# CITY OF LOS ANGELES GROUP AD&D INSURANCE CERTIFICATE



Administered by the Joint Labor-Management Benefits Committee

# NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION

This notice provides a brief summary regarding the protections provided to policyholders by the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association ("the Association"). The purpose of the Association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within certain limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer of the Association becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. Insurance companies licensed in California to sell life insurance, health insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities are members of the Association. The protection provided by the Association is not unlimited and is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting insurers. This protection was created under California law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

Below is a brief summary of the coverages, exclusions and limits provided by the Association. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations or the rights or obligations of the Association.

#### **COVERAGE**

# • Persons Covered

Generally, an individual is covered by the Association if the insurer was a member of the Association *and* the individual lives in California at the time the insurer is determined by a court to be insolvent. Coverage is also provided to policy beneficiaries, payees or assignees, whether or not they live in California.

# • Amounts of Coverage

The basic coverage protections provided by the Association are as follows.

# • Life Insurance, Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities

For life insurance policies, annuities and structured settlement annuities, the Association will provide the following:

#### • Life Insurance

80% of death benefits but not to exceed \$300,000 80% of cash surrender or withdrawal values but not to exceed \$100,000

#### • Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities

80% of the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash withdrawal and net cash surrender values but not to exceed \$250,000

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, for *all* life insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities is \$300,000, regardless of the number of policies or contracts covering the individual.

# • Health Insurance

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, as of April 1, 2011, is \$470,125. This amount will increase or decrease based upon changes in the health care cost component of the consumer price index to the date on which an insurer becomes an insolvent insurer.

#### COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

The Association may not provide coverage for this policy. Coverage by the Association generally requires residency in California. You should not rely on coverage by the Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

The following policies and persons are among those that are excluded from Association coverage:

- A policy or contract issued by an insurer that was not authorized to do business in California when it issued the policy or contract
- A policy issued by a health care service plan (HMO), a hospital or medical service organization, a charitable organization, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company, an insurance exchange, or a grants and annuities society
- If the person is provided coverage by the guaranty association of another state
- Unallocated annuity contracts; that is, contracts which are not issued to and owned by an individual and which do not guaranty annuity benefits to an individual
- Employer and association plans, to the extent they are self-funded or uninsured
- A policy or contract providing any health care benefits under Medicare Part C or Part D
- An annuity issued by an organization that is only licensed to issue charitable gift annuities
- Any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as certain investment elements of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract
- Any policy of reinsurance unless an assumption certificate was issued
- Interest rate yields (including implied yields) that exceed limits that are specified in Insurance Code Section 1607.02(b)(2)(C).

# **NOTICES**

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. Policyholders with additional questions should first contact their insurer or agent. To learn more about coverages provided by the Association, please visit the Association's website at www.califega.org, or contact either of the following:

The California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association PO Box 16860 Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3319 (323) 782-0182 California Department of Insurance Consumer Communications Bureau 300 South Spring Street Los Angeles CA 90013 (800) 927-4357

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

# CALIFORNIA NOTICE OF COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Should any dispute arise about your premium or about a claim that you have filed, write to the company that issued the group policy at:

Standard Insurance Company PO Box 711 Portland, OR 97207 (503) 321-7000

If the problem is not resolved, you may also write to the State of California at:

Department of Insurance Consumer Services Division 300 S. Spring Street, 11th FL Los Angeles, CA 90013 1-800-927-HELP (4357)

This notice of complaint procedure is for information only and does not become a part or condition of this group policy/certificate.

# STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

A Stock Life Insurance Company 900 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, Oregon 97204-1282 (503) 321-7000

# **CERTIFICATE**

# GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Policyholder: City of Los Angeles
Policy Number: 630363-H
Effective Date: January 1, 2013

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.

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.

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

President

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# **Important Notice**

To

Members insured under Group Policy 630363-H issued to City of Los Angeles as Policyholder.

Effective January 1, 2013, and subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, the Definition of Member in the Becoming Insured portion of the **Coverage Features** is amended to provide that an employee will not cease to be a Member solely due to a reduction in work hours under the Employer's mandated furlough program.

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# **COVERAGE FEATURES**

This section contains many of the features of your group accidental death and dismemberment insurance (AD&D Insurance). Other provisions, including exclusions and limitations appear in other sections. Please refer to the text of each section for full details. The Table of Contents and the Index of Defined Terms help locate sections and definitions.

# GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number: 630363-H

Policyholder: City of Los Angeles
Employer: City of Los Angeles
Group Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2013

Policy Issued in: California

#### BECOMING INSURED

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

Definition of Member:

You are a Member if you are (a) an active civilian employee of the Employer regularly working at least 40 hours each pay period, or (b) an active half-time civilian employee of the Employer regularly working at least 20 hours each pay period, and (c) one of the following:

- 1. A contributing member of the City Employees' Retirement System, and not represented by an employee representation unit; or
- 2. Eligible for membership in one of the employee representation units for which an Employer-sponsored term life insurance plan has been negotiated in a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU); or
- 3. An active elected official or member of the Board of Public Works of the Employer.

You are not a Member if you are:

- 1. An employee of the Department of Water and Power;
- 2. A part-time, intermittent, temporary or seasonal employee, or employee in a similar position; or
- 3. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

You are eligible on one of the following dates:

If you are a Member on the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on that date.

Eligibility Waiting Period:

If you become a Member after the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the date you become a Member.

# PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Members: Contributory

Dependents: Contributory

# SCHEDULE OF AD&D INSURANCE

Member: You may apply for AD&D Insurance Benefits in multiples

of \$50,000, from \$50,000 to \$500,000.\*

\*If an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life, an additional AD&D Insurance Benefit of \$3,000 will be paid (the maximum Benefit amount may be increased by this \$3,000).

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

You may also elect to insure your Dependents. The amount of AD&D Insurance for your Dependents is equal to a percentage of your AD&D Insurance, as follows:

Spouse only: 60%

Children only: 20% for each Child

Spouse and Children: 50% for your Spouse

10% for each Child

If an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of the Dependent's life, an additional AD&D Insurance Benefit of \$3,000 will be paid (the maximum Benefit amount may be increased by this \$3,000).

The amount of Dependents AD&D Insurance for your Child may not exceed \$25,000 (unless the additional AD&D Insurance Benefit of \$3,000 applies).

#### SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL AD&D INSURANCE

Seat Belt Benefit: The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is the lesser of

(1) \$25,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit

payable for that Loss of life.

Air Bag Benefit: The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of

(1) \$10,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit

payable for that Loss of life.

Repatriation Benefit: The expenses incurred to transport your body to a

mortuary near your primary place of residence, reduced by the amount of the Repatriation Benefit paid under any Group Life Insurance Policy issued by us, but not to exceed \$5,000 or 10% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit,

whichever is less.

Career Adjustment Benefit: The tuition expenses for training incurred by your Spouse

within 36 months after the date of your death, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses,

reduced by the amount of the Career Adjust Benefit paid under any Group Life Insurance Policy issued by us, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit,

whichever is less.

Child Care Benefit: The total child care expense incurred by your Spouse

within 4 years after the date of your death for all Children under age 13, reduced by the amount of the Child Care Benefit paid under any Group Life Insurance Policy issued by us, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D

Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Higher Education Benefit: The tuition expenses incurred per Child at an accredited

institution of higher education within 4 years after the date of your death, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses, reduced by the amount of the Higher Education Benefit paid under any Group Life Insurance Policy issued by us, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$20,000 or 25% of the

AD&D Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Public Transportation Benefit: 100% of the amount of the AD&D Insurance Benefit

otherwise payable for that Loss of life.

Common Disaster Benefit: The lesser of (1) \$1,006,000; or (2) the amount of the

AD&D Insurance Benefits payable for the Loss of your life minus the AD&D Insurance Benefits payable for the Loss

of your Spouse's life.

#### AD&D TABLE OF LOSSES

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

Loss: Percentage Payable:

a. Life 100%

b. One hand or one foot 75%

c. Sight in one eye, speech, or 50%

hearing in both ears

d. Two or more of the Losses 100%

listed in b. and c. above

e. Thumb and index finger of the same hand

25%\*

f. Quadriplegia 100%\*\*

g. Hemiplegia 50%\*\*

h. Paraplegia 75%\*\*

i. Uniplegia 25%

j. Coma 1% per month of the remainder of the AD&D

Insurance Benefit payable for Loss of life after reduction by any AD&D Insurance Benefit paid for any other Loss as a result of the same accident. Payments for coma will not exceed a maximum of

60 months.

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

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

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

# REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

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

AD&D Insurance:

Your Age: Percentage:

65 through 69 65% 70 or over 35%

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

Insurance Eligible For Portability Of Insurance:

AD&D Insurance: The maximum amount of AD&D Insurance you may

continue is the lesser of: (1) the amount in effect on the date your employment terminates; or (2) \$300,000. The

minimum amount of AD&D Insurance you may continue

is \$25,000.

