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CERTIFICATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Policyholder:	Western Michigan University
Policy Number:	754588-A
Effective Date:	January 1, 2017
Classification:	Classes 15: Retired Staff Compensation System Non-exempt Members, except an employee in any other class, who retired before June 24, 2024

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

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

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

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



President and CEO

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COVERAGE FEATURES

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

GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number:	754588-A
Type of Insurance Provided:	
Life Insurance:	Yes
Policyholder:	Western Michigan University
Employer (s):	Western Michigan University
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 2017
Policy Issued in:	Michigan

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 Requirements**. The **Active Work Requirements** do not apply to person who are retired on the Group Policy Effective Date. The requirements for becoming insured for coverages other than Life Insurance are set out in the text.

Definition of Member:	You are a Member if you are one of the following: 1. A regular employee of the Employer who is: a. Regularly working at least 20 hours each week; b. An active Staff Compensation System Non-exempt employee; or 2. A retired Staff Compensation System Non-exempt employee who meets the requirements to qualify for Western Michigan University retiree status as provided by the Policyholder's retiree eligibility criteria.
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You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee; or
2. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Class Definition:

Class 15:	Retired Staff Compensation System Non-exempt Members, except an employee in any other class, who retired before June 24, 2024
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This Certificate applies to the classes listed above. Other classes are also covered under the Plan. Contact your Plan Administrator for further information.

Evidence of Insurability:

Required:

- a. For late application for Contributory insurance for you or your Spouse.
- b. For reinstatements if required.
- c. For Members and Spouse Dependents eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.

Life Insurance:

Additional 1:

Contributory

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit:

You may be insured under Plans for which are eligible as determined below.

Additional 1:

Members who retired prior
to October 1, 1990:

\$1,000

Members who retired on
or after October 1, 1990:

\$10,000

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.

Additional 1 Life insurance, if any, will be reduced by age as shown in the Schedule Of Insurance.

Waiver Of Premium:

No

Accelerated Benefit:

Yes

Insurance Eligible For
Portability Of Insurance:

Basic, Additional 1
Life Insurance:

Yes. The maximum amount of Additional 1 Life Insurance you may continue is the lesser of: (1) the amount in effect on the date your employment terminates; or (2) \$500,000. The minimum amount of Life Insurance you may continue is \$25,000.

Portability Premium

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

Age of Insured On Last January 1	Rate
Under 30	\$.118
30 through 34	.125
35 through 39	.164
40 through 44	.266
45 through 49	.468
50 through 54	.721
55 through 59	1.233
60 through 64	1.471
65 through 69	2.827
70 through 74	5.089
75 through 79	7.624
80 through 89	14.088
90 or above	35.584

OTHER PROVISIONS

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

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

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

The maximum Leave Of Absence Periods are as follows:

1. If you are on a Leave Of Absence due to unpaid professional leave, your insurance may be continued to the end of 12 months.
2. If you are on a Leave Of Absence due to a family or medical leave and continuation of insurance is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law, your insurance may be continued to the end of 6 months, or, if later, the period required by the state act or law.
3. If you are on any other Leave Of Absence, your insurance may be continued to the end of 30 days, or if earlier, the period approved by your Employer.

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

During a Leave Of Absence your Annual Earnings will be based on what was in effect on your last day of Active Work immediately before the start of your Leave Of Absence.

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 reasonably satisfactory to us.

B. Amount Of Life Insurance

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

C. Changes In Life Insurance

1. Increases

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

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

a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

An increase in your Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the first day of the pay period coinciding with or next following the date you apply for an elective increase or the date of change in your classification, age or Annual Earnings.

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Life Insurance because of a change in your classification, age or Annual Earnings becomes effective on the date of change in your classification, age, or Annual Earnings.

Any other decrease in your Life Insurance becomes effective on the first day of the first full pay period following the date the Policyholder or your Employer receives your written request for the decrease.

D. Repatriation Benefit

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

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

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

E. When Life Insurance Becomes Effective

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

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

1. Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability

Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

2. Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability

a. Noncontributory Life Insurance

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

b. Contributory Life Insurance

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

- (i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.
- (ii) The date you apply if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible.

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

3. Takeover Provision

- a. If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, your Eligibility Waiting Period is waived on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
- b. You must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for Life Insurance if you were eligible under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but were not insured.

F. When Life Insurance Ends

Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

- 1. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your insurance is Contributory;
- 2. The date the Group Policy terminates;
- 3. The date your employment terminates, unless your insurance continues as a retired Member; and
- 4. The date you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.
 - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
 - b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy.
 - c. During the first 60 days of:
 - (1) A temporary layoff; or
 - (2) A strike, lockout, or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute between your collective bargaining unit and your Employer.
 - d. During any other temporary Leave Of Absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing, but not to exceed the applicable Leave Of Absence Period shown in the **Coverage Features**.

G. Reinstatement Of Life Insurance

If your Life Insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, 1 through 3 below will apply.

1. If your Life Insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
2. If you exercised your Right To Convert, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
3. 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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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**.

If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and you are on an approved leave of absence and you are paying the required premium for your insurance, you can become insured on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy without meeting the Active Work Requirement.

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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ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

A. Portability Of Insurance

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

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

If you do not continue your Life Insurance, you may not continue any other Insurance.

