
  - b. Entitlement to benefits;
  - c. Amount of benefits payable;
  - d. Sufficiency and the amount of information we may reasonably require to determine a., b., or c., above.

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

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## TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

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

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

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## INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

### A. Incontestability Of Insurance

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

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

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

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

## B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

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

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

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

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

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## CLERICAL ERROR, 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 otherwise validly in force.
3. Continue insurance otherwise validly terminated.

### B. Agency

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

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**). 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.

If you are legislator, Annual Earnings means your total salary over the preceding two-year period divided in half, and includes pay for normal legislative sessions plus income received for attending interim committee meetings or special sessions.

Annual Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Commissions.
3. Overtime pay.
4. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan.
5. Shift differential pay.
6. Any other extra compensation.

Annual Enrollment Period means the period designated each year by the Employer during which a Member may elect changes in benefit plans.

Child means:

1. Your child from live birth through age 25, for whom you provide primary support and maintenance and claim as a dependent on your IRS tax submissions; or
2. Your Disabled Child.

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

- i. Your adopted child;
- ii. Your stepchild if living in your home;
- iii. A child living in your home for whom you are the court appointed legal guardian; or
- iv. A child of your Domestic Partner if living in your home.

Disabled Child means your child is:

1. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental retardation or physical handicap; and is
2. Chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance, or institutionalized because of mental retardation or physical handicap.

You must give us proof your Child is Disabled on our forms within 90 days after a) the date on which insurance would otherwise end because of the Child's age or b) the effective date of your coverage under the Group Policy if your Child is Disabled on that date. At reasonable intervals thereafter, we may require further proof, and have your Child examined at our expense.

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

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

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

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

Family Status Change means a family status change as defined in your Employer's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

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

Injury means an injury to your body.

Life Insurance means life insurance under the Group Policy.

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

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

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

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

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

Spouse means:

1. A person to whom you are legally married; or
2. Your Domestic Partner. Your Domestic Partner means an individual recognized as such under applicable law.

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.

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