Dependents AD&D Insurance: The maximum amount of Dependents AD&D Insurance

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

you may continue is \$1,000.

Portability Premium: \$0.04 monthly per \$1,000 of AD&D Insurance.

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

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

# A. Insuring Clause

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

#### B. Definition Of Loss

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

- 1. Is caused solely and directly by an accident.
- 2. Occurs independently of all other causes.
- 3. Occurs within 365 days after the accident.

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

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

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

With respect to sight, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of sight, as certified by a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

With respect to speech, Loss means entire and irrecoverable loss of audible speech, as certified by a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology.

With respect to hearing, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of hearing in both ears, as certified by a Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology.

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

With respect to coma, Loss means a profound state of mental unconsciousness with no evidence of appropriate responses to stimulation, lasting for at least 7 consecutive days.

With respect to Uniplegia, Quadriplegia, Hemiplegia and Paraplegia, Loss must be certified by a licensed medical professional to be permanent, complete, and irreversible.

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

# C. Amount Payable

The amount of AD&D Insurance Benefits is shown in the **Coverage Features**. The amount payable for certain Losses will differ.

# D. Changes In AD&D Insurance Benefits

#### 1. Increases

You must apply in writing for any increase in AD&D Insurance Benefits. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, an increase in AD&D Insurance Benefits becomes effective as follows:

- a. The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during an Annual Enrollment Period.
- b. The first day of the month following the date you apply, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.

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

Family Status Change means a Change of Status as defined under your Employer's IRC Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. The change must be allowed by your Employer's IRC Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.

# 2. Decreases

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

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

#### E. AD&D Insurance Exclusions

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

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

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# ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

# Seat Belt Benefit

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

We will pay a Seat Belt Benefit if you or your Dependent meet all of the following requirements:

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

The Seat Belt Benefit will be paid according to the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** in the same manner as the AD&D Insurance Benefits.

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

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

# Air Bag Benefit

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

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

- 1. You or your Dependent die as a result of an Automobile accident for which a Seat Belt Benefit is payable for Loss of life.
- 2. The Automobile is equipped with an Air Bag System that was installed as original equipment by the Automobile manufacturer and has received regular maintenance or scheduled replacement as recommended by the Automobile or Air Bag manufacturer.
- 3. You or your Dependent were seated in the driver's or a passenger's seating position intended to be protected by the Air Bag System and the respective Air Bag System deployed in the crash as evidenced by a police accident report.

The Air Bag Benefit will be paid according to the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** in the same manner as the AD&D Insurance Benefits

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

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

# 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. You die as a result of an accident for which AD&D Insurance Benefits are payable for Loss of life.
- 2. You are on the date of death, more than 200 miles from the deceased's primary place of residence.
- 3. Expenses are incurred to transport the body to a mortuary near the deceased's primary place of residence.

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

# Career Adjustment Benefit

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

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

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

The Career Adjustment Benefit will be paid to your surviving Spouse. If you have no surviving Spouse, no Career Adjustment Benefit will be paid.

#### Child Care Benefit

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

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

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

The Child Care Benefit will be paid to your surviving Spouse. If you have no surviving Spouse, no Child Care Benefit will be paid.

# Higher Education Benefit

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

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

- 1. You are insured under the Group Policy.
- 2. You die as a result of an accident for which AD&D Insurance Benefits are payable for Loss of your life.
- 3. On the date of your death the Child meets one of the following requirements:
  - a. Is registered and in full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education beyond high school.
  - b. The Child is in the last year of high school before graduation and within one year is registered and in full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education beyond high school.

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

# Public Transportation Benefit

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

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

1. You or your Dependent die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of life.

2. The accident occurs while the deceased is riding as a fare-paying passenger on Public Transportation.

Public Transportation Benefits will be paid according to the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** in the same manner as the AD&D Insurance Benefits.

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

#### Common Disaster Benefit

The amount of the Common Disaster Benefit is shown in the Coverage Features.

We will pay a Common Disaster Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

- 1. You and your Spouse are insured under the Group Policy.
- 2. You and your Spouse both die as a result of the same accident for which AD&D Insurance Benefits are payable for the Loss of both lives.
- 3. You and your Spouse both die within 365 days after the accident.

The Common Disaster Benefit will be paid in equal shares to each surviving Child. No Common Disaster Benefit will be paid if you have no surviving Child.

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#### WHEN AD&D INSURANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE

# A. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance

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

1. Noncontributory AD&D Insurance

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

2. Contributory AD&D Insurance

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

- a. The date you become eligible, if you apply on or before that date.
- b. The date you apply, if you apply within 60 days after you become eligible.
- c. The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during an Annual Enrollment Period.
- d. The first day of the month following the date you apply, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.