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

B. Application And Premium Payment

To continue Insurance under this provision you must apply in writing and pay the first Portability Premium to us within 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 end under the Group Policy.
2. The end of the 24-month period during which your Insurance may be continued under this provision.
3. The date you become insured under any other group life insurance plan.

E. Group Policy Provisions

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

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ACCELERATED BENEFIT

A. Accelerated Benefit

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

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

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

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

B. Application For Accelerated Benefit

You must apply for an Accelerated Benefit. To apply you must give 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:

$A \text{ times } B \text{ times } C \text{ divided by } 365 = \text{interest charge.}$

A = The amount of the Accelerated Benefit.

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

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

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

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

E. Exclusions

No Accelerated Benefit will be paid if:

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

F. Definitions For Accelerated Benefit

Insurance means your Life Insurance Benefit under the Group Policy.

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RIGHT TO CONVERT

A. Right To Convert

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

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

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

B. Definitions For Right To Convert

1. Conversion Period means the 60-day period after the date of any Qualifying Event.
2. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy, including insurance continued under Waiver Of Premium, but excluding AD&D Insurance.
3. Qualifying Event means termination or reduction of your Insurance for any reason except:
 - a. The Member's failure to make a required premium contribution.
 - b. Payment of an Accelerated Benefit.
4. You and your mean any person insured under the Group Policy.

C. Limits On Right To Convert

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

1. You may not convert Insurance which has been in effect for less than the Minimum Time Insured. See **Coverage Features**.

2. The maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the lesser of:
 - a. The amount of your Insurance which ended, minus any other group life insurance for which you become eligible during the Conversion Period; and
 - b. The Maximum Conversion Amount. See **Coverage Features**.

D. The Individual Policy

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

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

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

E. Death During The Conversion Period

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

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CLAIMS

A. Filing A Claim

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

B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

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

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

C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that a loss occurred:

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

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

D. Investigation Of Claim

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

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

E. Time Of Payment

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

F. Notice Of Decision On Claim

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

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

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

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

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

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

G. Review Procedure

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

1. Within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial of a claim for benefits based on disability;
2. Within 60 days after receiving notice of the denial of any other claim.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ASSIGNMENT

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

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

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

7. All accidental dismemberment benefits will be paid to the assignee. All death benefits will be paid according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions**.
8. The assignment will not change the Beneficiary, unless the assignee later changes the Beneficiary. Any payment we make according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the **Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions** will fully discharge us to the extent of the payment.

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

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BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

A. Payment Of Benefits

1. Except as provided in item 4 below, benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. See B through E of this section.
2. The benefits below will be paid to you if you are living.
 - a. Dependents Life Insurance benefits.
 - b. Accelerated Benefits.
3. Dependents Life Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your Dependent which are unpaid at your death will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.
 - a. The children of the Dependent.
 - b. The parents of the Dependent.
 - c. The brothers and sisters of the Dependent.
 - d. Your estate
4. 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 for your Basic Life Insurance, Additional 1 Life Insurance, and Additional 2 Life Insurance.

If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class:

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

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

Your Beneficiary designations must be the same for Additional 1 Life Insurance and AD&D Insurance death benefits, if any. Your Beneficiary designations for Basic Life Insurance, Additional 1 Life Insurance, and Additional 2 Life Insurance may be different.

A Beneficiary may be named for your Basic Life Insurance, Additional 1 Life Insurance, and Additional 2 Life Insurance identified above. If you do not name a Beneficiary for each of your Basic Life Insurance, Additional 1 Life Insurance, and Additional 2 Life Insurance, death benefits payable due to your death for that plan will be paid in accordance with D. No Surviving Beneficiary, below. Two or more named surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless specified otherwise.

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

Your designation:

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

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

C. Simultaneous Death Provision

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

D. No Surviving Beneficiary

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

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

E. Methods Of Payment

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

1. Lump Sum

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

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

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

- a. Bears interest at a rate equal to the 13-week Treasury Bill (T-Bill) auction rate, but not to exceed 5%;

- b. Is owned by the Recipient;
 - c. Is subject to the terms and conditions of a confirmation certificate which will be given to the Recipient; and
 - d. Is fully guaranteed by us.
3. Installments
- Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:
- a. The amount payable is \$25,000 or more;
 - b. The Recipient chooses; and
 - c. We agree.

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

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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.

TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

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

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

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INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

A. Incontestability Of Insurance

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

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

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

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

B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

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

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

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

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

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CLERICAL ERROR AND MISSTATEMENT

A. Clerical Error

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

1. Cause a person to become insured;
2. Invalidate insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly in force; or
3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.

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

C. Misstatement Of Age

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

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

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TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE GROUP POLICY

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

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

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

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

DEFINITIONS

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

Annual Earnings means your annual rate of earnings from your Employer. Your Annual Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work unless a different date applies (see the **Coverage Features**). Annual Earnings includes:

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

Annual Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Commissions.
3. Overtime pay.
4. Shift differential pay.
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 in which your child reaches age 26; or
2. Your Disabled child who is continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical handicap; and chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance or institutionalized because of mental retardation or physical handicap.

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

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

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

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

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

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

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

Injury means an injury to your body.

Life Insurance means life insurance under the Group Policy.

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

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

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

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

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

Spouse means a person to whom you are legally married. Spouse does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

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