#### 3. 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.

# B. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance for your Dependents

1. Eligibility

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

- a. The date you become eligible for AD&D Insurance.
- b. The date you first acquire a Dependent.

# 2. Effective Date

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

a. Noncontributory AD&D Insurance

Noncontributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the later of:

- (i) The date your AD&D Insurance becomes effective.
- (ii) The date you first acquire a Dependent.
- b. Contributory AD&D Insurance

Contributory AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the latest of:

- (i) The date your AD&D Insurance becomes effective.
- (ii) The date you become eligible to insure your Dependents, if you apply within 60 days after you become eligible.
- (iii) The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during an Annual Enrollment Period.
- (iv) The first day of the month following the date you apply, if you apply within 30 days of a Family Status Change.

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

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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 under the Group Policy, your insurance or increase in 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 the material duties of your own occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

You will also meet the Active Work requirement if:

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

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# PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

#### A. Portability Of Insurance

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

- 1. The amount of any Insurance to be continued must have been continuously in effect for at least 12 consecutive months on the date your employment terminates. In computing the 12 consecutive month period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
- 2. You must be able to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of at least one gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training and experience on the date your employment terminates.
- 3. Termination of employment is not due to your retirement.

If you do not continue your AD&D Insurance, you may not continue your Dependents AD&D Insurance.

Insurance means your AD&D Insurance and Dependents AD&D Insurance.

# B. Application And Premium Payment

To continue Insurance under this provision you must apply in writing and pay the first Portability Premium to us at our Home Office within 60 days after the date your employment terminates. The Portability Premium Rate is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

#### C. Amount Of Insurance

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

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

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

#### D. When Insurance Ends

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

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

# E. Group Policy Provisions

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

# WHEN AD&D INSURANCE ENDS

AD&D Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your AD&D Insurance;
- 2. The date the Group Policy terminates;
- 3. The date your employment terminates;

- 4. The last day of the calendar month in which you become an employee of the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
- 5. The last day of the calendar month in which you retire under the Policyholder's retirement plan.
- 6. The date you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 5 above.
  - b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy, and for up to two years while disability benefits are continuously payable and you are eligible under the Employer's Benefit Protection Plan.
  - 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.

# For your Spouse:

- 1. The date your AD&D Insurance ends.
- 2. The date of your divorce or termination of your Domestic Partner relationship.

# For your Child:

- 1. The date your AD&D Insurance ends.
- 2. The date your Child ceases to be a Child.

At reasonable intervals thereafter, we may require further proof of Disability and have your Child examined at our expense.

For your Child who is Disabled:

- 1. The date your AD&D Insurance ends, or
- 2. The date your Child ceases to be Disabled, or
- 3. 90 days after the date we mail you a request for proof of continued Disability, if proof is not given.

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#### REINSTATEMENT OF AD&D INSURANCE

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

- 1. If your AD&D Insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
- 2. If your AD&D 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, AD&D Insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.

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# CONTINUATION OF AD&D INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

AD&D Insurance for your Dependents will continue without payment of premium for 5 months after the date of your death, unless it ends for any reason other than your death.

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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.

With respect to coma, we will require Proof Of Loss of the comatose condition at reasonable intervals. If proof is not given within 90 days, benefits payable for coma will end.

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 paid until we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

# D. Investigation Of Claim

We may have you or your Dependent 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; (c) an explanation of the standards on which entitlement to benefits is based; (d) the unresolved issues preventing a decision; and (e) any additional information we need to resolve those issues.

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

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

- 1. The reasons for our decision.
- 2. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- 3. A description of any additional information needed to support the claim.

4. Information concerning the claimant's right to a review of our decision.

#### G. Review Procedure

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

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

We will review the claim promptly after we receive the request. With respect to all claims, 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 an extension is due to the claimant's failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim on review, the extended time period for review of the claim will not begin until the claimant provides the information or otherwise responds.

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

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

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

- 1. The reasons for our decision.
- 2. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- 3. Information concerning the claimant's right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to the claim.

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# **ASSIGNMENT**

If the amount of your AD&D Insurance Benefit is less than \$25,000, you may not make an assignment.

If the amount of your AD&D Insurance Benefit is \$25,000 or more, you may make an absolute assignment of your AD&D Insurance, subject to 1 through 8 below.

- 1. You may not make a collateral or partial assignment.
- 2. AD&D Insurance for your Dependents is not assignable.
- 3. The assignment must be absolute and irrevocable. It must transfer all rights to your AD&D Insurance, including:
  - a. Your right to change the Beneficiary;
  - b. Your right to receive AD&D Insurance Benefits for all Losses you incur, including accidental dismemberment benefits.
- 4. The assignment will apply to all of your AD&D Insurance in effect on the date of the assignment or becoming effective after that date.
- 5. The assignment may be to any person other than the Policyholder or Employer.

- 6. The assignment will have no effect unless it is: made in writing, signed by you, and delivered to the Policyholder or Employer before you incur any Loss. Neither we, the Policyholder, nor the Employer are responsible for the validity, sufficiency or effect of the assignment.
- 7. All AD&D Insurance Benefits for all Losses you incur, other than Loss of life, will be paid to the assignee. AD&D Insurance Benefits payable for Loss of your life will be paid according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions**.
- 8. The assignment will not change the Beneficiary, unless the assignee later changes the Beneficiary. Any payment we make according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** will fully discharge us to the extent of the payment.

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

#### BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

# A. Payment Of Benefits

AD&D Insurance Benefits payable because of Loss of your life or coma will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. Benefits for coma will cease after the comatose condition has ceased, whether by death, recovery, or any other change in condition. See B through E of this section.

AD&D Insurance Benefits payable because of Loss of life or coma of a Dependent will be paid to you. If you are not living, benefits will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.

- 1. The children of the Dependent.
- 2. The parents of the Dependent.
- 3. The brothers and sisters of the Dependent.
- 4. Your estate.

AD&D Insurance Benefits payable for Losses other than Loss of life or coma will be paid to the person who incurred the Loss for which the benefits are payable. Any such benefits remaining unpaid at that person's death will be paid according to the provisions for payment of a death benefit.

Additional Benefits will be paid as follows:

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

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

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

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

The Common Disaster Benefit will be paid in equal shares to each surviving Child. No Common Disaster Benefit will be paid if you have no surviving Child.

# 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 Beneficiaries in writing. Writing includes a form signed by you, or a verification from us or our designated agent, the Policyholder or the Policyholder's designated agent, or the Employer or the Employer's designated agent of an electronic or telephonic designation made by you.

# Your designation:

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

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

#### C. Simultaneous Death Provision

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

## D. No Surviving Beneficiary

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

- 1. Your Spouse. (See **Definitions**)
- 2. Your children.
- 3. Your parents.
- 4. Your brothers and sisters.
- 5. Your estate.

#### E. Methods Of Payment

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

1. Lump Sum

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

# 2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

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

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

#### 3. Installments

Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:

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

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

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#### TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

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

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

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# **INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS**

# A. Incontestability Of Insurance

Any statement made to obtain or to increase insurance under the Group Policy 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 insurance under the Group Policy, for which such representation was made, has been in effect for two years, unless it was a fraudulent misrepresentation.

# B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

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

No misrepresentation by the Policyholder 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 a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyholder 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:

- 1. Nonpayment of premiums; or
- 2. 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; or
- 3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.

# B. Agency

The Policyholder and your Employer act on their own behalf as your agent, 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. 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. Shift differential pay.
- 3. Amounts contributed to your fringe benefits according to a salary reduction agreement under an IRC Section 125 plan.

# Annual Earnings does not include:

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

#### Child means:

- 1. Your child from live birth through the last day of the calendar month next following the date on which your child reaches age 26; or
- 2. Your Disabled child. Your child is Disabled if your child is continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical handicap; and chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance or institutionalized because of mental impairment or physical handicap.

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

- i. Your adopted child;
- ii. A child placed with you for adoption;
- iii. A child over whom you are a legal guardian; or
- iv. The child of your unmarried, dependent child provided that your child is under age 19 ( under age 26 if a registered student in full time attendance at an accredited educational institution); or

iv. Your stepchild, the child of your Spouse or Domestic Partner, or your foster child if living in your home.

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

Dependent means your Spouse or Child. Dependent does not include a full-time member of the armed forces of any country. A Member may not be insured as both a Member and a Dependent. A Child may not be insured by more than one Member.

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

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

Injury means an injury to your body.

Noncontributory means the Policyholder 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 the pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including complications of pregnancy.

Prior Plan means your Employer's group accidental death and dismemberment 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. Domestic Partner means an individual with whom you have completed and submitted an affidavit of declaration of domestic partnership and the affidavit has been accepted by the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department; or an individual recognized as your domestic partner under California state law (or proof of a similar legal union validly formed in another state).

For purposes of insurance under the Group Policy, Spouse does not include a person who is eligible for AD&D Insurance as a Member or 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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